# European Academy of Religion
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## Full Program

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<td><strong>The emergence of the Qur’an in late antiquity</strong>&lt;br&gt;Alba Fedeli, Fscire&lt;br&gt;The aim of this panel is to address the variety of interconnected issues that arise when questions concerning the Qur’an’s text at the beginning of Islam are explored in the late-antique context from an historical-philosophical perspective. The panel deals with a today widely studied paradigm, but many issues have to be explored, especially in relation to the parallel development of Christianity. We invite papers that deal with the Qur’an’s manuscript tradition as well as the variety of palaeographic, art historical, codicological, philological, philosophical-historical and textual criticism issues one encounters in this discipline.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Speakers:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Massimo Campanini (Università di Trento), <em>The problem of the Qur’an in late antiquity: reflection on a historiographical paradigm</em>&lt;br&gt;• Beate Ulrike La Sala (Freie Universität Berlin), <em>The topos of the “preserved tablet” (al-lauh al-mahfūz) in Al-Ghazālī’s psychology</em>&lt;br&gt;• Alba Fedeli (Fscire), <em>Digital Encoding of Qur’anic manuscripts: understanding the preserved artefacts</em>&lt;br&gt;Language: English</td>
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| 13.30-15.30  | 5/23.1   | **Sacred Spaces and Visual History: Sacred Art as a Historical Source**  
Davide Dainese, Università di Bologna  

The panel’s main purpose is to discuss several case studies in which works of art or even treaties on the aesthetics of the so-called “Age of the Confessionalization” can be read and used as historical sources. Also theoretical issues will be taken into account.  

**Chair:** Alessandra Squizzato (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)  

**Speakers:**  
- Marzia Giuliani (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), *Scritti d’arte di Federico Borromeo. Nuove considerazioni*  
- Davide Dainese (Università di Bologna), *Il De Presbyterio di Federico Borromeo: presentazione e contestualizzazione dell’opera*  
- Laura Facchin (Università dell’Insubria), *“tre arti manuali, ma nobili, e piene d’ingegno”. Botero tra architettura e arti figurative*  

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Davide De Caprio, Université de Strasbourg  

The view of Joseph Ratzinger, according to which the right political action depends on the capacity not to forget its rooting in a metaphysical dimension irreducible to the mere establishment of institutions and legal instruments, can only prove to be of high value within regard to recent discussion about the “return of religion” and the crisis of modern society. Through an interdisciplinary approach that combine several scientific areas (from international relations to moral philosophy), the panel’s aim will be to understand if and to what extent the theological discourse of the Pope Emeritus can provide a resource for the renewal of the vocabulary of political thought. From this angle, both the Ratzinger’s relationship with the major events of the XXth and XXIst century and that with some leading figures of the contemporary discussion about the best social order will represent a reference point for our investigation.  

**Chair:** Davide De Caprio (Université de Strasbourg)  
**Discussant:** Bernard Ardura (Pontificio Comitato di Scienze Storiche)  

**Speakers:**  
- Elena Torri (Independent Researcher), *La raison en Europe. Le combat culturel de Joseph Ratzinger*  
- Davide De Caprio (Université de Strasbourg), *Leo Strauss, Joseph Ratzinger et le problème théologico-politique*  

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Miriam **Diez Bosch**, Observatori Blanquerna de Comunicació, Religió i Cultura / Elisabetta **Ruspini**, Università Milano-Bicocca  
Blanquerna Observatory on Media, Religion and Culture coordinates a panel – together with Prof. Elisabetta Ruspini, University of Milano-Bicocca, coordinator of the Framework Convention “Genere e Religioni” – on the relationship among young people, social media and religion. The panel will explore how social media use affects young people’s identity formation and the role played by religion in this process: is religion and answer, a problem or a resource for young people? The panel welcomes papers that analyse the intersection among technology, youth and religious diversity. Comparative researches and case-studies are particularly welcome.  
**Speakers:**  
- Alba **Sabaté Gauxachs** (Observatori Blanquerna de Comunicació, Religió i Cultura), *Stars shining online: celebrities and divinities that millennials believe in*  
- Miriam **Diez Bosch** (Observatori Blanquerna de Comunicació, Religió i Cultura), *Where spirituality, leadership and yoghurt meet*  
**Language:** English |
| 13.30-15.30 | 5/60.1 | **Between religion and philosophy – History of ancient egyptian thought**  
Pawel **Karpiński**, Jagiellonian University in Krakow  
Ancient Egyptian literature contains many works that touch topics important for both European philosophy and major religions of Old World (Judaism, Christianity, Islam). Although many researchers are sceptical about seeking Egyptian roots of European thought, ancient texts show us many striking similarities between teachings and stories from Land of Pharaos and later texts from cultures of Mediterranean, including early christian tradition. This study group wishes to show a part of that ancient legacy of thought, based on egyptian stories, didactic literature and mythological texts. The speakers will consider such fields as metaphysics, aesthetics and ethics rised in these texts. The aim of this panel is to investigate which tropes could have been transmitted into later philosophical concepts and religious doctrines of such cultures as Greek, Roman and Judeo-Christian.  
**Speakers:**  
- Filip **Wozniak** (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), *One should not boast of the words of the ancestors. Critical thought in Ancient Egypt*  
- Aleksandra **Zbucka** (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), *Beautiful good and good beauty? Relation between “good” and “beauty” in Ancient Egyptian thought*  
- Pawel **Karpiński** (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), *Heroes they needed. The role of narratives in process of shaping ideal citizen*  
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| 13.30-15.30 | Aemilia Hotel,   | 5/64 | *The Bounds Between the Catholic Church, her Theology and Sports: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*  
Dries Vanysacker, KU Leuven  
In the Anglo-Saxon world the bounds between the Protestant and Anglican Churches with sports are well-known. Several scientific initiatives and pastoral engagements underline this relationship. Muscular Christianity is everywhere. But what about the Catholic Church? Is there any interest in sports? Is it true that sports was regarded negatively since the body was perceived as a burden for the spirit and the soul? In this panel several contributors (historians, theologians and psychologists) will show that the Catholic Church and the Catholics from the start have been and still are – and more than ever – interested in sports and play.  
Speakers:  
• Dries Bosschaert (KU Leuven), *The French Philosophy and Theology of the Body (1920-1930’s)*  
• Mark Nesti (Liverpool John Moores University), *Is a Catholic psychology for Sport possible? Encounters from the English Premier League*  
• Dries Vanysacker (KU Leuven), *A forerunner of Catholic Apostolate in the World of professional Sport: the Belgian Norbertine Antoon Van Clé (1891-1955)*  
• Santiago Perez de Camino (Dicastero per i laici, la famiglia e la vita), *The Section Sport and Church within the Roman Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life*  
Language: English |
| 13.30-15.30 | Fscire, Second    | 5/73 | *Towards the creation of an Online Atlas of Religious Minorities Rights in the Council of Europe Countries*  
Silvio Ferrari, Università di Milano  
Rights of religious minorities are like the miner’s canary, their violation provides an early warning of a malaise affecting democratic societies. For these reason it is important to equip ourselves with tools that offer (a) an accurate picture of how these rights are respected and (b) a reliable system of measuring their real implementation. This workshop gives the opportunity to discuss the project of an Atlas that will provide these tools, mapping the different levels of minorities rights protection granted by each State and providing a general overview of the religious minorities social and legal status in the CoE countries. The workshop aims at collecting proposals that can improve the project and manifestations of interest for cooperating to it.  
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Davide Romano, AIDLR (Associazione Internazionale per la Difesa della Libertà Religiosa)  
In the 2018 the cultural magazine Coscienza e Libertà, press organ of the AIDLR (Associazione Internazionale per la Difesa della Libertà Religiosa), will celebrate 40 years of existence.  
The theme of the panel organized by the Coscienza e Libertà magazine will have as a purpose the battles of which herself has traditionally took in charge until now and the current issues about certain religious and political rights, citizenship and the adjacent civil rights, which we thought they have been acquired for always but considering what is happening in Europe, there is still a lot of work to do. At the same time we would also like to take a small eulogy of the role played in this country by the cultural magazines.  
Session 1: “Coscienza e Libertà”, tra libertà religiosa e diritti delle minoranze con uno sguardo internazionale  
Speakers:  
• Dora Bognandi (AIDLR Italia)  
• Davide Romano (Coscienza e Libertà)  
• Tiziano Rimoldi (Facoltà Avventista di Teologia di Firenze)  
Language: Italian |
| 13.30-15.30    | 5/83.1| **Exodus – An Investigation of Vocabulary and Concepts from Ancient Greek Literature to Early Christian Writings**  
Eberhard Bons, Université de Strasbourg  
The aim of this panel is to study the terminology used to speak of the Exodus and the concepts conveyed by the various terms and expressions. In particular, the following issues will be addressed:  
1. Why is the Exodus of the Israelites leaving Egypt called “Exodus”?  
2. Can the history of this noun in Greek language explain this choice?  
3. To what degree did the choice of this noun influence the reception of the idea of Exodus!  
Chair: Giulia Casadei (Fscire)  
Speakers:  
• Eberhard Bons (Université de Strasbourg), *HTLS. The Lexicography As a Means of Understanding Biblical Concepts. Historical Background, Ancient Use and Subsequent Implications*  
• Laura Bigoni (Università di Bologna), *Exodus in Classical and Hellenistic Greek Literature*  
• Antonella Bellantuono (Université de Strasbourg), *Exodus in Papyri and Inscriptions from III Century BCE to II CE*  
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<td>Ukraine is passing through challenging times nowadays: revolution of dignity, armed conflicts on the east of Ukraine and economic crisis. But religious institution and churches are taking active part in solving all these problems. Ukraine is policonfessional state. Generally Ukrainian religious legislation fully satisfies the international democratic requirements and standards. This democratic religious policy has developed sustainable progress in sphere of religious life in Ukraine within last 10 years. Today religious study in Ukraine is extremely interested in European experience in order to adopt it for solving ethnic religious conflicts. Progress of Ukrainian eurointegration has established additional task for the Church. It is obvious that religious organizations are able to provide understanding and cooperation between Ukraine and the EU. The visit of the representatives of the Union of Ukrainian Churches to Europe could be considered as very significant in this respect.</td>
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<td>This Panel aims to discuss the different Paradigms of Contemporary Philosophical Atheism, comparing the practice of Religion and its connections with some political, sociological and metaphysical issues.</td>
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| 13.30-15.30 | 5/108.1 | **Epistemology of mysticism**  
Anthony Feneuil, Université de Lorraine  

Mysticism is an object of literary, historical or sociological studies. But some philosophers as different as Henri Bergson or William Alston have suggested that the empirical study of mysticism could be a way of testing religious beliefs. What should be done with this claim today? There is an ongoing debate concerning the epistemological value of mysticism and this panel wants to contribute to this debate. We will investigate mysticism from the epistemological point of view: how can mysticism be a valuable source of knowledge, and of what kind of knowledge? About God, about religion, about the human mind or about society?

This panel is sponsored by the **Institut Romand de Systématique et d’Éthique** (Université de Genève) and the journal **ThéoRèmes**  

Chair: Anthony Feneuil (Université de Lorraine)  

Speakers:  
• Anthony Feneuil (Université de Lorraine), Epistemology of Mysticism without Apologetics  
• Dana Shem-Ur (Université de Genève), «Infinite judgement», Infinite Possibilities: Kant and the Mystical Discourse  
• Claudia Melica (Sapienza-Università di Roma), Hegel’s Interpretation of Eckhart’s Mysticism and its Epistemological Value  
• Ghislain Waterlot (Université de Genève), Mystical Experience as an Unveiling of the Social  

Language: English

| 13.30-15.30 | 5/111 | **Religione, una categoria contestata: il caso di Scientology in Ungheria e Russia**  
Massimo Introvigne, CESNUR  

The definition of religion is one of the most contested topics in the Sociology of religion. It is also hotly contested in courts of law, as the religious label may grant certain tax and other benefits. In the last thirty years, Scientology has been a test case for the definition of religion in many countries. Today, the question surfaces again in Russia and Hungary, two countries where different public authorities declared that Scientology is not a religion but a mere business, and even tried to ban it as an “extremist” or fraudulent organization. The panel, including scholars of new religious movements and of law, aims at discussing Scientology as a difficult but important case for a legal definition of religion, and exploring the specific contexts of Hungary and Russia.

Discussant: Eric Roux (European Interreligious Forum for Religious Freedom)  

Speakers:  
• Luigi Berzano (Università di Torino), Religione, una categoria contestata: il caso di Scientology  
• Massimo Introvigne (CESNUR), La libertà religiosa come problema in Russia e Ungheria. Il caso della Chiesa di Scientology  
• Germana Carobene (Università di Napoli Federico II), Diritto, “estremismo” e religioni in Russia. Dai Testimoni di Geova alla Chiesa di Scientology  

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This panel looks at gender and Islam from a transnational perspective and focuses on transnational space between Europe and the Middle East. Transnational space is not a simple transformation of concepts, discourses and practices from one place to the other. It is a space that presents us with a complex set of relations. It can enable the production of new meanings, complex discourses, and conflicting, complementing, or negotiated identities and actors, places, and practices. The panel considers such interactions transformations in the context of gender and Islam in Europe. In the first slot, the organisational aspects of building the new discipline will be discussed. In the second slot, we want to discuss historical and hermeneutical approaches on primary sources, especially the role of Hadith vs. Qur’an only approaches. In the third slot, we want to discuss Islamic theological perspectives on gender questions.

**Session 1: Islam and Gender: Transnational Perspectives**

**Chair:** Alexander **Boehmler** (Université de Fribourg)

**Speakers:**
- **Ruggero Vimercati Sanseverino** (Universität Tübingen), Opening remarks
- **Stefano Martelli** (Università di Bologna), *Muslim girls’ social integration in European countries. Is it facilitated by sports and physical activities?*
- **Adelaide Madera** (Università di Messina), *Juridical Bonds of Marriage for Islamic women*
- **Sara Hejazi** (ISR, Fondazione Bruno Kessler), *Silent Revolutions, Iranian Islamic feminism and the contemporary national female ideal type: An anthropological perspective*
- **Hande Birkalan-Gedik** (Goethe Universität), *Alevi Women’s Negotiations for Religious Leadership: Implications in Germany and in Transnational Space*
- **Barbara Lorenz** (Universität Graz), *The 2017 Anti-Face-Veiling Act and its legal, political impact as well as Feminist implications*

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<td>Contemporary developments in comparative theology and interreligious dialogue have been characterized by an almost exclusive emphasis on Western forms of Christianity—both Roman Catholic and Protestant—with relatively fewer voices from the traditions of Eastern Christianity (a broad term that includes Eastern Orthodox Christians, non-Chalcedonian Christians and Eastern Christian churches in communion with Rome). This study group wishes to counter this tendency and open up a space for interreligious conversation between Eastern Christian theology/spirituality/practices and non-Christian religious traditions. The group welcomes proposals from scholars of any religious tradition or none, working from the perspective of theology or religious studies.</td>
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<td>The aim is to reflect on the processes and effects of translation linked with the possibility to connect different religious traditions. Translation can be an exemplary model for various options of relating to others and to otherness in the pluralist context characterising the 3d millennium. Practice and theory of translation have developed flexible and non-conflicting patterns which helped to build a constructive relationship among different cultural systems. A common perspective for the debate is provided by a hermeneutic approach in each domain concerned.</td>
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Religion and urban devotions: devotees in the city
François-Xavier Carlotti, Laboratoire de Recherche Historique Rhône-Alpes

The goal of this panel is a study of the religious life of the elites in the early modern era (17th and 18th century), seen from the point of view of urban devout networks. A certain number of men and women got involved so as to improve their inner lives while addressing others throughout the century. In doing so, they could earn their salvation. This panel goes along with major religious history works, similar to Louis Châtellier’s, Michel Cassan’s, Jean-Pierre Gutton’s works concerning France. More specifically, we will investigate the role of pious women through their social and spiritual involvement in cities. We will also deal with the urban spaces and social structures within which these men and women lived and worshipped together, at a time when religious practice focused on the individual.

Speakers:
• François-Xavier Carlotti (Laboratoire de Recherche Historique Rhône-Alpes), Les dévotes du Saint-Enfant Jésus de Rouen (XVIIe-XVIIIe siècles)
• Estelle Martinazzo (Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier III), Les pénitentes: jalons d’une enquête (France méridionale, XVIIe-XVIIIe siècles)
• Roberto Caterino (Independent Scholar), Entre dévotion et compétition: la construction des oratoires des confréries laïques dans le Piémont des XVIIe-XVIIIe siècles
• Elisabetta-Giuseppina Lurgo (Université Savoie Mont-Blanc), Femmes fondatrices et réseaux de patronage de femmes: la fondation des monastères féminins dans l’État de Savoie à l’époque moderne (XVIIe-XVIIIe siècles)
• Sandra La Rocca (Université Toulouse-Jean-Jaurès), Les femmes et la dévotion à l’Enfance (XVIIe siècle)

Language: French
Using historical and contemporary examples, the panel focuses on the intersection of interreligious dialogue and global politics and examines the role interreligious dialogue can play in fostering peaceful coexistence in diverse political contexts. Scott Thomas will begin by examining St. Francis’ encounter with the Sultan in 1219 and consider its relevance for contemporary international relations. Then, drawing on her research on the open letter, A Common Word between Us and You (2007), Sarah Markiewicz will discuss Christian-Muslim dialogue as a first step on the path to intercivilizational understanding. Melanie Barbato will use the example of the Vatican’s involvement in Hindu-Christian relations to show how the communication of religious organisations bridges the categories of politics and religion. Finally, Pasquale Ferrara will reflect on the role of interreligious dialogue in contemporary Italian diplomacy. Michael D. Driessen will conclude the panel by articulating several of the broad themes that the papers collectively pose for the future study of interreligious dialogue and global politics.

Chair: Perry Schmidt-Leukel (Universität Münster)
Discussant: Michael D. Driessen (John Cabot University)

Speakers:
• Sarah Markiewicz (Universität Münster), Christian-Muslim dialogue as a first step on the path to intercivilizational understanding
• Melanie Barbato (Universität Münster), Religion and politics in the Vatican’s involvement in Hindu-Christian relations
• Pasquale Ferrara (Sophia University), The role of interreligious dialogue in Italian diplomacy

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| 15.45-17.45 | 5/44 | Luther as a Global Link. Recalling the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation  
Federica Meloni, Fscire  
At the end of 2017, the year dedicated to the 5th centenary of the Reformation, the panel aims to reflect on Luther’s role as a global link, an extraordinary connector for scientific works promoted all over the world and brought together in various national and international initiatives. The three main topics of the discussion will be: the advance of historiographical reflection and its bibliographic production from the first editions of Luther’s writings to the latest studies; the institutional approach to the celebrations (i.e. the cases of Refo500, EKD and Mibact); and finally how in the global and digital era the aforementioned aspects have been able to create opportunities for a fruitful debate on an open issue: the challenge of overcoming divisions that remains as topical as ever.  
Chair: Federica Meloni (Fscire)  
Speakers:  
• Fulvio Ferrario (Facoltà Valdese di Teologia di Roma), Celebrating Luther in the Protestant World  
• Marcello Verga (CNR/Università di Firenze), The Institutional Promotion of the Anniversary by the Mibact. The National Committee for the Commemorations of the Fifth Centenary of the Reformation  
• Herman Selderhuis (REFO Research Consortium), Luther as a Network  
• Silvana Nitti (Università di Napoli Federico II), Luther’s Biographies  
• Matteo Al Kalak (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia), Luther in the Global and Digital Age. About «Luther. A Christian and His Legacy»  
Language: English / Italian |
| 15.45-17.45 | 5/60.2 | Between religion and philosophy – History of ancient egyptian thought  
Pawel Karpiński, Jagiellonian University in Krakow  
Ancient Egyptian literature contains many works that touch topics important for both European philosophy and major religions of Old World (Judaism, Christianity, Islam). Although many researchers are sceptical about seeking Egyptian roots of European thought, ancient texts show us many striking similarities between teachings and stories from Land of Pharaohs and later texts from cultures of Mediterranean, including early christian tradition. This study group wishes to show a part of that ancient legacy of thought, based on egyptian stories, didactic literature and mythological texts. The speakers will consider such fields as metaphysics, aesthetics and ethics rised in these texts. The aim of this panel is to investigate which tropes could have been transmitted into later philosophical concepts and religious doctrines of such cultures as Greek, Roman and Judeo-Christian.  
Speakers:  
• Michal Bizoń (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), Origins of the creatio ex nihilo doctrine  
• Alicja Neumann (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), Philo(sophy) of Alexandria. Echoes of Egyptian creation stories  
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<td><em>Resisting the Politics of Exclusion - Expanding Dialogical Horizons</em> &lt;br&gt;Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University/Ecclesiological Investigations &lt;br&gt; &lt;br&gt;A roundtable conversation about promoting Religious Pluralism and facilitating Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue for the 21st Century. Our world has never been in greater need of dialogue both within and between faith communities and of initiatives to promote religious literacy and religious pluralism. What are some examples of successful ventures toward such ends in recent times and what opportunities might there be for new types of initiatives along these lines in the future? This panel explores the origins and outcomes of a series of initiatives that have been developed at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, in recent years to promote Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue, and particularly religious pluralism. It will take the form of a roundtable discussion – each speaker will talk for up to 15 minutes initially, and then the conversation will be opened up to explore questions and interaction between the panelists and with the audience. &lt;br&gt; &lt;br&gt;Jocelyne Cesari, who specializes in bridging religious studies and the social sciences, will speak about her extensive work on Islam and world politics, as well as her wider work on both sides of the Atlantic in relation to religion, peace, and conflict resolution. Leo Lefebure will speak about his work with the Parliament of the World’s Religions and his work on Buddhist-Christian dialogue as well as in relation to comparative theology in general; Sam Wagner will speak about his many years working in the Office of the Georgetown University President and the key collaborations, events and initiatives developed to promote ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. Finally, Gerard Mannion will speak about some experiences from his work with fostering ecumenical and interreligious dialogue through the Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network and with the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, as well as discussing collaboration to promote inclusion and dialogue between different entities of Georgetown across campus. Together the speakers will offer reflections on the highs and lows of seeking to foster dialogue in today’s world and why it is important that church-linked universities do all they can to promote dialogue and religious pluralism today. &lt;br&gt; &lt;br&gt;Speakers: &lt;br&gt;• Jocelyne Cesari (University of Birmingham/Georgetown University) &lt;br&gt;• Leo Lefebure (Georgetown University) &lt;br&gt;• Gerard Mannion (Georgetown University/Ecclesiological Investigations) &lt;br&gt;• Samuel Wagner (Georgetown University) &lt;br&gt; &lt;br&gt;Language: English</td>
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| 15.45-17.45   | 5/82.2     | **Coscienza e Libertà** (1978-2018): Quarant’anni di impegno, tra diritto, religione e politica, con uno sguardo internazionale Davide Romano, AIDLR (Associazione Internazionale per la Difesa della Libertà Religiosa)
In the 2018 the cultural magazine *Coscienza e Libertà*, press organ of the AIDLR (Associazione Internazionale per la Difesa della libertà Religiosa), will celebrate 40 years of existence.
The theme of the panel organized by the *Coscienza e Libertà* magazine will have as a purpose the battles of which herself has traditionally took in charge until now and the current issues about certain religious and political rights, citizenship and the adjacent civil rights, which we thought they have been acquired for always but considering what is happening in Europe, there is still a lot of work to do. At the same time we would also like to take a small eulogy of the role played in this country by the cultural magazines.

**Session 2: Il ruolo delle riviste di cultura nel panorama italiano**

*Speakers:*
- Silvio Ferrari (Università di Milano)
- Valdo Spini (Coordinamento delle riviste culturali in Italia)
- Stella Coglievina (Osservatorio delle libertà ed istituzioni religiose)
- Claudio Paravati (Centro Studi Confronti)
- Severino Saccardi (Testimonianze)
- Paolo Borioni (Sapienza-Università di Roma)

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| 15.45-17.45   | 5/83.2     | **Exodus – An Investigation of Vocabulary and Concepts from Ancient Greek Literature to Early Christian Writings**
Eberhard Bons, Université de Strasbourg
The aim of this panel is to study the terminology used to speak of the Exodus and the concepts conveyed by the various terms and expressions. In particular, the following issues will be addressed:
1. Why is the Exodus of the Israelites leaving Egypt called “Exodus”?  
2. Can the history of this noun in Greek language explain this choice?  
3. To what degree did the choice of this noun influence the reception of the idea of Exodus?

*Chair: Giulia Casadei (Fscire)*

*Speakers:*
- Giulia Leonardi (Università di Padova), *Exodus in the Septuagint. Data Presentation and Hebrew Equivalents*
- Daniela Scialabba (Université de Strasbourg), *Specific Usage of Exodus in the Septuagint: Israel’s Exodus from Egypt*
- Cristina Bufa (Université de Strasbourg), *Exodus in the Jewish Literature in Greek: Philo and Flavius Josephus*
- Anna Mambelli (Fscire), *Exodus in the New Testament and Early Christian Literature*

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| 15.45-17.45 | 5/93.2 | **Models of Contemporary Atheism**  
Giovanni Cogliandro, Pontificia Università Gregoriana / Andrea Aguti, Università di Urbino  
This Panel aims to discuss the different Paradigms of Contemporary Philosophical Atheism, comparing the practice of Religion and its connections with some political, sociological and metaphysical issues.  
This panel is promoted by the **Italian Association for Philosophy of Religion** (AIFR)  
**Speakers:**  
- Andrea Loffi (Università di Trento), More than dead. Slavoj Žižek and the Christian atheism  
- Alessio Ruggiero (Università di Salerno), Religious ergo Relative. Phenomenological Inquires on Ronald Dworkin’s Religious Atheism  
**Language:** Italian |
| 15.45-17.45 | 5/105 | **Globalization, Religions and Political Power: Interrogating the Non-Liberal Aspects of the Post-Secular Age**  
Gregorio Bettiza, University of Exeter  
The relationship between globalization, religious resurgence and political power remain poorly understood. For instance, post-secular writings often portray religious ethics, beliefs and actors as useful resources for challenging the excesses of neo-liberal economics, or promoting new forms of reconciliation and justice. Yet there is often a more complex and problematic side to these encounters. This panel seeks to explore how social forces linked to globalization, religion, and political power come together to, for example, foster multiple forms of religious fundamentalism and terrorism; revive old (and constitute new) religious, ethnic, and political cleavages; sustain the growth of far-right parties and populist movements; give rise to culture wars and narratives of civilizational clashes; or participate in novel forms of religious geopolitics internationally. In broader terms, the panel interrogates whether a post-secular age is likely to be a post-liberal one as well.  
**Chair:** Gregorio Bettiza (University of Exeter)  
**Discussant:** Fabio Petito (University of Sussex)  
**Speakers:**  
- Kristina Stoeckl and Caroline Hill (Universität Innsbruck), Illiberal human rights: Russia’s traditional values discourse at the Council of Europe  
- Luca Ozzano (Università di Torino), Religion, Globalization and Right-Wing Populism: Some Reflections on the Recent evolution of the Religious Cleavage  
- Gregorio Bettiza (University of Exeter), State Might and the Almighty: Theorizing State Power Through Religion  
- Mariano Barbato (Universität Münster), Is the Post-secular Post-liberal? The Role and Influence of the Papacy  
- Petr Kratochvíl (Institute of International Relations, Prague), Christianity as a Weapon: Religion in the public sphere of highly secularized societies  
**Language:** English |
Epistemology of mysticism
Anthony Feneuil, Université de Lorraine

Mysticism is an object of literary, historical or sociological studies. But some philosophers as different as Henri Bergson or William Alston have suggested that the empirical study of mysticism could be a way of testing religious beliefs. What should be done with this claim today? There is an ongoing debate concerning the epistemological value of mysticism and this panel wants to contribute to this debate. We will investigate mysticism from the epistemological point of view: how can mysticism be a valuable source of knowledge, and of what kind of knowledge? About God, about religion, about the human mind or about society?

This panel is sponsored by the Institut Romand de Systématique et d’Éthique (Université de Genève) and the journal ThéoRèmes.

Chair: Anthony Feneuil (Université de Lorraine)

Speakers:
- Thomas Cattoi (Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University/Graduate Theological Union), Kant or tantra? How a dharmic approach to mystical phenomena may circumvent the strictures of Kantian epistemology
- Mariel Mazzocco (Université de Genève), Language, Mysticism and Politics
- Laurence Wuidar (Université de Genève), Mysticism, Language and Music: How to Express the Unspeakable

Language: English

Islam and Gender between Europe and the Middle East: Transnational Perspectives/Primary Sources of Islamic Theological Thought
Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik, Goethe Universität / Alexander Boehmler, Université de Fribourg

This panel looks at gender and Islam from a transnational perspective and focuses on transnational space between Europe and the Middle East. Transnational space is not a simple transformation of concepts, discourses and practices from one place to the other. It is a space that presents us with a complex set of relations. It can enable the production of new meanings, complex discourses, and conflicting, complementing, or negotiated identities and actors, places, and practices. The panel considers such interactions transformations in the context of gender and Islam in Europe. In the first slot, the organisational aspects of building the new discipline will be discussed. In the second slot, we want to discuss historical and hermeneutical approaches on primary sources, especially the role of Hadith vs. Qur’an only approaches. In the third slot, we want to discuss Islamic theological perspectives on gender questions.

Session 2: Islam and Gender: Theological Perspectives

Chair: Alexander Boehmler (Université de Fribourg)

Speakers:
- Iman Hajji (Université Lumière-Lyon II), Thinking the Status of Women and Islam in Tunisia, Past and Present
- Anne-Sophie Gloor (Université de Lausanne), Khaled Bentouis’ Theology of the Circle as the base of a Sufi approach to Gender in Islam
- Elena Dini (Università Roma Tre), Women in Scriptures: comparative insights through female characters in the Bible and the Qur’an
- Hande Birkalan-Gedik (Goethe Universität), Closing remarks

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<td>Nel discorso per la Commemorazione del 50 anniversario dell’istituzione del Sinodo dei Vescovi, papa Francesco ha con decisione ribadito che la sinodalità è dimensione costituiva della chiesa. Diventa essenziale riflettere su quali siano le strutture e le istituzioni da promuovere perché possa essere attuata, in modo significativo ed efficace, la forma sinodale nell’attuale stagione ecclesiale.</td>
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**Panel organized in partnership with ATI (Associazione Teologica Italiana)**

**Speakers:**
- Joachim Schmiedl (Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Vallendar), *Synodality - Achievements and Perspectives*
- Roberto Repole, *Sinodo diocesano: tra pastoralità e regolamentazione canonica*
- Serena Noceti, *Empowerment, entitlement, co-power: soggettualità per i christi fideles laici nei processi sinodali?*
- Prokop Broz, *Rappresentatività e rappresentanza nelle dinamiche sinodali*

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<td><strong>Eastern Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue: the Road Not taken?</strong> Thomas Cattoi, Santa Clara University / Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter</td>
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<td>Contemporary developments in comparative theology and interreligious dialogue have been characterized by an almost exclusive emphasis on Western forms of Christianity - both Roman Catholic and Protestant - with relatively fewer voices from the traditions of Eastern Christianity (a broad term that includes Eastern Orthodox Christians, non-Chalcedonian Christians and Eastern Christian churches in communion with Rome). This study group wishes to counter this tendency and open up a space for interreligious conversation between Eastern Christian theology/spirituality/practices and non-Christian religious traditions. The group welcomes proposals from scholars of any religious tradition or none, working from the perspective of theology or religious studies.</td>
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**Chair:** Brandon Gallaher (University of Exeter)

**Speakers:**
- Stylianos Papalexandropoulos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), *Many Orthodoxies, Many Dialogues*
- Athanasios N. Papanasiasiou (Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens), *Comparative Theology and the Orthodox: An inquiry into the tension between faith and the religious other, differences and dichotomies*
- Angeliki Ziaka (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), *In search of Interreligious dialogue between South-Eastern European Christians and Muslims*

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| 15.45-17.45     | Aemilia Hotel, Sala Canossa | 5/129.2 | **Theology**  
**Co-Chair**: Sandra Schaub (Selma Stern Zentrum für jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg), Tomas Bokedal (University of Aberdeen)  
**Speakers**:  
- Petre Maican (Independent Researcher), *Eastern Orthodoxy and Human Rights: A Christological Approach*  
- Sandra Schaub (Selma Stern Zentrum für jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg), *“Interreligious Symbol-Signs” in Judaism, Christianity and Islam – (Religious) Readings from a semiotic perspective*  
- Michael Borowski (Martin Bucer Seminary), *Are We Safe? Evangelical Christianity, Theological Method and Violence*  
- Elisa Bellucci (Universität Halle-Wittenberg), *Eschatological views in Johann Wilhelm and Johanna Eleonora Petersen: the apokatastasis and the reconciliation of Christian confessions*  
- Alessandro Piccirillo (Istituto di Formazione Evangelica e Documentazione), *Animalia. La questione animale tra etica delle prospettive e antropocentrismo relazionale*  
**Language**: English / Italian |
| 15.45-17.45     | Fscire, Second Floor, Sala 1 | 5/139 | **Old Testament, New Interpretations**  
**Chair**: Tapio Leinonen (University of Helsinki)  
**Speakers**:  
- Nikoletta Glyka (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), *From the tree of knowledge of good and evil to the tree of life. An interpretive approach*  
- Tapio Leinonen (University of Helsinki), *Martin Luther’s approach to Moses as a leader in Lectures on Deuteronomy*  
**Language**: English |
| 17.45-18.00     |                   |       | **Break**  |
| 18.00-19.30     | Teatro San Leonardo | 5/33  | **Round Table: Religion and Social Change**  
**Chair**: Jocelyne Cesari (University of Birmingham/Georgetown University)  
**Speakers**:  
- Nicholas Adams (University of Birmingham)  
- Ahmet Allbasic (University of Sarajevo)  
- Rajeev Bhargava (University of New Delhi)  
- Miri Freud-Kandel (University of Oxford)  
- Mona Siddiqui (University of Edinburgh)  
**Language**: English |
| 18.00-19.30     | Fscire, Sala Arancio | 5/46  | **Round Table: Moses in Jewish, Christian and Islamic Tradition**  
**Chair**: Herman Selderhuis (REFO Research Consortium)  
**Speakers**:  
- Lieve Teugels (Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Amsterdam-Groningen)  
- Kalina Wojciechowska (Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw)  
- Thomas Hoffmann (University of Copenhagen)  
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|              |        | **Keynote lecture:** Mona **Siddiqui** (University of Edinburgh)                                         |
|              |        | **Language:** English                                                                                   |
| 09.00-10.00  | 6/70   | **Panel details**  
|              |        | **Keynote lecture:** Risto **Saarinen** (University of Helsinki)                                        |
|              |        | **Mutual Recognition in Theology and Modern Society**                                                  |
|              |        | **Language:** English                                                                                    |
| 10.00-18.00  | 6/MC   | **Panel details**  
|              |        | **International Moot Court Competition**                                                                 |
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| 10.00-10.30  |        | **Panel details**                                                                                       |
| 10.30-18.00  | 6/142  | **Panel details**  
|              |        | **International Workshop:** *The role of interreligious engagement (dialogue and collaboration) in sustaining peace and combatting intolerance and discriminations based on religion: mapping international initiatives and best practices [by invitation only]* |
| 11.30-12.30  | 6/8    | **Panel details**  
|              |        | **Author Meets Critique:** *What is Political Islam?* Jocelyne **Cesari**, University of Birmingham/Georgetown University |
|              |        | The debate continues unabated: Is political Islam decipherable through the tenets of the Islamic tradition—or is it a tool of secular actors who shrewdly misuse religious references? Is it an expression of modernity, or a return to the past? Eschewing these dichotomies, Jocelyne Cesari’s book, *What Is Political Islam?* demystifies the continuous process of interaction between secular and religious actors and institutions that is at the core of political mobilization in the name of Islam. Through the following questions:  
1. In what ways is Political Islam a reflection of the tradition of Islam?  
2. To what degree is it an expression of secular actors using religion for their own ends?  
3. How is the religious tradition on political violence taught today in Islamic Universities?  

**Speakers:**  
- Nicholas **Adams** (University of Birmingham)  
- Ibrahim Khaled Mohamed **El Houdalby** (Columbia University)  
- Hisham **Hellyer** (Atlantic Council’s RH Centre For The Middle East)  
- Angeliki **Ziaka** (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

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<td>The Russian Orthodox Church's long journey in understanding the digital can be defined as a story about tradition and modernity, the encounter of a specific sub-culture with a global culture. These developments have affected both the ROC and the society, having an impact on both the liturgical Orthodox tradition and the spiritual individualism's actuality. This raises the question about the way the Church’s relation with society and the State is changing in the digital era and moreover the way the ROC is trying to frame the new media. This panel’s main aim is a critical discussion on the relation between the new media’s language and the Orthodox religion in the contemporary Russia. It considers how it is changing the expression of faith and dissent toward the Church as institution; It also considers whether the “digitization of Orthodoxy” makes the Church closer to people, and affect the “believing without belonging” attitude that seems to be typical of contemporary Russian Orthodoxy.</td>
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**Chair:** Marianna Napolitano (Fscire)  
**Discussant:** Davor Dzalto (American University of Rome)  

**Speakers:**  
• Anastasia Mitrofanova (Financial University/Russian Orthodox University), Everyday Rituals in the Age of their Digitalization  
• Victor Khroul (Moscow State University), (Re)mapping religious identity in Russia: public opinion polls vs spontaneous mass communication  
• Alexander Ponomariov (Universität Passau), Digital, Geothological, Post-Religious: The Global Online Map and the “Effective Presence in the Media”; Commandment of the Russian Orthodox Church  
• Ekaterina Grishaeva (Ural Federal University), Internet as a Site for Expressing Dissent Identities. Orthodox Bloggers’ Critique of Russian Orthodox Church de-Secular Politic  
• Milhail Suslov (Uppsala Universitet), A Cross and a Cosmodrome: Mediation of Religious Ideas in Contemporary Russian Fantastic Literature  

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Almost 30 years after the publication of Konrad Raiser’s groundbreaking book “Ecumenism in Transition. A Paradigm Shift in the Ecumenical Movement?” the panel aims at critically reviewing the recent history of the ecumenical movement with its achievements and shortcomings, by examining the uncertainty of the goals of ecumenism, its methods and membership. In the context of a radically changing world in terms of globalization, secularism, religious radicalization, and climate change this uncertainty is interpreted as a sign of both decline and growth or hope. In view of religious pluralism and diversity, and the rapid change of religious landscape in Europe, it seems that a paradigm shift is emerging from the model of visible unity to a model of co-existence and cooperation between church families beyond strictly theological and moral divides. The panel will challenge current conceptions of ecumenism and discuss how unity is relevant for the churches today.

**Speakers:**
- Gerard Mannion (Georgetown University)
- George Vlantis (Volos Academy for Theological Studies)
- Aila Marjatta Lauha (University of Helsinki/CEC)
- Anders Gaadegaard (Copenhagen Cathedral/Danish National Council of Churches)
- Julija Vidovic (Institut Catholique de Paris/CEC)

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Scholars have often highlighted the close connection between science, philosophy and religion that characterizes the culture of the Sixth and Eighteenth centuries. Our starting point is to show that even when there are apologetic intentions, this phenomenon calls into question the traditional relationship of subordination of philosophy to theology. The development of historical and textual criticism allows the elaboration of new theories on religion that significantly change the status quo and undermine the orthodoxies of all confessions. The purpose of the panel is to explore the contribution of early modern philosophy to a radical concept of religion.

**Speakers:**
- Jacopo Agnesina (Sapienza-Università di Roma), Anthony Collins, il libero pensiero che erode alle fondamenta le Scritture e la teologia razionale
- Stefano Brogi (Università di Siena), Ateismo e religione in Bayle
- Antonella Del Prete (Università della Tuscia), Filosofia e teologia, pietà e ragione: l’interpretazione della Scritura in Spinoza
- Mariangela Priarolo (Liceo scientifico statale “Filippo Buonarroti”, Pisa), Deus sive Natura? L’azione divina in Malebranche
- Anna Lisa Schino (Sapienza-Università di Roma), Il profeta Gesù: la cristologia hobbesiana
- Luisa Simonutti (CNR-ISPF), John Locke, religione civile ed ermeneutica biblica

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| 10.30-12.30  | Ateliers, Sala 1                 | **What is «Theology of Evangelization»?**  
Maurizio Marcheselli, Facoltà Teologica dell’Emilia Romagna  
This panel aims to promote a discussion about the topic «Theology of Evangelization», in order to clarify its epistemological status and focus its specific contents. Starting point will a selected production issued by the Theological Faculty of Emilia-Romagna. Professors affiliated to four different theological Institutions are invited for a critical appraisal of what in Bologna has been produced since the foundation in 1997 of our review Rivista di Teologia dell’Evangelizzazione.  
**Speakers:**  
• Paolo Boschini (Facoltà Teologica dell’Emilia Romagna)  
• Luca Bressan (Facoltà Teologica dell’Italia Settentrionale)  
• Enzo Biemmi (Facoltà Teologica del Triveneto)  
• Basilio Petrà (Facoltà Teologica dell’Italia Centrale)  
• Giovanni Mazzillo (Pontificia Facoltà Teologica Italia Meridionale/ Istituto Teologico Calabro)  
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| 10.30-12.30  | Palazzo Poggi, Sala Magna Charta | **Time and God. Contemporary Openings starting from Hegel and Schelling**  
Kurt Appel, Universität Wien  
In his new book *Tempo e Dio* (Queriniana 2018), Kurt Appel works out a theory of time, starting from Leibniz, Kant, Schelling’s late philosophy and Hegel. He demonstrates the central role of the concept of time in their philosophical and theological concepts. Time, as we usually consider it, is the linear and mechanical one of the chronometer. It expands ad infinitum, always in the same way. It is a continuum without quality, neutral and aseptic.  
The panel discusses the relationship between the secular time and the biblical time questioning the presuppositions of the first. Appel’s book tries to show that the biblical concept of time abrogates (aufheben) the secular concept of historiography based on the chronological time and leads to the name of God whose dignity lies in the vulnerability and the openness of being.  
**Speakers:**  
• Marcello Neri (Universität Flensburg)  
• Paolo Costa (Fondazione Bruno Kessler)  
• Maurizio Rossi (Università di Bologna)  
• Maurizio Pagano (Università di Vercelli)  
• Lucia Vantini (ISSR/STSZ, Verona)  
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|             |     | today                                                                          |
|             |     | - Enrico Galavotti (Fscire), *Instances for the renewal of the theological    |
|             |     | discourse from the Vatican II                                                |
|             |     | - Margareta Gruber (Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Vallendar), *The    |
|             |     | future of the theology in ecumenical and interreligious perspective          |
|             |     | - Felix Wilfred (University of Madras), *The future of european theological   |
|             |     | discourse: an asian postcolonial perspective                                 |
|             |     | **Language:** English / Italian                                               |
### Jewish Conscience of The Church: Jules Isaac and the Second Vatican Council

**Norman Tobias**, University of Toronto

The fourth article of Nostra aetate is understood by most to have been an autonomous, unprovoked post-Holocaust Church initiative. In fact, it was a last-minute addition at the behest of, and provoked by, eminent French Jewish historian Jules Isaac, further to his private audience with Pope Saint John XXIII on 13 June 1960. This fact is attested to in writing by Loris Cardinal Capovilla, who at the time of the papal audience was the pope’s long time, trusted personal secretary. Each of the four panelists will present on a particular aspect, historical or theological, of the life of humanitarian and visionary Jules Isaac, and the backstory of how it came to be that the official Church would be influenced by, and pay heed to, a Jewish conscience.

**Speakers:**
- Alberto **Melloni** (Fscire)
- Norman **Tobias** (University of Toronto)
- Claire **Maligot** (École Pratique des Hautes Études/Université de Savoie Mont-Blanc)
- Therese **Andrevon Gottstein** (Institute Catholique de Paris/ DOMUNI)
- Emma **O’Donnell Polyakov** (Boston College), Mythologizing the Jew: Constructions of “Israel” in Recent Vatican Documents

**Language:** English / French / Italian

### The EuARe Music Study Group: “Fixity, Variability, Creativity in Religious Music”

**Olivier Tourny**, CNRS/Aix-Marseille Université

Like silence, music is inseparable from religious (sacred, mystical, spiritual) experience. Whether magnified, tolerated or forbidden, it is there, in one form or another. In other words, we are dealing with the nature of the special relationships of men and cultures with transcendence through music.

Dealing with the elements of fixity, variability and creativity in religious music raises these first questions (though they are not limited to these): What are the conditions for these features to emerge – or (perhaps) not? What are the limits (if any) to the religious musical work/expression, and to its potential variations? What about the impact on listeners (auralities)? How does variability fit with fixity? In what way may creativity be exercised in the face of either fixity or variability? In which ways does the concept of “religious music” interfere with or reinforce creativity, and how do the ideas of fixity and variability intersect with this? How the contingencies of the performance influence the process of creation, (and/or) re-creation, variation, adaptation?

**Chair:** Julien **Ferrando** (Aix-Marseille Université)

**Speakers:**
- Olivier **Tourny** (CNRS/Aix-Marseille Université)
- Ivan **Moody** (Universidade NOVA de Lisboa), Fixity and Creativity in Orthodox Church Music
- Serena **Facci**, Alessandro **Cosentino**, Vanna Viola **Crupi** (Università di Roma “Tor Vergata”), Fixity, variations and re-creations in immigrant Christian communities in Rome (Collective Presentation)
- Fulvia **Caruso** (Università di Pavia), The role of music in imagining and creating African francophone Christian Churches in Cremona

**Language:** English
The Ahmadiyya Muslim Movement: “Love for all, Hatred for none”. An Islam of peace suppressed and persecuted in the Islamic World

Raffaella Di Marzio, LIREC

The panel aims to indicate some aspects that distinguish the history, the doctrine and the practice of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Movement, in relation to its peculiar way of placing itself within the Islamic World, which, mostly, considers it “heretical”. This attitude, in the countries where the blasphemy law is in force, has caused the persecution of the members of the movement, which has reached extreme consequences, such as the murder of some of them by the mere fact of being Ahmadi. The experiences of two scholars, who have researched this field, will show how the movement has assumed a significant role in the resolution of conflicts and in the diffusion of a respectful and peaceful Islam.

Chair: Raffaella Di Marzio (LIREC)

Speakers:
• Raffaella Di Marzio (LIREC), Discrimination and intrareligious persecution: a widespread and undervalued problem. The emblematic case of the Ahmadiyya Community
• Manuel Olivares (Viverealtrimenti), A personal account of experiences with the Ahmadiyya Community
• Ataul Wash Tariq (Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at), Profetism in the Ahmadiyya movement
• Emanuela Del Re (AIS/EPOS), The role of the Ahmadiyya Community in the resolution of conflicts. A field study

Language: Italian

Heroic Saints or Holy Heroes: the Blending of Epic and Hagiography between Orality and Literacy in the Popular Religion of Eastern Christianity

Enrique Santos Marinas, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

The study of Medieval epics and hagiographies shows how the limits of genres are more fluid than they could seem to be. This way, there can be found both elements of hagiography in heroic poems, and vice versa epic characteristics attributed to Christian saints. This was very clear in Eastern Christianity, where popular religion developed in a very special way, combining elements belonging to the folklore that entered the literary compositions through the oral tradition. Like this, in the way between orality and literacy even some hybrid genres were created, such as the spiritual chants of the Orthodox pilgrims or some legendary narratives devoted to the saints that were very close to the folk tales. And it was during the oral transmission of the stories or poems before their written versions when the popular and folkloric elements were incorporated. In this panel, we will analyse several examples of the mutual relationship between epic and hagiography in the Eastern Christianity.

Speakers:
• Matilde Casas Olea (Universidad de Granada), Literacy and Orality in Traditions and Cults of Saint George
• Maila García Amorós (Universidad de Granada), Elements of hagiography in the Byzantine hero: Digenes Akritas
• Álvaro Ibáñez Chacón (Universidad de Granada), El ayudante monstruoso: san Mercurio y los cinocéfalos
• Enrique Santos Marinas (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Clash of the Titans: the Conflict between St. Elijah and St. Nicholas in Slavic Spiritual Chants and Legends

Language: Spanish
Modern Philosophy of Religion: Concepts - Approaches - Methods
Hans-Peter Grosshans, European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR)

The two days panel is organised by the European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR) and is about concepts, approaches and methods in modern philosophy of religion. The papers discuss the empirical turn in research on religion and its implications and limits, challenged by a new emphasis on metaphysics and on transcendental arguments in philosophy of religion. But as well papers may discuss, for example, new forms of critique of religion after the end of general abstract critique of religion, which help to evaluate critically concrete doctrines and practices of religions. But as well papers are welcome, which discuss aspects of important conceptions in philosophy of religion.

Speakers:
• Hans-Peter Grosshans (Universität Münster), Contingency, Religion and God. On the relation of science, metaphysics and religion
• Hamidreza Ayatollahy (Iranian Association for Philosophy of Religion), Divine Activity as the Most Important Presupposition Underlying the Problems of Philosophy of Religion
• Jörg Disse (Hochschule Fulda), Theism and Complementarity

Language: English

God(s): a “work-in-progress concept”: transformations and changes in God(s)’s image
David Villar Vegas, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

One of the most spread problems in Religious Studies is referred to concepts. We can have the temptation of analysing religious realities without thinking about research categories. God/divinity is one of these cases. We have a myriad of works about believers, piety, creation... but the notion of God could be presupposed. The aim of this panel is to debate not only about the changes in God(s)’s images and concepts, but also the continuity of several features that pass through one culture to another.

This panel, organized by the members of Instituto de Ciencias de las Religiones (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) wants to be a tribute to Karen Armstrong’s work, one of the pioneers researchers in this field.

Chair: David Villar Vegas (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Speakers:
• Vanessa Del Prete Mainer (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), The Image of the Gods in the Antiquity: Survival of the Near East Identity in Mediterranean Cultures
• David Villar Vegas (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), YHWH of yahvism: a working progress concept
• Cristina Expósito (Instituto de Ciencias de las Religiones), From color to rite: symbolic and esthetical use of pigments. Approaching the town of Magdala
• Belén Cuenca Abellán (Universidad Pablo de Olavide de Sevilla), The idea of God in ’Asharism: Allah and Creation through Muqqarna’s Dome

Language: English
A Korean “Rush Hour of the Gods”? The Success of New Religions in Korea, from Donghak to Daesoon Jinrihoe
Massimo Introvigne, CESNUR

Between World War I and II, Korean new religions had more members than traditional religions. Today, they still count their numbers in the millions. Although Taiwan and Japan, where the expression “rush hour of the Gods” was originally introduced, come closer, in no other country in the world have new religions been so successful. How was this possible? The session will trace the roots of contemporary new religions in Joseon Korea’s 19th-century social and religious crisis and show how Donghak was at the roots of all the subsequent religious effervescence. The failure of the bloody Donghak revolution of 1894, however, changed forever the attitude of new religions, and most switched from political activism to social welfare and charity. Through the Korean War and beyond, new religions such as Daesoon Jinrihoe gained credibility both as providers of social and educational services and as alternatives to traditional religions and mainline Christianity.

Chair: Pierluigi Zoccatelli (Pontificia Università Salesiana)
Respondent: Jinyoung Kim (Daejin University)

Speakers:
• Massimo Introvigne (CESNUR), A Korean “Rush Hour of the Gods”? The Phenomenal Success of Korean New Religions, from Donghak to Daesoon Jinrihoe
• Donku Kang (The Academy of Korean Studies), Cultural Identity and New Religions in Korea
• Yongbok Yoon (Daejin University), New Religions in Korea and Daesoon Jinrihoe
• Sangkyu Park (Daejin University), The Principle of Organization in Daesoon Jinrihoe: Focusing on Personal Lineage

Language: English

Models of Contemporary Atheism
Giovanni Cogliandro, Pontificia Università Gregoriana / Andrea Aguti, Università di Urbino

This Panel aims to discuss the different Paradigms of Contemporary Philosophical Atheism, comparing the practice of Religion and its connections with some political, sociological and metaphysical issues.

This panel is promoted by the Italian Association for Philosophy of Religion (AIFR)

Speakers:
• Hamidreza Ayatollahy (Iranian Association for Philosophy of Religion), The Mistake Presuppositions of Atheists Based on the Mistake Explanations of Theists
• Lubos Rojka (Pontificia Università Gregoriana), Contemporary Challenges to the Problem of Horrendous Evil

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Silvia Cristofori, Link Campus University  
This panel is aimed at investigating the relationship between religion and change in a globalised world. The papers will deal with the following broad questions: how do world religions enable people to bring about change? And how do they allow them to express the desire for change or the impossibility of it? How has religion been changed throughout an increasing process of the deterritorialization and circulation of ideas, cultural objects and people? The papers will analyse case studies in order to illustrate how world religions take root in and transform the local religious contexts. This dynamic will be shown also taking into consideration the longue durée of the world religions as «great vehicles of trans-historical memory, ceaselessly re-activated» by their adherents (J. D. Y. Peel, Religious Encounter and the making of the Yoruba, 2003, p. 9).  
Speakers:  
• Joy Alumkal (CITeS-Universidad de la Mística), Buddhist Meditation and Hindu Yoga: Marketing of the Eastern “skills” in the Modern Western Culture  
• Janis Priede (University of Latvia) and Anita Stasulane (Daugavpils University), Eastern Religions in Latvia: from the First Interest to the Hindu-related groups  
• Guido Nicolás Zingari (Università di Torino), The Cult of the Saints and the Invention of Everyday Life in the Holy City of Touba (Senegal)  
Language: English |
| 10.30-12.30 | 6/109.1 | Ecumenism and religious violence in zones of conflict [starts at 10.00]  
Bruno Cherubini and Luca Ferracci, Fscire  
Since its very beginning, the ecumenical movement was strictly associated with the struggle for peace: just a few years after its “official” birth in 1910 the World War I posed a serious challenge (and a serious threat) for the newborn movement and its leaders, first of all Nathan Söderblom. Since then, religious leaders and movements of different confessions often banded together to oppose new and diverse kind of challenges that new contexts of violence posed to them. This panel propose to examine a number of case studies from different continents, to understand the historical roots of religion-driven conflicts and how they are still, if at all, influencing the contemporary setting. Moreover, the panel is going to interrogate the efficacy, in those same settings, of ecumenical and inter-confessional initiatives to enforce and promote peace, both from a historical and theological perspective.  
Session 1: Wars as Turning Points  
Chair: Markus Thurau (Center for Military History and Social Sciences of the Bundeswehr)  
Speakers:  
• Frieder Ludwig (Fachhochschule für Interkulturelle Theologie Hermannsburg), The First World War as a Turning Point in Ecumenical Relations  
• Mark Ruff (Saint Louis University), Confessional Tensions and Coming to Terms with the Catholic Church’s Past from the Nazi Era, 1945-1980  
• Paul Mojzes (Rosemont College), Mutual Impact of the Cold War and the North American Churches  
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| 10.30-12.30 | 6/112.3 | *Islam and Gender between Europe and the Middle East: Transnational Perspectives/Primary Sources of Islamic Theological Thought*  
Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik, Goethe Universität / Alexander Boehmler, Université de Fribourg  

This panel looks at gender and Islam from a transnational perspective and focuses on transnational space between Europe and the Middle East. Transnational space is not a simple transformation of concepts, discourses and practices from one place to the other. It is a space that presents us with a complex set of relations. It can enable the production of new meanings, complex discourses, and conflicting, complementing, or negotiated identities and actors, places, and practices. The panel considers such interactions transformations in the context of gender and Islam in Europe. In the first slot, the organisational aspects of building the new discipline will be discussed. In the second slot, we want to discuss historical and hermeneutical approaches on primary sources, especially the role of Hadith vs. Qur’an only approaches. In the third slot, we want to discuss Islamic theological perspectives on gender questions.

**Session 3: Approaching Primary Sources in Islamic theological Studies**  
**Chair:** Ruggero **Vimercati Sanseverino** (Universität Tübingen)  

**Speakers:**  
- Hossam **Ouf** (Universität Tübingen), *The Authenticity and Authority of Hadith, Modern Intellectuals and Ash-Shafi‘i*  
- Maroussia **Bednarkiewicz** (University of Oxford), *Fact and Fiction in Hadith literature*  
- Alexander **Boehmler** (Université de Fribourg), *Let’s include an experiential approach into the study of Primary Sources*  

**Language:** English
**Theological-Political Realignments**

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University / Bryan Froehle, St. Thomas University

The election to the presidency of Donald Trump is a watershed not just for American politics, but also for American Christianity and its political projections and culture. The impact of the present moment deserves to be studied from a variety of points of view: the chronological dimensions of the issue of the relationship between “Christian politics” and secular modernity in America; the long-term debate within American ecclesiology and American political theologies; the recent developments of the latest decade with the shifts from the religious politics of the presidencies of George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump; the political-theological tensions between the presidency of Donald Trump and the pontificate of pope Francis. In this context one example of the effects of the Trump presidency has been the article published by the Vatican-vetted Jesuit magazine La Civiltà Cattolica in July 2017 about the peculiar “ecumenical” convergences in the political theology of conservative Christians in the USA.

**Session 1**

**Chair:** Massimo Faggioli (Villanova University)

**Discussant:** Bryan Froehle (St. Thomas University)

**Speakers:**
- Adelaide Madera (Università di Messina), *The interaction between religion and political strategies during the presidencies of George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump*
- Steve Millies (Catholic Theological Union), *“Great Advantage”: The Roots of “Strange Ecumenism” in the Bush 2004 “Catholic Outreach”*
- Michele Dillon (University of New Hampshire), *Contextualizing the ‘Ecumenism of Hate’*

**Language:** English

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**Buddhist-Christian Dual Belonging: a Contested Phenomenon**

European Network of Buddhist-Christian Studies (Perry Schmidt-Leukel, Universität Münster)

The contributions to this panel offer new perspectives and theoretical approaches to the new and contested phenomenon of multiple religious belonging, in particular Buddhist-Christian belonging.

**Chair:** Sybille Fritsch-Oppermann (Technische Universität Clausthal)

**Speakers:**
- Martin Rötting (OCCURSO Institut für interreligiöse und interkulturelle Begegnung, Munich), *Multiple religious belonging, path of life-navigation and spiritual identity*
- Martin Repp (Centre for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations), *Dual religious belonging in Japan. A historical inquiry*
- André van der Braak (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), *Various conceptual approaches to Buddhist-Christian Belonging*
- Achim Riggert (Universität Münster), *Buddhist-Christian union: Paul F. Knitters theory and practice of dual-belonging*

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12.30-13.30

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| 13.30-15.30    | 6/4.1    | **New hope of the sacred space between social renewal and intercultural inclusion. Toward an Intercultural Space: what good practices for the abandoned and underused sacred space?**  
Fiorella Dallari, Università di Bologna |

According to WHC [PRI-SM], the religious heritage has characteristics that distinguish it from other forms of heritage. The religious areas are the oldest protected places of the planet, and «have a vital importance for safeguarding cultural and biological diversity for present and future generations».

This call aims to promote a reflection on the status and on the future of religious heritage through an interdisciplinary comparison of good practices for the abandoned and underused sacred space, and for the interreligious, and intercultural dialogue on sacred landscapes. Study cases, and concrete experiences of development are welcome from different disciplinary fields, like the religious and cultural memory of sacred buildings. Defining methods to the identification of Properties of Religious Interest and the need for sustainable management guidance should be the main aims for the future.

**Speakers:**
- Luigi Bartolomei (Università di Bologna)
- Massimo Bottini
- Johnny Farabegoli
- Fiorella Dallari (Università di Bologna)

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| 13.30-15.30    | 6/17.1   | **Religious universities and professional education: Positive Influence or Prejudicial effect?**  
Jessica Giles, The Open University |

This panel will consider issues arising from the appeal in Law Society of British Columbia v. Trinity Western University, et al. and related cases: (OJLR [2017] 6(1), pp 207–210, 210-213, 213-215). In those cases, the Canadian bar associations refused to approve TWU as a recognized law school because of a community covenant, including a chastity clause, signed by students upon admission to the university. The case has implications in relation to the autonomous existence of religious communities and how far religiously-affiliated academic institutions can establish voluntary religious codes of conduct; the extent to which the right to freedom of religion and belief is linked to the ability of individuals to manifest their beliefs within communities and; the extent of the right to freedom of association. The panel will also discuss the implications of TWU for the study and teaching of professional ethics.

**Chair:** Elizabeth Clark (International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University)

**Speakers:**
- Joseph Davis (Becket Law)
- Simon Lee (Citizenship & Governance Research, The Open University)
- Zachary Calo (Hamad bin Khalifa University College of Law and Public Policy)
- Rik Torfs (KU Leuven)

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| 13.30-15.30 | 6/18.1 | *An Arabist per accidens: In memoriam Sergio Noja (1931-2008)*  
Alba Fedeli, Fscire  
The aim of this panel is to address the variety of interconnected issues that arise when questions concerning the Qur’an’s text at the beginning of Islam are explored in the late-antique context from an historical-philosophical perspective. The panel deals with a today widely studied paradigm, but many issues have to be explored, especially in relation to the parallel development of Christianity. We invite papers that deal with the Qur’an’s manuscript tradition as well as the variety of palaeographic, art historical, codicological, philological, philosophical-historical and textual criticism issues one encounters in this discipline.  
Chair: Alba Fedeli (Fscire)  
Speakers:  
- Alba Fedeli (Fscire), *An Arabist per accidens: In memoriam Sergio Noja (1931-2008)*. Introduction and welcome remarks  
- Fabrizio A. Pennacchietti (Università di Torino), Sergio Noja e gli studi samaritani  
- Asma Hilali (Université Lille-III), *The Sanaa Palimpsest. Approaching Religious Texts in Early Islam*  
Language: English |
| 13.30-15.30 | 6/24.1 | *1618-2018: The Wars of Religion as a Historical Issue in the 4th Centenary of the Thirty Years War*  
Davide Dainese, Università di Bologna  
The panel’s main purpose is mostly to tackle the issue of the nature of the Thirty Years War: can we define it as a ‘war of religion’? If we look at it under a certain perspective, we may say that it actually was. Indeed, after all the main wars of the XVI-XVII centuries were considered wars of religion at that time. Moreover, the Thirty Years War broke out one century after the first 100 year anniversary of Luther’s Reformation — and in this perhaps we can glimpse the substantial difference between the XVI century wars of religion and and the Thirty Years War. Nevertheless, this war has resulted in the building process of the Modern European States — and this might be considered as a feature which is irreducible to the bare religious element.  
Chair: Angela De Benedictis (Università di Bologna)  
Speakers:  
- Christoph Kampmann (Universität Marburg), *Fundamentalism-Holy War? Remarks to the Religious Character of the Thirty Years War*  
- Ronald G. Asch (Universität Freiburg), *The Pax Hispanica before 1618/21. A Failed Settlement? Reason of State, Dissimulation and the Problem of Trust before the Outbreak of the Thirty Years War*  
- Damien Tricoire (Universität Halle-Wittenberg), *With God and “Heretics” against Fellow Catholics: Can it be that the war of France against Spain Was Religious?*  
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Kurt Appel, Universität Wien  
Europe recently has witnessed the rise and fall of its grand narratives with their universal, often even imperialistic scope that have uniquely provided historical developments (enlightenment, socialism, secularization, liberalism etc.). Some of these narratives and imaginaries (e.g. human dignity or common public spaces) have also shaped the project of the European Community. Recently not only the European project but also political, humanistic and religious narratives seem to have succumbed to a profound crisis. This thus raises the question which new (religious) narratives can support a non-hegemonic European project and help develop an agora including both secular and religious traditions.  
The panel investigates:  
1. The affective and intellectual potential of new religious narratives for a vision shared by Christianity, Islam and the secular world;  
2. The challenge of nihilism which implies the end of every human narrative;  
3. Religion and new ecological narratives and imaginaries.  
Speakers:  
- Lisa Achathaler (Universität Wien), Narratives from the Past for the Day after Tomorrow? Talking "Future" in Times of Ecological Crisis  
- Jakob Helmut Deibl (Universität Wien), Between Letter and Manifest: Ways of shaping Future-Narratives of Europe  
- Ernst van den Hemel (Meertens Institute, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences), “Judeo-Christianity” and the New Right: Studying (post)secularization narratives in online nationalist discourse in Germany and the Netherlands  
Language: English |
| 13.30-15.30 | 6/35.2 | *What is «Theology of Evangelization»?*  
Maurizio Marcheselli, Facoltà Teologica dell’Emilia Romagna  
This panel aims to promote a discussion about the topic «Theology of Evangelization», in order to clarify its epistemological status and focus its specific contents. Starting point will a selected production issued by the Theological Faculty of Emilia-Romagna. Professors affiliated to four different theological Institutions are invited for a critical appraisal of what in Bologna has been produced since the foundation in 1997 of our review Rivista di Teologia dell’Evangelizzazione.  
Speakers:  
- Paolo Boschini (Facoltà Teologica dell’Emilia Romagna)  
- Luca Bressan (Facoltà Teologica dell’Italia Settentrionale)  
- Enzo Biemmi (Facoltà Teologica del Triveneto)  
- Basilio Petrà (Facoltà Teologica dell’Italia Centrale)  
- Giovanni Mazzillo (Pontificia Facoltà Teologica Italia Meridionale/ Istituto Teologico Calabro)  
Language: Italian |
13.30-15.30
Fscire, Second Floor, Sala 1

The panel aims to offer some insights on the evolution of the Roman Curia in the passage from the nineteenth to the twentieth century. This is a crucial period for the redefinition of the functions of the Roman Curia, caused both by the loss of temporal power and by the opening of a historical phase that commits the Church to adopt a structure able of managing the dimensions of a Catholicism increasingly less European and, as a consequence, less Roman.

Speakers:
• Roberto Regoli (Pontificia Pontificia Università Gregoriana), Fare e disfare. Le proposte di riorma della Curia tra XIX e XX secolo
• Diego Pinna (Pontificia Facoltà Teologica della Sardegna/Istituto Superiore Scienze Religiose Euromediterraneo), Laboratorio di strategie: la Congregazione degli Affari Ecclesiastici Straordinari ai tempi di Leone XIII (1878-1903)
• Nicholas Doublet (University of Malta), The relationship of the Congregation for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs to the other Roman Congregations during the pontificate of Benedict XV (1914-1922)
• Francesco Castelli (Facoltà Teologica Pugliese), Controlare il Sant’Uffizio. I difficili equilibri tra papi e cardinali nel primo Novecento
• Enrico Galavotti (Fscire/Università di Chieti-Pescara), Il regista della Curia: Sant’Uffizio o segreteria di Stato?

Language: English / Italian

13.30-15.30
Aemilia Hotel, Sala Marconi

At the time of the contemporary society concern about the way to counter the violent erupt of radicalization trends connected to terrorism, it is important for academic researchers to engage into reflection. Hence this panel aims to assess the significance of education in theology and religion as a tool to counter radicalization, with a focus on a rationalistic approach of the founding texts of the religions, and on the development of the academic theology. Here the members of the Inter-Religio project intend to delve into these topics and present their late researches on this matter. Inter-Religio is an interuniversity and cross-border project (France, Germany and Switzerland). It is beneficiary of the INTERREG program and is co-financed by the European Union on the European Regional Development Funds (ERDF). EUCOR – The European Campus granted INTER-RELIGIO project its label.

Speakers:
• Kyong Kon Kim (Université de Strasbourg)
• Beate Bengard (Universität Basel)
• Sophie-Hélène Trigeaud (CNRS/Université de Strasbourg)

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Olivier Tourny, CNRS/Aix-Marseille Université

Like silence, music is inseparable from religious (sacred, mystical, spiritual) experience. Whether magnified, tolerated or forbidden, it is there, in one form or another. In other words, we are dealing with the nature of the special relationships of men and cultures with transcendence through music.

Dealing with the elements of fixity, variability and creativity in religious music raises these first questions (though they are not limited to these):
- What are the conditions for these features to emerge – or (perhaps) not? What are the limits (if any) to the religious musical work/expression, and to its potential variations? What about the impact on listeners (auralities)? How does variability fit with fixity? In what way may creativity be exercised in the face of either fixity or variability? In which ways does the concept of “religious music” interfere with or reinforce creativity, and how do the ideas of fixity and variability intersect with this? How the contingencies of the performance influence the process of creation, (and/or) re-creation, variation, adaptation?

**Chair:** Ivan Moody (Universidade NOVA de Lisboa)

**Speakers:**
- Julien Ferrando (Aix-Marseille Université), The art of compositio and inventio in papal music during the 14th Century in Avignon; The case of the Kyrie Rex Angelorum
- Tiago Simas-Freire (Universidade de Coimbra), De peña en peña las ondas: a case study of compositional creativity, formal variability and liturgical flexibility in one 17th century Portuguese vilancico
- Tom Mébarki (Aix-Marseille Université), Sacred Music: Palimpsest or Variation? When Rossini profanes sacred music

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Hans-Peter Grosshans, European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR)

The two days panel is organised by the European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR) and is about concepts, approaches and methods in modern philosophy of religion.

The papers discuss the empirical turn in research on religion and its implications and limits, challenged by a new emphasis on metaphysics and on transcendental arguments in philosophy of religion. But as well papers may discuss, for example, new forms of critique of religion after the end of general abstract critique of religion, which help to evaluate critically concrete doctrines and practices of religions. But as well papers are welcome, which discuss aspects of important conceptions in philosophy of religion.

**Speakers:**
- Joshua Cockayne (University of St. Andrews), Analytic Spirituality: A new methodology in philosophy of religion?
- Marcus Held (Universität Mainz), Silence can be the new paradigm of the philosophy of religion. Speech phenomenological reflections on sigetics

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**God(s): a “work-in-progress concept”: transformations and changes in God(s)’s image**

David Villar Vegas, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

One of the most spread problems in Religious Studies is referred to concepts. We can have the temptation of analysing religious realities without thinking about research categories. God/divinity is one of these cases. We have a miriad of works about believers, piety, creation... but the notion of God could be presupposed. The aim of this panel is to debate not only about the changes in God(s)’s images and concepts, but also the continuity of several features that pass through one culture to another.

This panel, organized by the members of Instituto de Ciencias de las Religiones (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) wants to be a tribute to Karen Armstrong’s work, one of the pioneers researchers in this field.

**Chair:** David Villar Vegas (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

**Speakers:**

- **Rafael A. Flores Paz** (Universidad Ricardo Palma/Centro de Estudios Orientales de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú/Universidad Complutense de Madrid), *The presence of divinity in the chinese commentary of the Samkhya Karika*
- **Marta Inés Rodríguez-Estévez** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), *Meister Eckhart: Image, concepts and names of God*
- **Ramón Soneira Martínez** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), *History of unbelief. A brief introduction to the methodological study of atheism*
- **Rafael Ruiz Andrés** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), *A secular God? Focusing secularization in beliefs and not in believers*
- **Francisco Javier Fernández Vallina** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), *God also changes in the global village: symbolic alterity and sense of mistery in the postsecular era*

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| 13.30-15.30            | 6/77.1    | **The Future of Ecumenism: Shaping Method and Practice for Today’s Times**  
Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University  
The perceived ‘golden age’ of ecumenism in the mid-late twentieth century was marked by an increasing bureaucratization of ecumenical engagement, dialogue and practice, helping to contribute to the decline of ecumenical endeavor as many organizations and entities engaged in dialogue slipped into a form of ‘industrial-scale’ ecumenism. The old-style approaches taken by bi-lateral and multi-lateral dialogues have reaped fewer and fewer results in recent times and have frequently been peopled by the same professional class of ecumenists, speaking about the same old issues and employing the same old methods. These two sessions will explore what new ways and means for advancing and promoting ecumenism for today’s world are emerging today. Questions considered will include: what new methods and forms of ecumenical engagement and practice might be developed in the near future? What are the reasons for the decline in the effectiveness of the old-style forms of ecumenical method and practice? What lessons can be learned from other forms of dialogue both throughout history and in differing forms beyond the ecumenical movement? Which institutions and organizations are best suited and best equipped toward being able to help facilitate the advancement of ecumenism today and into the future? What will tomorrow’s forms of dialogue look like and who can and should be involved in them? How can official church bodies and ecumenical organizations alike be persuaded to bring in differing voices and to listen to those voices? To what ends should ecumenical dialogue be pursued today?  
Chair: Gerard Mannion (Georgetown University)  
Speakers:  
- Peter De Mey (KU Leuven), *A Joint Declaration On Church, Eucharist, and Ministry? The Reformation Commemorations as Starting Point*  
- Claudia Giampietro (Pontificia Università S. Tommaso d’Aquino), Towards the age when Christian Unity is No Longer a Chimera  
- Karen Petersen Finch (Whitworth University), *Local Ecumenism: Precedents, Method and Questions*  
- Andrew Pierce (Trinity College Dublin), *The Place of the Church: Where we Are Impacts Who We Are*  
Language: English |
| 13.30-15.30            | 6/93.4    | **Models of Contemporary Atheism**  
Giovanni Cogliandro, Pontificia Università Gregoriana / Andrea Aguti, Università di Urbino  
This Panel aims to discuss the different Paradigms of Contemporary Philosophical Atheism, comparing the practice of Religion and its connections with some political, sociological and metaphysical issues.  
This panel is promoted by the *Italian Association for Philosophy of Religion* (AIFR)  
Speakers:  
- Emilio Di Somma (University of Aberdeen), *Atheism as a “rival faith” to monotheism: Richard’s Niebuhr and the problem of “non-monotheistic faith”*  
- Shahid Mobeen (Pontificia Università Urbaniana), *Religious Experience and atheism*  
- Sofia Vescovelli (Università di Genova), *Ateismo e diversità religiosa. Le critiche al pluralismo di Hick da una prospettiva atea*  
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| 13.30-15.30   | 6/79.1 | Religion and Social Transformation in Africa: Rethinking the Role of European Theology for African Theology  
Stephan van Erp, KU Leuven  
This panel will address debates on the role of religion in social transformations in Africa. In recent years, African scholars have responded to the consequences for Africa of globalization, war and conflict, and migration. The changing cultural context demands new approaches from scholars of religion, and there are significant methodological changes to be noted in their work. Studies about religion in Africa used to be marked by a distinctive European perspective. Nowadays, the chosen sources and hermeneutics in the study of religion in Africa can be characterized by a dialogical approach. This raises questions about the authority and cultural background of theological sources, and about the possibilities and limits of the interchangeability of concepts. This panel explores these methodological questions through the discussions of research projects on the role of religion in social transformations in Africa.  
Chair: Stephan van Erp (KU Leuven)  
Speakers:  
• Anthony Atansi (KU Leuven), Theological Methods for Transformative Theology in African Context: Implications and Lessons  
• John Bosco Kamoga (KU Leuven)  
• Morris Ibiko Minisare (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen), The Life and Dignity of the Human Person as the Interpretative Framework of Christianity in Africa: A Synthesis of Contemporary African Theology  
Language: English |
| 13.30-15.30   | 6/100 | At the Gate of Byzantium: Literature as Network of Religious Contamination in the Premodern Christian East  
Nicolò Sassi, Indiana University  
Byzantium represented a crossroads of cultures. Through the way of the desert, the way of the steppe, and the Silk road, and incredible amount of biens cultures (Fernand Braudel) made their way to Byzantium. This panel aims to bring to light these ways of syncretism, métissage, and cross-cultural contamination through the mirror of literature and textuality. We invite papers which investigate the potentialities of literary objects in the constitution of religious discourses, identities, theories, and practices, in the Byzantine empire and in the premodern Christian East. Shedding light on these phenomena can be relevant for byzantinists, since it can contribute to write larger and more accurate histories of the Byzantine world, and for scholars of premodern literary cultures more broadly, as it underscores the potentialities of literature in the making of cultures.  
Speakers:  
• Francesco Monticini (Università Roma Tre/École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales), The Descent of the Soul: Some Chaldean Echoes in the Byzantine Commentaries on Synesius’ On Dreams’  
• Nicolò Sassi (Indiana University), The Migration of a Manichaen Myth in the Book of the Holy Hierotheos  
• Sergio Basso (Università Roma Tre), The Barlaam and Joasaph novel and the religions along the Silk Road  
Language: English |
Law and religion: recent cases on neutrality and freedom of religion

Vincente Fortier, Université de Strasbourg

This panel will focus on several recent court cases which have in common to deal with the visibility of religion in various types of shared public and private spaces. These cases are a starting point for assessing how the European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Justice of the European Union and national courts handle and resolve the relations and tensions between the displaying of religious signs and symbols on the one hand and the increasing aspiration and demand for neutrality towards religion on the other. Be it for Muslim dress code in private companies, the wearing of the niqab or Christian signs in France, these cases are likely to put in light resonances from one court to another.

Speakers:
- Vincente Fortier (Université de Strasbourg), Introduction
- Anne Fornerod (Université de Strasbourg), Recent French courts’ cases on religious symbols
- Gérard Gonzalez (Université de Montpellier), The autonomy of the churches and the European Convention of human rights
- Mustapha Afroukh (Université de Montpellier), Overview of the cases about religious freedom and article 9 of the European Convention of human rights

Language: English / French

World Religions and Change in a Global Era

Silvia Cristofori, Link Campus University

This panel is aimed at investigating the relationship between religion and change in a globalised world. The papers will deal with the following broad questions: how do world religions enable people to bring about change? And how do they allow them to express the desire for change or the impossibility of it? How has religion been changed throughout an increasing process of the deterritorialization and circulation of ideas, cultural objects and people?

The papers will analyse case studies in order to illustrate how world religions take root in and transform the local religious contexts. This dynamic will be shown also taking into consideration the longue durée of the world religions as «great vehicles of trans-historical memory, ceaselessly re-activated» by their adherents (J. D. Y. Peel, Religious Encounter and the making of the Yoruba, 2003, p. 9).

Speakers:
- Davide Casciano (Sapienza-Università di Roma), If Wealth Doesn’t Come: Pentecostalism and Prosperity in the Oil-rich Region of the Niger Delta, Nigeria
- Osvaldo Costantini (Fondazione Bruno Kessler), “Our Identity is Jesus Christ”. Eritrean and Ethiopian Pentecostals in Rome between Nationalism and Religion
- Silvia Cristofori (Link Campus University), Victoria Eto: Confessions of a Former Witch

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**Session 2: United in Martyrdom**

**Chair:** Michael Borowski (Martin Bucer Seminary)

**Speakers:**
- Paul Metzlafl (Independent Researcher), *The Example of Max Josef Metzger*
- Daniela Kalkandjjeva (Sofia University), *The Bulgarian Orthodox Church and Ecumenism (1920-1948)*
- Ephrem Aboud Ishac (Fscire), *Living in Trauma: Syriac Christians After Sayfo Genocides*

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Chair: André van der Braak (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Speakers:
- Sybille Fritsch-Oppermann (Technische Universität Clausthal), Mysticism and poetry in Buddhist-Christian encounter
- Karl Baier (Universität Wien), Christianity, Nazi-mysticism and Zen
- Perry Schmidt-Leukel (Universität Münster), The demonization of the other through Buddhist iconography

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15.30-15.45
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Fscire, Sala Archivio

New hope of the sacred space between social renewal and intercultural inclusion. Toward an Intercultural Space: what good practices for the abandoned and underused sacred space?
Fiorella Dallari, Università di Bologna

According to WHC [PRI-SM], the religious heritage has characteristics that distinguish it from other forms of heritage. The religious areas are the oldest protected places of the planet, and «have a vital importance for safeguarding cultural and biological diversity for present and future generations.»

This call aims to promote a reflection on the status and on the future of religious heritage through an interdisciplinary comparison of good practices for the abandoned and underused sacred space, and for the interreligious, and intercultural dialogue on sacred landscapes. Study cases, and concrete experiences of development are welcome from different disciplinary fields, like the religious and cultural memory of sacred buildings. Defining methods to the identification of Properties of Religious Interest and the need for sustainable management guidance should be the main aims for the future.

Speakers:
- Elisabetta Marchetti (Università di Bologna)
- Olimpia Niglio (Pontificia Facoltà Teologica “Marianum” ISSR)
- Gloria Pungetti (University of Cambridge)
- Thaïs Rodés Sarrablo (Universidad de Navarra)

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The panel focuses on the meaningful role of the Bolognese archdiocese in regard to the main liturgical-musical changes both in Italy and beyond the Alps, from Middle Ages to the 19th century. At first devoted to the post-carolingian Bolognese church’s sacred-cultural events, afterwards the panel highlights some symbolic ritual-musical codices from the Dominican convents in late medieval Bologna. The other sections of the panel touch upon subjects from the active post-Tridentine Felsinean tradition to the cardinal Domenico Svampa’s European gaze on the Cecilian Reformation, during his bolognese archiepiscopate (1894-1907).

Speakers:
• Cesarino Ruini (Università di Bologna), Trasformazioni politiche e mutamenti di scrittura musicale a Bologna nel secolo XI
• Stefania Roncoffi (Istituto Superiore di Studi Musicali “Achille Peri”), Musica e liturgia nei monasteri domenicani femminili bolognesi tra i secoli XIII e XIV
• Mauro Casadei Turroni Monti (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia), Il tormento della Riforma musicale sacra dal Concilio di Trento ai Cecilianesimi del sec. XIX
• Daniela Galesi (Università di Bologna), La riforma della musica sacra a fine Ottocento. Dispute e controversie bolognesi

Language: Italian

Religious education from different perspectives
Antje Roggenkamp, Universität Münster

How can we be sure, that religious education works on the best of our European societies? In which conditions can we work in common, when do have to work on and in our own religion? Is there a gap between dialogue and “Konvivenz” (Feldtkeller, Sundermeyer) or should it be possible to bring both direction together? Discussing about those questions should be the aim of a panel which invites all those who are interested in any forms of common interreligious education.

Speakers:
• Haifa Jawad (University of Birmingham), De-radicalization through Conversion to Traditional Islam: Hamza Yusuf’s attempt to revive sacred knowledge within a North Atlantic Context
• Amal Hazeen (Pontificia Università Urbanianna), Giovani e Dialogo Interreligioso: educare attraverso le religioni monoteistiche
• Pauline Dimech (University of Malta), The Migrant and Migration as Loci Theologici: Religious Education and Theology in contemporary Europe
• Graeme Nixon (University of Aberdeen), Jo Pearce (University College London) and David Smith (University of Aberdeen), Good and bad religion: resisting essentialist discourse
• Loretta De Franceschi (Università di Urbino), Books to teach about Religions in some Bibliographies of the early 1900s
• Antje Roggenkamp (Universität Münster), Interreligious perspectives in the studies of former teacher of religious education (interreligious education laboratory)

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Europe recently has witnessed the rise and fall of its grand narratives with their universal, often even imperialistic scope that have uniquely provided historical developments (enlightenment, socialism, secularization, liberalism etc.). Some of these narratives and imaginaries (e.g. human dignity or common public spaces) have also shaped the project of the European Community. Recently not only the European project but also political, humanistic and religious narratives seem to have succumbed to a profound crisis. This thus raises the question which new (religious) narratives can support a non-hegemonic European project and help develop an agora including both secular and religious traditions.

The panel investigates:
1. The affective and intellectual potential of new religious narratives for a vision shared by Christianity, Islam and the secular world;
2. The challenge of nihilism which implies the end of every human narrative;
3. Religion and new ecological narratives and imaginaries.

Speakers:
- Kurt Appel (Universität Wien), The Apocalyptic Dimension of Europe – from the Bible to Musil
- Daniel Kuran (Universität Wien), Aesthetics of the dead. The narrative of terror and religious contributions to the public space
- Marlene Deibl (Universität Wien), “As if the shame of it should outlive him”. Possibilities of language after the end of grand narratives. An adventure with Kafka and Agamben
Like silence, music is inseparable from religious (sacred, mystical, spiritual) experience. Whether magnified, tolerated or forbidden, it is there, in one form or another. In other words, we are dealing with the nature of the special relationships of men and cultures with transcendence through music.

Dealing with the elements of fixity, variability and creativity in religious music raises these first questions (though they are not limited to these): What are the conditions for these features to emerge – or (perhaps) not? What are the limits (if any) to the religious musical work/expression, and to its potential variations? What about the impact on listeners (auralities)? How does variability fit with fixity? In what way may creativity be exercised in the face of either fixity or variability? In which ways does the concept of “religious music” interfere with or reinforce creativity, and how do the ideas of fixity and variability intersect with this? How the contingencies of the performance influence the process of creation, (and/or) re-creation, variation, adaptation?

**Chair:** Serena Facci, Università di Roma “Tor Vergata”

**Speakers:**
- Christine Esclapez (Aix-Marseille Université), *The Mass (1977) of Maurice Ohana (1913-1992). Mobility and Stillness*
- Jonathan Bell (Aix-Marseille Université), *The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction*
- Renée Hanna Hattar (Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies), *Spiritual music and interfaith dialogue in the Levant*
- Olivier Tourny (CNRS/Aix-Marseille Université), *Tell me what you sing and I will tell you who you are. Fixity, Variability, Creativity in Church Liturgical Music after Vatican II: a case study*

**Language:** English

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Comment and critical reflection, readiness and depth belong to a blog/ethics that doesn’t ignore the most sensitive themes of our time. Two blogs of the revue Il Regno on line develop these dimensions: Moralia, edited by the Italian Theological Association for Moral Studies (ATISM) and Il Regno delle Donne, edited by the Italian Women Theologians Network (CTI). This panel intends to reflect on the potentials, limits and challenges of this kind of communication.

**Chair:** Maria Elisabetta Gandolfi (Il Regno)

**Speakers:**
- Paola Springhetti (Pontificia Università Salesiana), *Divulgation is a Virtue. Connecting research to community life*
- Simone Morandini (Fondazione Lanza, Centro Studi in Etica), *Ethics in cyberspace*
- Rita Torti (Coordinamento Teologihe Italiane), *Making a blog ‘in gender’*
- Pierdavide Guenzi (Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Settentrionale), *From de quodlibet to blog. Evolution of a communication pattern*

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The Future of Ecumenism: Shaping Method and Practice for Today’s Times
Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University

The perceived ‘golden age’ of ecumenism in the mid-late twentieth century was marked by an increasing bureaucratization of ecumenical engagement, dialogue and practice, helping to contribute to the decline of ecumenical endeavor as many organizations and entities engaged in dialogue slipped into a form of ‘industrial-scale’ ecumenism. The old-style approaches taken by bi-lateral and multi-lateral dialogues have reaped fewer and fewer results in recent times and have frequently been peopled by the same professional class of ecumenists, speaking about the same old issues and employing the same old methods. These two sessions will explore what new ways and means for advancing and promoting ecumenism for today’s world are emerging today. Questions considered will include: what new methods and forms of ecumenical engagement and practice might be developed in the near future? What are the reasons for the decline in the effectiveness of the old-style forms of ecumenical method and practice? What lessons can be learned from other forms of dialogue both throughout history and in differing forms beyond the ecumenical movement? Which institutions and organizations are best suited and best equipped toward being able to help facilitate the advancement of ecumenism today and into the future? What will tomorrow’s forms of dialogue look like and who can and should be involved in them? How can official church bodies and ecumenical organizations alike be persuaded to bring in differing voices and to listen to those voices? To what ends should ecumenical dialogue be pursued today?

Chair: Gerard Mannion (Georgetown University)

Speakers:
- Petre Maican (Independent Researcher), The Hermeneutics of Togetherness: Dumitru Staniloae’s Principles for Interpreting the Fathers in an Ecumenical Context
- Andre Bressane (Pontificio Istituto Orientale), Lessons for the Future from Ecumenical History: the First Vienna Dialogue and Christological Consensus
- Vladimir Shmaliy (Sts. Cyril and Methodius Postgraduate School), From Ecclesiology to Ethics: Discerning the Trajectory of the WCC Faith and Order Commission

Language: English
The desire to convert the whole world to one’s religion has always been completely foreign to Judaism, both modern and contemporary. There is not proselytism in Judaism religion such as Christianity and Islam. And yet Judaism is a universal religion in the sense that the Hebrew God guides the history of all mankind and proposes to all men universal human values. Judaism does not have a claim of universal truth inferior to that of Christianity or Islam and yet has had a conversionistic attitude substantially different.

The Panel wants to understand this substantially different attitude of Judaism in all its ancient history, and will examine little known cases such as the spread of Judaism between the Khazars and among the Berber tribes.

The Conference also wants to highlight how the Jews spread their religion, without resorting to systems of coercion, intolerance and without proposing a universal conversion of others to their faith.

Speakers:
- Guido Ottolenghi (Fondazione MEB) and Mauro Pesce (Università di Bologna), Saluti
- Piero Capelli (Università di Venezia), Il proselitismo ebraico nell’antichità
- Mauro Pesce (Università di Bologna), L’importanza culturale delle sinagoghe in Italia in età tardo antica
- Cristiana Facchini (Università di Bologna), Il fascino discreto dell’ebraismo. Giudeizzanti, conversioni segrete, cripto-ebrei in età moderna

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The name of Denis de Rougemont is uniquely associated to one of the most famous works of the twentieth century on the erotic phenomenon, L’Amour et l’Occident (Love in the Western World, 1939). Few people know that in 1948 Rougemont was the rapporteur of the Cultural Commission of the Congress of The Hague, that in 1952 he presided the first Round Table of the Council of Europe, and that from 1950 until his death (1985) he headed the European Centre of Culture. Very recently, two books by Rougemont has been translated in Italian: one is dedicated to the theme of Love before and after “L’Amour et l’Occident” (“La Persona e l’Amore”, Morcelliana, Brescia, January 2018), and the other one to the Christian roots of the Western Culture in an intercultural and interreligious perspective (“L’avventura occidentale dell’Uomo”, Campostrini, Verona, January 2018). The aim of the panel is to discuss the relevance of Rougemont’s thought in our contemporary social framework.  
**Chair: Damiano Bondi** (Facoltà Teologica dell’Italia Centrale)  
**Speakers:**  
- Nunzio Bombaci (Associazione Italiana Filosofia della Religione), Pensare con le mani. Denis de Rougemont filosofo della cultura  
- Silvio Morigi (Università Siena/Università di Milano), La fede cristiana come “negazione radicale di ogni specie di religione” in Denis de Rougemont  
- Charlotte Errighi (Università di Siena), Denis de Rougemont e la passione come antitesi dell’Avventura Occidentale  
- Giangiacomo Vale (Università Niccolò Cusano), Federalismo ed europeismo nel pensiero di Denis de Rougemont  
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| 15.45-17.45  | Ateliersi, Sala 1                              | **Greek Philosophy and Christian Mysticism**  
Guglielmo Forni Rosa, Università di Bologna  
In 1925 arose a discussion about mysticism focused on the figure of St John of the Cross; it was set up by a book of Jean Baruzi (Saint Jean de la Croix et le problème de l’expérience mystique, 1924). The proposal aims at paying attention to the main key topics of that discussion and to some issues thereby evidenced. It also would call to reflect upon the inherent points of marked divergences which separated the field of the engaged scholars.  
**Speakers:**  
- Guglielmo Forni Rosa (Università di Bologna)  
- Massimo Pampaloni (Pontificio Istituto Orientale)  
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This panel will address debates on the role of religion in social transformations in Africa. In recent years, African scholars have responded to the consequences for Africa of globalization, war and conflict, and migration. The changing cultural context demands new approaches from scholars of religion, and there are significant methodological changes to be noted in their work. Studies about religion in Africa used to be marked by a distinctive European perspective. Nowadays, the chosen sources and hermeneutics in the study of religion in Africa can be characterized by a dialogical approach. This raises questions about the authority and cultural background of theological sources, and about the possibilities and limits of the interchangeability of concepts. This panel explores these methodological questions through the discussions of research projects on the role of religion in social transformations in Africa.

Chair: Stephan van Erp (KU Leuven)

Speakers:
- Ikenna Okafor (Universität Wien)
- Maria Olisaemeka Rosemary Okwara (KU Leuven), Contextualisation of the Gospel as Transformative Power for African Christianity: The Case of Interreligious Dialogue in Nigeria

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<td><strong>Pneumatology Beyond Polemics: XX Century Eastern and Western Doctrines of the Holy Spirit in Dialogue</strong>&lt;br&gt;Carlootta Giemetta, Fscire / Viorel Coman, KU Leuven&lt;br&gt;One of the most exciting recent developments in 20th-century Christian theology has been an unprecedented interest in the person and work of the Holy Spirit. After being for centuries the ‘Cinderella’ of Christian theology, over the last decades the study of pneumatology has acquired a central position in the agenda of the ecumenical movement and in the works of various Eastern and Western theologians. The purpose of this panel is therefore twofold: first, it aims to both assess the level of ecumenical consensus reached so far on pneumatology and detect possible steps to be taken further in the dialogue between East and West on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit; second, this panel intends to explore the relevance of pneumatology today, when Christianity lives and carries out its mission in a globalized, multicultural and multi-religious world.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Chair:</strong> Brandon Gallaher (University of Exeter)&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Speakers:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Pablo Arteaga (Pontificia Pontificia Università Gregoriana), <em>How an orthodox accusation became a source of inspiration for Congar’s pneumatology</em>&lt;br&gt;• Nikolaos Asprouldis (Volos Academy for Theological Studies), <em>Pneumatology and Politics: The Role of the Holy Spirit in the formulation of an Orthodox political theology anthropomorphic? An Orthodox contribution</em>&lt;br&gt;• Demetrios Bathrellos (University of Cambridge), <em>Church, Liturgy, and the Holy Spirit: The Pneumatology of the Orthodox Divine Liturgy in Ecumenical Perspective</em>&lt;br&gt;• Viorel Coman (KU Leuven), <em>The Holy Spirit as the Loving Bond between the Father and the Son: A Case of Receptive Ecumenism in Orthodox Theology</em>&lt;br&gt;• Jos Moons (Tilburg University), <em>Promising Yet Unintentional? The Bold Pneumatology of Lumen gentium, nos. 4 and 12.</em>&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Language:</strong> English</td>
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<td><strong>Law and religion: recent cases on neutrality and freedom of religion</strong>&lt;br&gt;Vincente Fortier, Université de Strasbourg&lt;br&gt;This panel will focus on several recent court cases which have in common to deal with the visibility of religion in various types of shared public and private spaces. These cases are a starting point for assessing how the European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Justice of the European Union and national courts handle and resolve the relations and tensions between the displaying of religious signs and symbols on the one hand and the increasing aspiration and demand for neutrality towards religion on the other. Be it for Muslim dress code in private companies, the wearing of the niqab or Christian signs in France, these cases are likely to put in light resonances from one court to another.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Speakers:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Maria Cristina Ivaldi (Università della Campania Luigi Vanvitelli), <em>Religious signs and symbols in public institutions through Italian cases</em>&lt;br&gt;• Mariëtta D.C. van der Tol (University of Cambridge), <em>Toleration and visibility of religion in the public space</em>&lt;br&gt;• Emir Kovačević (Commission for the Freedom of Religion- Islamic Community in BiH), <em>Freedom of religion at work place in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Achievements and challenges</em></td>
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This panel is aimed at investigating the relationship between religion and change in a globalised world. The papers will deal with the following broad questions: how do world religions enable people to bring about change? And how do they allow them to express the desire for change or the impossibility of it? How has religion been changed throughout an increasing process of the deterritorialization and circulation of ideas, cultural objects and people?

The papers will analyse case studies in order to illustrate how world religions take root in and transform the local religious contexts. This dynamic will be shown also taking into consideration the longue durée of the world religions as «great vehicles of trans-historical memory, ceaselessly re-activated» by their adherents (J. D. Y. Peel, Religious Encounter and the making of the Yoruba, 2003, p. 9).

**Speakers:**
- Adam Anczyk (Jesuit University Ignatianum in Kraków) / Anna M. Mackowiak (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), *Perceiving Religious Others in Poland*
- Viktória Koczián (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), *Challenges to the Catholicity and Unity of the Church. The Reformed Church of Hungary in the Light of the Current European Migrant Influx*
- Antje Roggenkamp (Universität Münster), *Interreligious Perspectives in the Studies of Former Teacher of Religious Education (interreligious education laboratory)*

**Language:** English
Ecumenism and religious violence in zones of conflict  [starts at 16.00]
Bruno Cherubini and Luca Ferracci, Fscire

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Session 3: Minorities and Churches: Living Together in Peace and Tolerance

Chair: Annaleena Sevillano (University of Helsinki)

Speakers:
• Donato Di Sanzo (Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Storici), A Discussion Document: the publication of “Sectarianism” and the role of Christian Churches during the peace process in Northern Ireland
• Andreas Schmoller (Universität Salzburg), Ecumenical Engagement with Minority Churches in the Middle East. The Relations of Pro Oriente with the Syriac and Coptic Orthodox Church
• Helena Zorgdrager (Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Amsterdam-Groningen), The War, the Churches, the People: Promoting a Culture of Dialogue in Ukraine
• José Antonio Rodríguez and Joan Hernández-Serret (Universitat de Barcelona), How Ecumenism has promoted interreligious dialogue and its impact in our society

Language: English

Community Cohesion

Speakers:
• Graham Hill (Universität Bern), The Narrative Dissipation of Identity: Blurring Categorical Bounds of Selfhood in Christian Testimonial Practice
• Niccolò Fiorentino Polipo (Università di Bologna), Attachment and psychological well-being in a group of lay and consecrated catholics: between contemplative vocation and active apostolate
• Rose Luminelli (University of Aberdeen), Rerum Novarum and the People: Justifying Catholic Protest in Ulster and Poznania, 1890-1914

Language: English
## Session 2

**Chair:** Karl Baier (Universität Wien)

**Speakers:**
- Mathias Schneider (Universität Münster), *Theravāda-Buddhist Interpretations of Jesus*
- Madlen Krüger (Universität Münster), *Buddhist Narratives of the Muslim Other in Myanmar*
- Fabian Völker (Universität Münster), *The Buddhist Critique of Advaita Vedānta*

**Language:** English

### 15.45-16.45

*International Journal of Asian Christianity*

Felix Wilfred, University of Madras

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**Language:** English

### 16.45-17.45

*Rivista di Teologia dell’Evangelizzazione*

Maurizio Marcheselli, Facoltà Teologica dell’Emilia Romagna


**Language:** Italian

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European Network of Buddhist-Christian Studies (Perry Schmidt-Leukel, Universität Münster)*  
The contributions to this double-panel will discuss systematic and historical aspects of Buddhism’s relation to the religious, cultural and political others. As will become evident, such relations are (and have been) far more problematic than romanticized presentations of Buddhism usually assume.*  
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Maurizio Marcheselli, Facoltà Teologica dell’Emilia Romagna  
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| 09.00-10.00     | 7/78  | **Keynote lecture:** Anders **Winroth** (Yale University)  
Gratian and His Book: How a Medieval Teacher Changed European Law and Religion  
Language: English                                                                                                               |
| 09.00-10.00     | 7/98  | **Keynote lecture:** Else Marie **Wiberg-Pedersen** (Aarhus University)  
Martin Luther – The Eleutherius: The Freedom of Intended Ambiguity of Theology and Gender  
Language: English                                                                                                                |
| 10.00-18.00     | 7/MC  | **International Moot Court Competition**                                                                                                       |
| 10.00-10.30     |       | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10.30-12.30     | 7/6   | **Yawmo Suryoyo d-Bologna** (Bologna Syriac Day): I. Syriac as the Third Lung of Christianity  
Ephrem Aboud Ishac, Fscire  
The idea behind creating "Yawmo Suryoyo" (The Syriac Day), is to introduce the importance of Syriac Christian heritage in past and present to all participants in the international arena of Bologna European Academy of Religion. In this context we are fulfilling the mission of Beth Suryoye (House of Syriac Studies in Salzburg) in fostering knowledge of Syriac spirituality in Europe, with the Master of Arts Programme of Syriac Theology in Salzburg University. The first panel will present the significance of Syriac heritage as an important source of Christianity and as a key witness to Islam. This panel will include papers on this history of Syriac Christianity in the Middle East and India. Moreover, it will discuss the influence of Syriac culture and liturgy on Late Antiquity and early Islam.  
**Speakers:**  
• Vilson **Markovic** (VESTIGIA Manuscript Research Centre, Universität Graz), Some Original Manuscripts from State Archive of Albania and Their Significance for Studying Eastern Christianity  
• Jakub Czeslaw **Zbrzezny** (Universität Salzburg), Anomalous Abjad numerals in selected Koranic manuscripts: the problem and a solution  
• Said **Hayati** (Universität Salzburg), Mar Aba I A unique converted as Catholicos  
• Gabriel **Rabo** (Universität Salzburg), Dionysius bar Salibi as a Milestone in the Syriac Renaissance  
Language: English |
| 10.00-10.30     |       | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
**Translation in the interreligious communication**

*Gerardo Cunico* (Università di Genova)

The aim is to reflect on the processes and effects of translation linked with the possibility to connect different religious traditions. Translation can be an exemplary model for various options of relating to others and to otherness in the pluralist context characterising the 3d millennium. Practice and theory of translation have developed flexible and non-conflicting patterns which helped to build a constructive relationship among different cultural systems. A common perspective for the debate is provided by a hermeneutic approach in each domain concerned.

**Speakers:**
- Gerardo *Cunico* (Università di Genova), *Il problema della traduzione di concetti religiosi in linguaggio profano*
- Sofia *Vescovelli* (Università di Genova), *John Hick incontra Kant. Un’interpretazione universalista-pluralista delle tradizioni religiose*
- Gianmaria *Zamagni* (Goethe-Universität), *Pier Cesare Bori e l’universalismo della traduzione. Un caso pratico e una riflessione teorica*
- Ida *Zilio Grandi* (Università Ca’ Foscari, Venezia), *Problemi di ermeneutica nella tradizione islamica*

**Language:** Italian

**Diverse Issues in Inter-Religious Dialogue**

*Mario I Aguilar*, Centre for the Study of Religion and Politics (CSRP), University of St Andrews

For the intrinsic complexity of inter-religious dialogue, this panel will focus on intersectional perspectives regarding the past, present and future of IRD. Starting from a topological perspective, this panel will be divided into three sessions devoted to Europe, Africa & the Middle East, and Asia.

**Session 1: The Asian Reflections**

**Speakers:**
- Mario *I Aguilar* (CSRP, University of St Andrews), *Intrareligious Dialogue and Silence in Raimon Panikkar*
- James *Morris* (CSRP, University of St Andrews), *Christian Conversion and Religious Practice in 16th and 17th Century Japan*
- Eve R *Parker* (CSRP, University of St Andrews), *Queering Interreligious Dialogue: Embracing the Multiplicity of Religious (Un)belonging*

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| 10.30-12.30 | 7/21.1 | **Tradition: a Russian Orthodox perspective. Understanding conservatism and modernity in Russian history and society**<br>Marianna Napolitano, Fscire / Marcello Garzaniti, Università di Firenze

In the Russian common feeling of the concept tradition refers both to national/ cultural and to spiritual/ethical elements. The ongoing debate about the role of tradition in religion and policy is connected to the redefinition of the Russian activity in the national and international arena in terms of moral duty and in order to defend its national pride in opposition to the West. Referring to Russian tradition, it is therefore possible to distinguish the Christian values, that come from the Orthodox heritage, from the traditional values, that go beyond the Christian core and are strictly connected to the conservative perspective of the political culture. The main aims of this panel are the discussion of the specific character of the Russian tradition, by analysing the concept's historical roots and its sociological and political manifestation, and by analysing the definition of the Russian tradition vis-à-vis the orthodox connections (pax orthodoxa) and the Western (modern) world.

**Chair:** Olga Kazmina (Moscow State University)<br>**Discussant:** Elena Miroshnikova (Pushkin State Leningrad University)

**Speakers:**
- Marcello Garzaniti (Università di Firenze), *At the roots of the concept of tradition in Muscovite Russia: The controversial figure of Maksim the Greek*
- Olga Kazmina (Moscow State University), *Interconnections of religion and ethnicity in Russia*
- Anastasia Mitrofanova (Financial University/Russian Orthodox University), *Traditional values in the Context of nation building in Russia*

**Language:** English

| 10.30-12.30 | 7/26 | **1968: The year of upheaval in church and society**<br>Stephen Brown, Ecumenical Review/World Council of Churches

1968 was a year of upheaval and protest; the Uppsala assembly of the World Council of Churches marked a turning point in the ecumenical movement, embedded in wider global events in church and society; the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., who was to have preached at the opening worship; protests against the Vietnam War; the “Prague Spring,” Christian-Marxist dialogue, and the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia; the founding of the South African Council of Churches; the Latin American Episcopal Conference (CELAM) in Medellín, and the emergence of liberation theology; a time of renewal, hope and impatience for ecumenical progress following Vatican II; and movements for protest melding with church renewal, as in France during May 1968, and West Germany with the Politisches Nachtgebet in Cologne. Papers are invited for any aspect of the interrelation of church, ecumenism, and society in 1968; from case studies of particular events to placing developments in a global context.

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The panel proposes to critically examine some key aspects of traditional doctrines of Christian (Orthodox) theism and theology related to divine and human personhood in the light of contemporary analytic theology and philosophy. At the same time it aims at promoting a first endeavor of deep and serious interdisciplinary engagement and cooperation among analytic philosophers and Orthodox theologians, a reality that was unforeseen in earlier times. Christian theory of personhood as it has been developed during especially the 20th century by eminent thinkers both on the level of ontology-theology and anthropology provides the modern discussion with the necessary resources in order to critically reflect on the possible value and limits of these theological views of divine and human personhood. At the same time it calls for a consideration of the value of complementary analytical philosophical approaches to the subject.

**Speakers:**
- Nikolaos Asproulis (Volos Academy for Theological Studies), *Orthodox theology and analytic philosophy: An uneasy relationship?*
- Stelios Virvidakis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), *Analytic accounts of personhood. An ethical perspective*
- Brandon Gallaher (University of Exeter), *An Orthodox theological account of analytic philosophy*

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| 10.30-12.30 Fscire, Sala Archivio | 7/54 | The Figures of Elijah in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity  
David Hamidovic, Université de Lausanne  
The panel aims to identify the different figures of Elijah as they appeared in the texts relating to Ancien Judaism (OT, Qumran, Rabbinism, Qaraism) and Early Christianity (NT, Fathers of Church), and to characterize the transmission of the Elijah pattern(s) across the texts and traditions.  
**Speakers:**  
- Teresa Scarso (Institut romand des sciences bibliques, Université de Lausanne), Il Profeta Elia nei testi di Qumran  
- David Hamidovic (Université de Lausanne), Remarques préliminaires sur le couple Elie et Moïse dans les écrits rabbíniques et musulmans  
- Eleonora Serra (Université de Lausanne), La notte di Ella e Lilith  
**Language:** English |
| 10.30-12.30 Aemilia Hotel, Sala Marconi | 7/55 | Being “The Other”: the role of the religion on the attitudes towards “strangers”  
Bekir Zakir Çoban, Dokuz Eylul University  
Religions are not just theories. It exists with humans and shows itself on the earth. Nevertheless, there is always a difference between theory and practice. Though in the discourses of world religions belief, love, and tolerance are often in the foreground, these have not shown itself completely in history and today. Of course there are different reasons. This panel aims draw attention to contradictions in real life with sacred texts especially in the case of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and also to deal with to try to show -in some cases- whether the main effect is religion or other factors.  
**Speakers:**  
- Esma Çakır (Dokuz Eylül University), Being “the other” in Torah, Gospels and Koran  
- Hatice Doğan (Nevşehir University), Being Black Hebrews in Israel  
- Bekir Zakir Çoban (Dokuz Eylül University), Being a Christian in Turkey: from Ottoman Empire to Turkish Republic  
- İşıl Acehan (Fscire), Islam and Christianity among Ottoman Immigrants in the U.S.  
- Todd Fine (City University of New York), Rihani and Gibran’s writings on Islam and on their universalist/syncretic view on religion  
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| 10.30-12.30 Ateliersi, Sala 2 | 7/61.4 | The EuARe Music Study Group: “Fixity, Variability, Creativity in Religious Music”  
Olivier Tourny, CNRS/Aix-Marseille Université  
Like silence, music is inseparable from religious (sacred, mystical, spiritual) experience. Whether magnified, tolerated or forbidden, it is there, in one form or another. In other words, we are dealing with the nature of the special relationships of men and cultures with transcendence through music.  
Dealing with the elements of fixity, variability and creativity in religious music raises these first questions (though they are not limited to these):  
What are the conditions for these features to emerge – or (perhaps) not?  
What are the limits (if any) to the religious musical work/expression, and to its potential variations?  
What about the impact on listeners (auralities)?  
How does variability fit with fixity? In what way may creativity be exercised in the face of either fixity or variability? In which ways does the concept of “religious music” interfere with or reinforce creativity, and how do the ideas of fixity and variability intersect with this? How the contingencies of the performance influence the process of creation, (and/or) re-creation, variation, adaptation?  
Chair: Renee Hanna Hattar (Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies)  
Speakers:  
• Gabriela Petrovic (Universität Wien), Music and Islam: Religious Vocal music through the example of Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina  
• Nico Mangifesta (Università di Roma “Tor Vergata”), Musical Changes and Continuity in the Performative Arts within Balinese Hinduism Context  
• Thea Tiramani (Università di Pavia), Fixity and variability in Sikh kirtan performances  
• Francesca Cassio (Hofstra University of New York), New sounds to ancient words? Sikh liturgical chants between orthopraxy and innovation  
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| 10.30-12.30 | Fscire, Sala Arancio | **Teaching Islam to Young Muslims**  
Ignazio De Francesco, Piccola Famiglia dell'Annunziata  
The panel aims at launching an international interdisciplinary study group on the teaching of Islam to young Muslims and is willing to explore the role of Islam and its teaching within three learning environments: 1) at school, exploring the way Islam is taught during the hours of religious education; 2) at the mosque and in the prayer rooms; 3) on the web. Studies concerning the teaching of Islamic religion within history, language, literature and civic education classes are also welcome, because these four subjects contribute as well to the identity development of the youth. The research method could be synchronic, diachronic, interdisciplinary, transnational. It might work either on didactics materials (books, videos, etc.) or directly document the experience of the subjects involved in the religious education of youth.  
**Chair:** Francesca Cadeddu (Fscire)  
**Speakers:**  
- Asmae Belfakir (Comunità Islamica di Bologna), *Islamic Education and Islamic Schools in Europe*  
- Gabriel Iungo (Moschea Mohammed VI, Torino), *Rooting against radicalization: the translation of the traditional Islamic teachings in the contemporary European contexts*  
- Antonio Cuciniello (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), *Muslims Image in (some) Religion Textbooks in Italy*  
- Francesca Bocca (Istituto Italiano degli Studi Islamici), *Systematizing the curriculum of Muslim Sunday schools: a case study*  
**Language:** English / Italian (simultaneous translation provided: ITA/ENG) |
| 10.30-12.30 | Ateliers, Sala 1 | **Modern Philosophy of Religion: Concepts - Approaches - Methods**  
Hans-Peter Grosshans, European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR)  
The two days panel is organised by the European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR) and is about concepts, approaches and methods in modern philosophy of religion. The papers discuss the empirical turn in research on religion and its implications and limits, challenged by a new emphasis on metaphysics and on transcendental arguments in philosophy of religion. But as well papers may discuss, for example, new forms of critique of religion after the end of general abstract critique of religion, which help to evaluate critically concrete doctrines and practices of religions. But as well papers are welcome, which discuss aspects of important conceptions in philosophy of religion.  
**Speakers:**  
- Victoria Theodora Achillef Gaitana (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), *Christianity and Philosophy. The case of Saint John of Damascus*  
- Valerie Fickert (Universität Tübingen), *The Unique and the Ultimate: An Unorthodox Approach*  
- Anna Varga-Jani (Pázmány Péter Catholic University), *Guilt, Confession, and Forgiveness. From Methodology to Religious Experience in Paul Ricoeur’s Phenomenology*  
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<td><strong>Atheist-Theist Dialogues: Obstacles and Ways Forward</strong>&lt;br&gt;Peter <strong>Admirand</strong>, Dublin City University&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;The atheist-theist dialogue will become ever more important as the number of atheist and humanist thinkers continue to increase in many parts of the world, and as younger generations profess less attachment to any one religion. While theists in the West often disparaged atheist positions, many New Atheist texts only seemed to embody another extreme. It was as if there is only conflict where atheists and theists cannot spiritually and intellectually enrich and challenge one another. More recently (see Ruse, Kitcher, Steadman, Crane, Bullivant, and Ryan), there have been sobering and compassionate attempts to understand the Other, and where possible, seek greater connections and partnership among theists and atheists. We welcome papers examining the tensions, aims, key texts (in philosophy, theology, literature, history, and science), interactions, interfaith groups, and crucial questions discussing and analyzing the past, present, and future of atheist-theist dialogue and encounters.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Chair:</strong> Peter <strong>Admirand</strong> (Dublin City University)&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Speakers:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Marek <strong>Sullivan</strong> (University of Oxford), *Secular Rage in a Secular Age: New Atheism and the Post-secular&lt;br&gt;• David <strong>Colomer Bea</strong> (Fundació Joan Maragall - Cristianisme i Cultura), *Crimes against Religion in Secular Europe: Legal Perspective&lt;br&gt;• Benjamin <strong>Schewel</strong> (University of Virginia/University of Groningen), *The History of the Axial Age Debate&lt;br&gt;• Peter <strong>Admirand</strong> (Dublin City University), *Atheist Critiques of the New Atheists&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Language:</strong> English / Italian</td>
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<td><strong>The Church in Ireland: the field hospital, after the tsunami, is here</strong>&lt;br&gt;Francesca <strong>Lozito</strong>, Vatican Insider/Avvenire/Radio Inblu&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;The Tsunami is the past pedophilia scandal. The field hospital is the Church today, as Eamon Martin, Primate of Ireland, used to say. The hardest times are passed and despite the Church is smaller than in the past, it is growing inside seeds of rebirth. Even when it has to face the growing of secularism, at the moment represented by the upcoming abortion referendum. Yet the radicalism in Ireland is always existed and is not a question of anger against the Church nowadays, but something in the DNA of the Irish people: revolutionary against the Crown, Catholicism was a reply to the British. And now? It seems that the Republic of Ireland has no economy rules and that kind of deregulation is trying to attack ethical issues. Meanwhile the Church is rebirthing with new parishes, youth people, new pastoral models. In my panel I will show the work done reporting in the last two years from Ireland focusing on Roman Catholic Church, even in the dialogue with the Protestant in Northern Ireland.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Language:</strong> English / Italian</td>
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| 10.30-12.30  
Fscire,  
116, Sala 1 | 7/104   | "Les Dominicains au XXème siècle. Histoire et théologie"  
Carlotta Giametta, Fscire  
The dominican Order, with its theologians, historians, philologists, has somewhat guided the Church through the Xxème siècle religieux, along the road from intransigence to Vatican II. This panel wants to examine the role of the Order in spreading historical and philological knowledge, and its complex relationship with theology.  
**Speakers:**  
- Etienne Fouilloux (Université Lumière-Lyon II), Trois familles dominicaines  
- Claire Maligot (École Pratique des Hautes Études/Université de Savoie Mont-Blanc), Trajectoires sociales et carrières théologiques de quelques dominicains engagés dans le dialogue interreligieux au Proche-Orient (années 1940-années 1960)  
- Riccardo Saccenti (Fscire), Decouvrir Thomas à travers ses texts.  
  Theologies, histories et philologie à la Commission Leonine  
**Language:** English / French |
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Sala Lettura | 7/109.4 | "Ecumenism and religious violence in zones of conflict"  
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**Session 4: Ecumenism and Totalitarian Regimes: from Resilience to Dissent**  
**Chair:** Paul Mojzes (Rosemont College)  
**Speakers:**  
- Katarina Kunter (University of Helsinki), Protestant migrations from East to West-Germany during and after World War II  
- Bastiaan Bouwman (London School of Economics and Political Science), Aiding Protestants Living under a ‘Totalitarian Regime’  
- Robert Matikiti (Christ College of Zimbabwe), The Role Played by the Church in the Fall of Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe  
- Stephan Ruderer (Universität Münster), The Struggle about Human Rights in the Chilean Dictatorship  
**Language:** English |
The election to the presidency of Donald Trump is a watershed not just for American politics, but also for American Christianity and its political projections and culture. The impact of the present moment deserves to be studied from a variety of points of view: the chronological dimensions of the issue of the relationship between “Christian politics” and secular modernity in America; the long-term debate within American ecclesiology and American political theologies; the recent developments of the latest decade with the shifts from the religious politics of the presidencies of George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump; the political-theological tensions between the presidency of Donald Trump and the pontificate of pope Francis. In this context one example of the effects of the Trump presidency has been the article published by the Vatican-vetted Jesuit magazine La Civiltà Cattolica in July 2017 about the peculiar “ecumenical” convergences in the political theology of conservative Christians in the USA.

Speakers:

- Matthew Eggemeier (College of the Holy Cross), Trump or Francis?
- Făinche Ryan (Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin), Trump, Pope Francis and Post-truth
- Carlo Aldrovandi (Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin), Trump, Religion and the Peace Process in the Middle East

Language: English

The Future of Freedom of Religion: International Perspectives
Ana Maria Celis (Pontificia Universidad Católica, Chile)

Religious liberty has found expression in various ways over time and across continents. It is now seen as an essential component of the inalienable birthright of citizens of the world, both in its individual and collective forms. In the second half of the last century, and the first decades of the present century, frequent recourse has been had to freedom of religion in socio-political terms on national, regional and global levels. The focus for this panel, however, will not be on the achievements of history but the challenges for the future. A distinguished array of speakers will seek to address the direction and speed of travel for freedom of religion from their individual perspectives.

Speakers:

- Ana Maria Celis (Pontificia Universidad Católica, Chile)
- Mark Hill (Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff University)
- Asher Maoz (Peres Academic Center, Tel Aviv)
- Juan Navarro Fluria (Pontificia Universidad Católica, Buenos Aires)
- Elizabeth Clark (Brigham Young University, Provo)

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This public roundtable hosted together with the European Academy of Religion concludes the closed-door policy dialogue of the ‘Religions in International Relations’ Initiative of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and ISPI convened this year to discuss the growing international policy attention on interreligious dialogue and collaboration as tools to combat intolerance and discriminations and to strengthen peace building. The roundtable offers the opportunity to reflect, in dialogue with the broader community of scholars convened by the conference, on how and why we got to the point where a policy-oriented discussion on interreligious dialogue and foreign policy become possible and, some would contend, even necessary? Is not interreligious dialogue a matter only for religious leaders and theologians? Is perhaps the nature of interreligious engagement changing in the 21st century? Should religious and interreligious actors be welcome at the leading global policy tables? Is interreligious dialogue only wishful thinking, a feel-good rhetoric completely inadequate to face the many challenges, tensions and conflicts of our global era? Is there not a risk of instrumentalising religion beyond its legitimate and authentic role? Or, perhaps, is this new postsecular orientation crucial to a new visionary realism capable of finding innovative ways out of the current crises?

**Co-Chair:** Alberto Melloni (Fscire) / Fabio Petito (Italian MFA-ISPI initiative on Religions and International Relations/University of Sussex)

**Speakers:**
- Armando Barucco (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation), *Introductory Greetings*
- Mauro Garofalo (Comunità di Sant’Egidio)
- Yahya Y. Pallavicini (Comunità Religiosa Islamica Italiana)
- Jean Christophe Peaucelle (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Sharon Rosen (Religious Engagement, Search for Common Ground)
- Monica Toft (Tufts University)
- Michael Wiener (Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights)

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| 13.30-15.30 | 7/7 | Yawmo Suryoyo d-Bologna (Bologna Syriac Day): II. Syriac Presence Today in Europe  
Ephrem Aboud Ishac, Fscire  
The second panel of "Yawmo Suryoyo", addresses the preservation and transformation of Syriac heritage in a diaspora context. Case studies from European countries will focus on particular communities and particular aspects of Syriac identity. It will discuss the life of the Syriac communities nowadays in the Middle East, India and in diaspora. The focus of this session will be given as well to the Sayfo genocide in 1915, which has been shaping the modern Syriac identity. The speakers will speak about the liturgical developments of the Syriac tradition and how it is necessity to speak about a liturgical reform, to fulfill the needs of a new reality especially in diaspora. The current wars in the Middle East led many of the Syriac people to leave their homelands with a lot of questions. Academic education can be one of the solutions to protect the ancient Syriac identity, which is the main goal for the Master of Arts Programme of Syriac Theology in Salzburg University.  
Speakers:  
- Andreas Schmoller (Universität Salzburg), “Sayfo continues today” – On the ambiguity of genocide discourses  
- Jobins Antony (Universität Salzburg), The Syro Malabar presence in Europe  
- Oic Sleeba (Universität Salzburg), St. Thomas Christians in Europe: A Malankara Perspective  
- V.M. Joshy (Universität Salzburg), The relevance of Prayer in transforming faith in a context of Migration and life in Diaspora. An Evaluation of ‘The Book of Common Prayer (Shimo)’ of the Syrian Orthodox Church  
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Mario I Aguilar, Centre for the Study of Religion and Politics (CSRP), University of St Andrews  
For the intrinsic complexity of inter-religious dialogue, this panel will focus on intersectional perspectives regarding the past, present and future of IRD. Starting from a topological perspective, this panel will be divided into three sessions devoted to Europe, Africa & the Middle East, and Asia.  
Session 2: The African and Middle-Eastern Reflections  
Speakers:  
- Jake Cowpland (CSRP, University of St Andrews), God and the Gendered Politics of Shame: Theological Reflections on Emasculation in a Case Study of Somaliland  
- Marjorie Gourlay (CSRP, University of St Andrews), In Search of Belonging: Syrian Refugee Narratives of Relocation  
- Matyas Bodí (CSRP, University of St Andrews), Soomaali Masìxi: How do Somalis living in the U.K. convert to Christianity?  
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Marianna Napolitano, Fscire / Marcello Garzaniti, Università di Firenze  
In the Russian common feeling of the concept tradition refers both to national/cultural and to spiritual/ethical elements. The ongoing debate about the role of tradition in religion and policy is connected to the redefinition of the Russian activity in the national and international arena in terms of moral duty and in order to defend its national pride in opposition to the West. Referring to Russian tradition, it is therefore possible to distinguish the Christian values, that come from the Orthodox heritage, from the traditional values, that go beyond the Christian core and are strictly connected to the conservative perspective of the political culture. The main aims of this panel are the discussion of the specific character of the Russian tradition, by analysing the concept’s historical roots and its sociological and political manifestation, and by analysing the definition of the Russian tradition vis-à-vis the orthodox connections (pax orthodoxa) and the Western (modern) world.  
*Chair:* Marianna Napolitano (Fscire)  
*Discussant:* Adriano Roccucci (Università Roma Tre)  
*Speakers:*  
- Kristina Stoeckl (Universität Innsbruck/Central European University), *Traditional values in practice: moral conservative civil society mobilization in Russia*  
- Regina Elsner (Centre for East European and International Studies, Berlin), *“Living tradition”? Changing and conserving tradition in current Russian Orthodox social ethics*  
- Mikhail Suslov (Uppsala Universitet), *Russian Grassraum: Conservative Communitarianism in the Russian Discourses on Foreign Policy*  
- Davor Dzalto (American University of Rome), *Our (Post)Modern Orthodoxy: “Anything Goes” (as Long as the Power Structures Remain)*  
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| 13.30-15.30  | 7/2.2   | **The Primacy of the Bishop of Rome. Deep Roots and Historical Legacy**  
Davide Dainese, Università di Bologna  
The issue of the Primacy of the Bishop of Rome during the Late Antiquity is a well-researched topic in the fields of both History of Christianity and Roman History. Nevertheless, the researches of the last two decades—exp. those related to the figure and the legacy of the emperor Constantine the Great—still requires a bibliographical update in the perspective of a multidisciplinary approach. As a consequence, the main aim of this panel is to gather historians, jurists and theologians to discuss the main features of this historiographical problem between the III and the VI century.  
*Chair:* Davide Dainese (Università di Bologna)  
*Speakers:*  
- Tommaso Gnoli (Università di Bologna), *Considerazioni sul primato di Roma: il III secolo*  
- Ramon Teja (Universidad de Cantabria), *La rivendicacione del primato romano nel contesto delle divisioni dell’episcopato fra Oriente e Occidente (sec. IV-V)*  
- Philippe Blaudeau (Université d’Angers), *Rome et les sièges pétriniens (IV-VIe s.): élaboration et réception d’un modèle géo-ecclesiologique*  
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Giuseppe Maino, Cities of Memory  
Introduction of the social networking platform helped to enhance communication: World has become a smaller place thanks to these software applications. However, little attention has been paid up to now to use of social networks for supporting knowledge and above all preservation of cultural heritage. In this panel, we propose to apply the communication skills and techniques made available through dedicated websites and social network platforms to the diffusion of information relevant to religious cultural heritage at risk. It is then possible, through an international collaboration based on social networking architecture, to identify the most appropriate methods to deepen the knowledge of the cultural religious heritage (movable, immovable and intangible) and the technical and operational criteria for adequate enhancement of this heritage that is more and more exposed to dangerous events.  
Speakers:  
• Mitko Panov  
• Donatella Biagi (Università di Bologna)  
• Rubin Zemon  
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| Aemilia Hotel,  | 7/43  | The military, force and religion – current research on an ambivalent phenomenon  
Markus Thurau, Center for Military History and Social Sciences of the Bundeswehr  
The panel broaches the tense relationship between religion and the military in history and the world of today. Despite the long period of peace in Europe, the world is not peaceful and we encounter in many parts of it wars and belligerent conflicts whose global consequences are also shaking the European states. The ideal of non-violence and the criticism of the just war theory collide with the international responsibility to protect. How do religious communities interpret the use of military force? What do they say about military ethics? What attitude do soldiers themselves have towards religion and ethics?  
A look into history is important in these contexts, since the relationship between religion and the military has undergone profound changes in the 20th century. How was the influence of religious communities on the civil-military relationship? What consequences had the interactions between religious beliefs and the military culture? How have chaplains interpreted war crimes?  
Chair: Markus Thurau, Center for Military History and Social Sciences of the Bundeswehr  
Speakers:  
• Felix Bohr (Universität Göttingen), “A confusing time without Christ...”. The fight of former military chaplains for the release of convicted Nazi criminals in post-war Europe  
• Nico Ditscher (Humboldt-Universität Berlin), Missionaries in Uniform. Evangelicals and the U.S. Military during the Cold War  
• Meike Wanner (Center for Military History and Social Sciences of the Bundeswehr), Empirical findings about religious issues in the German armed forces  
• Friedrich Lohmann (Bundeswehr University Munich), Just Policing. A valuable alternative to the Just War theory?  
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<td>Since 2015, the Commonwealth Initiative for Freedom of Religion or Belief (CIFoRB has studied the status of FoRB in the Commonwealth. Encompassing nations across a wide swath of the globe—from the Americas and Caribbean, to Africa, to Asia and the Pacific—the Commonwealth is a laboratory for understanding global developments in FoRB rights and restrictions. Papers on this panel will address the status of FoRB rights across the Commonwealth, from debates in the UK, Australia, &amp; Canada over the place of FoRB in national and foreign policy; to aspirational efforts to secure religious pluralism, harmony, and tolerance in South and Southeast Asia amid the reality of rising restrictions, particularly on religious minorities; to debates over religious freedom, secularism, and the state in the large a populous African nation of Nigeria. These Commonwealth developments will also be situated in the context of European and global norms and trends.</td>
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Ignazio De Francesco, Piccola Famiglia dell’Annunziata  

The panel aims at launching an international interdisciplinary study group on the teaching of Islam to young Muslims and is willing to explore the role of Islam and its teaching within three learning environments: 1) at school, exploring the way Islam is taught during the hours of religious education; 2) at the mosque and in the prayer rooms; 3) on the web. Studies concerning the teaching of Islamic religion within history, language, literature and civic education classes are also welcome, because these four subjects contribute as well to the identity development of the youth. The research method could be synchronic, diachronic, interdisciplinary, transnational. It might work either on didactics materials (books, videos, etc.) or directly document the experience of the subjects involved in the religious education of youth.

**Chair:** Francesca Cadeddu (Fscire)

**Speakers:**
- Ignazio De Francesco (Piccola Famiglia dell’Annunziata), *Teaching Islam in Times of Emergency: Tradition and/or Innovation? New Jordanian Textbooks as a major Case Study*  
- Giulia Castegnaro (Università di Bologna), *Religious teaching and human rights in Jordan: the new religion textbook*  
- Fatima Zahra Dounasser (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia), *Islamic full Immersion for muslim Children*

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| 68. **Religious education and Muslim detainees in Italy and Europe**  
Ignazio De Francesco, Piccola Famiglia dell’Annunziata  

The panel aims at exploring the issue of religious education of Muslim detainees in detention institutes in Italy and Europe. The high percentage of Muslims among the detainee population requires both to find new ways to guarantee the right to exercise their religion and to involve religion in the educational projects dedicated to them. What could educators do to make of Islam an asset for re-socialization and not a threat which needs to be neutralized? Are there alternatives to the search for a “moderate Islam”? How do educators work on Islamic religious education while also promoting pluralistic values, gender equality, individual freedoms and solidarity?

**Chair:** Francesca Cadeddu (Fscire)

**Speakers:**
- Abu Abderrahman Wagih Saad Hassan (Associazione Islamica Italiana degli Imam e delle Guide Religiose), *Detenuti nelle carceri italiane*  
- Ignazio De Francesco (Piccola Famiglia dell’Annunziata), *Arab/Muslim cultural heritage as a partner in re-education of Muslim inmates*  
- Daniela Milani (Università di Milano), *Together in difference: Simurgh’s challenge*

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<td><strong>Modern Philosophy of Religion: Concepts - Approaches - Methods</strong>&lt;br&gt;Hans-Peter Grosshans, European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR)&lt;br&gt;The two days panel is organised by the European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR) and is about concepts, approaches and methods in modern philosophy of religion. The papers discuss the empirical turn in research on religion and its implications and limits, challenged by a new emphasis on metaphysics and on transcendent arguments in philosophy of religion. But as well papers may discuss, for example, new forms of critique of religion after the end of general abstract critique of religion, which help to evaluate critically concrete doctrines and practices of religions. But as well papers are welcome, which discuss aspects of important conceptions in philosophy of religion.  <strong>Speakers:</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Anna Lemańska (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw), Can sciences prove the existence of God?&lt;br&gt;- Johnson Uchenna Ozioko (Pontificia Università Urbaniana), Richard Swinburne’s ‘Cumulative’ Approach in Defence of Theism: A Critical Appraisal  <strong>Language:</strong> English</td>
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<td><strong>How to teach religion in interdisciplinary context</strong>&lt;br&gt;Jocelyne Cesari, University of Birmingham/Georgetown University&lt;br&gt;Even before 9/1, we have witnessed a significant increase in scholarship about religion and its influence on international conflicts and domestic politics. Research into religion and politics typically suffers from a familiar problem, whether it is a ‘theological’ topic within political sciences or a ‘political’ topic within theology and the study of religion: theologians often lack an adequate grounding in political science, and scholars of political science have not received formal training in theologies. In this respect, informed theological research (broadly conceived to include empirical inquiry) can play an important role in shaping the political international agendas that touch on religion such as conflict, the rule of law and human rights or sustainable development. To this purpose, creating the conditions for a truly interdisciplinary training of the new generation of scholars is key. This panel will present ongoing innovative experiences of such training currently happening either in political science or theology departments in Europe by discussing the challenges of designing curriculum, of teaching the same topic from a dual disciplinary point of view and expanding students experience without diluting their disciplinary credentials.  <strong>Speakers:</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Nicholas Adams / Jocelyne Cesari (University of Birmingham), Teaching religion and global politics from a dual perspective&lt;br&gt;- Pasquale Ferrara / Paolo Frizzi (Sophia University), Religion and epistemic pluralism: discursive and empirical learning&lt;br&gt;- Fabio Petito (University of Sussex), What’s the link between teaching religions in global politics and decolonising the curriculum in an interdisciplinary context?  <strong>Language:</strong> English</td>
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These two sessions explore the papacy of Pope Francis as he nears the fifth anniversary of his election as pontiff. We invite submissions of papers of 20 mins length from multiple disciplinary angles, including but not limited to theological, historical, political, social, media, liturgical, economic, etc. etc. What have been the most significant achievements of the papacy so far? What have been the most important changes he has introduced across the church? What are the areas where there is work to do and where challenges remain? What features best epitomize his ecclesiological vision for the church and its mission? What have been his most astute appointments both in curial terms and in terms of the global episcopate? Among other areas of focus, the speakers will explore the ecclesiological, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue aspects of the pontificate as well as comparing Francis’ papacy with other historical periods of church history.

**Chair:** Gerard Mannion (Georgetown University)

**Speakers:**
- Margit Eckholt (Universität Osnabrück), *Pope Francis – Intercultural Dynamics in a ‘Church in Motion’*
- Monica D. Merutiu (Babes-Bolyai University), *Pope Francis and the Ecumenical Quest for Justice for Migrants and Refugees*
- Maria Rosaria Piccinni (Università di Bari “Aldo Moro”), *Pope Francis and the Environmental Challenges of Our Times*
- Porsiana Beatrice (CSRP, University of St Andrews), *From Maritain’s “Integral Humanism” to Pope Francis’ “Integral Ecology”: Reconnecting Reason with the Integrity of Humanity, and Humanity with the Integrality of Creation*

**Language:** English
Religion and Human Rights: A Social Scientific Approach
Giuseppe Giordan, Università di Padova

Being grounded in legal and philosophical discourses, human rights came into the focus of political scientists, anthropologists, and sociologists when the growing variance in implementation of human rights standards became more evident in different socio-political and cultural contexts. Within this frame, the relationship between Religion and Human rights attracts ever-increasing interest. Study of Religion and human rights is an interdisciplinary challenge for the social scientists as it appeals to understand the mechanisms of governing religion, schemes of religious agency differentiation, questioning by that what religion is and what can be considered as religious. This scientific enterprise forces to reconsider the disciplinary boundaries within social sciences and law, theology, and philosophy.

Chair: Giuseppe Giordan (Università di Padova)

Speakers:
- Giuseppe Giordan (Università di Padova), Religion and Human Rights: an Introduction
- Olga Breskaya (Università di Padova), Operationalizing Religious Freedom: Challengers and Opportunities for Empirical Sociology
- Davide N. Carnevale (Università di Padova), Moldovan Orthodoxy. Social Insecurity, Political Borders and the Debate about Religious Freedom
- Alessandra Cecolin (University of Aberdeen), From Silence To Be Silenced: The Case of Judaism in Iran
- Mario Ferrante (Università di Palermo), Migratory Phenomena, Human Rights and religious Freedom
- Rosa Geraci (Università di Palermo), In the confines of freedom of religion: Proselytism between law and crime
- Marco Guglielmi (Università di Padova), Surfing Modernity. Orthodox Christianity and the Question of Human Rights

Language: English

Women in ministry. Protestants and Catholics in dialogue
Elizabeth Green, Pastora battista / Letizia Tomassone, Facoltà Valdese di Teologia

The acceptance of women into ordained ministry in Protestant churches has changed the shape of communication, government and membership within the church. It poses important ecumenical questions, also encouraging men in the churches to develop a greater awareness of their own partiality. In this panel we will analyze the results gained thus far in the context of the Protestant churches in Italy and their impact on the ecumenical dialogue with Catholic women theologians.

Speakers:
- Letizia Tomassone (Facoltà Valdese di Teologia), Ministre per matrimonio o ministre in proprio? il ruolo delle mogli de pastori nel protestantesimo
- Elizabeth Green (Pastora battista), Pastorato femminile, teologia, femminismo
- Maria Bonafede (Pastora valdese), Pastorato femminile e istituzione (governo della chiesa, a livello locale e nazionale, autorità)

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**Speakers:**  
- Romeo Astorri (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), Teologia e diritto canonico: per una riflessione sul pensiero di Eugenio Corecco  
- Carlo Fantappiè (Università Roma Tre), Ecclesiologia e canonistica (a partire da Eugenio Corecco)  
- Burkhard Berkmann (Katholisch-Theologischen Fakultät, Universität München), Teologia e diritto canonico: l’approccio di Mörsdorf, l’eredità di Corecco e il suo impatto in Germania ed Austria con particolare attenzione ai diritti religiosi  
**Language:** Italian |
| 14.30-15.30 | 7/115 | The Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem - Book Presentation  
Renata Salvani, European University of Rome  
Renata Salvani’s The Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem (Hollister Verlag, 2018) is an historical guide book to the most important memorial place in the Christendom, focused the ecumenical context of the City. Spatial, architectural and urbanistic relationships between the Shrine and the context are also underlined.  
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| 13.30-15.30 | 7/117 | Benedict XV. Pope Giacomo Della Chiesa in the world of the useless slaughter  
**Co-chair:** Giulia Grossi and Alberto Melloni (Fscire)  
**Speakers:**  
- Claus Arnold (Universität Mainz)  
- Patrick Houlihan (University of Oxford)  
- René Schlott (Zentrum für Zeitgeschichte Forschung, Potsdam)  
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| 15.45-17.45 | 7/10  | *Diverse Issues in Inter-Religious Dialogue*  
Mario I Aguilar, Centre for the Study of Religion and Politics (CSRP), University of St Andrews  
For the intrinsic complexity of inter-religious dialogue, this panel will focus on intersectional perspectives regarding the past, present and future of IRD. Starting from a topological perspective, this panel will be divided into three sessions devoted to Europe, Africa & the Middle East, and Asia.  
Session 3: *The European Reflections*  
Speakers:  
• Porsiana Beatrice (CSRP, University of St Andrews), *Promoting Integral Human Development: Pope Francis on Migrants and Refugees*  
• Stefanie Turkanik (CSRP, University of St Andrews), *Dialogues in Political and Religious History: the massacres in Volhynia and Eastern Galicia (1943-1944)*  
• Milja Radovic (CSRP, University of St Andrews), *Talking Citizenship – The Importance of Inter-Religious Dialogue in Shaping and Understanding Citizenship*  
Language: English |
| 15.45-17.45 | 7/22.2| *The Primacy of the Bishop of Rome. Deep Roots and Historical Legacy*  
Davide Dainese, Università di Bologna  
The issue of the Primacy of the Bishop of Rome during the Late Antiquity is a well-researched topic in the fields of both History of Christianity and Roman History. Nevertheless, the researches of the last two decades — exp. those related to the figure and the legacy of the emperor Constantine the Great — still requires a bibliographical update in the perspective of a multidisciplinary approach. As a consequence, the main aim of this panel is to gather historians, jurists and theologians to discuss the main features of this historiographical problem between the III and the VI century.  
Chair: Davide Dainese (Università di Bologna)  
Speakers:  
• Tessa Canella (Sapienza-Università di Roma), *The Actus Silvestri as a support for Roma Primacy between V and VI centuries*  
• Stefania Pietrini (Università di Siena), *Simplicio, Acacio e l'imperatore Zenone: i tentativi di affermazione del primato e il ruolo del princeps di Costantinopoli*  
• Ulrico Agnati (Università di Parma), *Il primato petrino nel Sermo 4 (PL) di Leone Magno. Profili Giuridici*  
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Maria Paiano, Università di Firenze  
**Speakers:**  
- Maria Paiano (Università di Firenze), *Religion et Grande guerre à la fin du centenaire: état des études, pistes de recherche ouvertes*  
- Xavier Boniface (Société d’histoire religieuse de la France), *Les Diocèses en guerre 1914-1918: un thème de recherche, un colloque, un livre*  
- Giovanni Cavagnini (ISS Carlo Livi, Prato), *Un cas séparé. Le diocèse de Paris*  
- Matteo Caponi (Università di Firenze/Università di Pisa), *Local/global: vers une histoire religieuse transnationale de la Grande Guerre*  
- Marcell Malpensa (Independent Researcher), *L’épiscopat italien et la guerre*  
- Umberto Mazzone (Università di Bologna), *Notes de lecture*  
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| 15.45-17.45 | 7/32.2 | **Use of websites and social networks to monitor religious cultural heritage at risk**  
Giuseppe Maino, Cities of Memory  
Introduction of the social networking platform helped to enhance communication: World has become a smaller place thanks to these software applications. However, little attention has been paid up to now to use of social networks for supporting knowledge and above all preservation of cultural heritage. In this panel, we propose to apply the communication skills and techniques made available through dedicated websites and social network platforms to the diffusion of information relevant to religious cultural heritage at risk. It is then possible, through an international collaboration based on social networking architecture, to identify the most appropriate methods to deepen the knowledge of the cultural religious heritage (movable, immovable and intangible) and the technical and operational criteria for adequate enhancement of this heritage that is more and more exposed to dangerous events.  
**Speakers:**  
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- Eliyahu Eduardo Muñoz C Peretz  
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Olvier Tourny, CNRS/Aix-Marseille Université  
Chair: Sander Van Maas (Universiteit van Amsterdam)  
Discussants: Serena Facci (Università di Roma “Tor Vergata”), Renée Hattar (Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies), Julien Ferrando (Aix-Marseille Université), Ivan Moody (Universidade NOVA de Lisboa), Sander Van Maas (Universiteit van Amsterdam), Olivier Tourny (CNRS/Aix-Marseille Université)  
Speakers:  
• Maria Gelpí (ISCREB, Barcelona), *La iconoclasia en la abstracción y el atonalismo. Kandinsky y Schönberg*  
• Rosa M. Díaz Mayo (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Centro Superior de Promoción e Investigación de la Música), *Religion as an enclave for cultural identity, through XXI century music*  
• Jacob McCarthy (Università di Bologna), *The Apocryphon of Kanye West: Gnostic Spirituality and Hip-Hop in the Decade of Black Lives Matter*  
Language: English / Spanish |
| 15.45-17.45 | 7/68.2| **Religious education and Muslim detainees in Italy and Europe**  
Ignazio De Francesco, Piccola Famiglia dell’Annunziata  
The panel aims at exploring the issue of religious education of Muslim detainees in detention institutes in Italy and Europe. The high percentage of Muslims among the detainee population requires both to find new ways to guarantee the right to exercise their religion and to involve religion in the educational projects dedicated to them. What could educators do to make of Islam an asset for re-socialization and not a threat which needs to be neutralized? Are there alternatives to the search for a “moderate Islam”? How do educators work on Islamic religious education while also promoting pluralistic values, gender equality, individual freedoms and solidarity?  
Chair: Francesca Cadeddu (Fscire)  
Speakers:  
• Fatma Zohra Bouabid, *Cultural mediation with Muslims inmates, and experience*  
• Maurizio Serofilli, with Giorgia Gariboldi and Giulia Cella (Diathesis), *Immigrant cultural and religious heritage and education projects*  
• Davide Tacchini (Friedrich-Schiller-Universitat, Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies, Jena, Germany), *Muslim Leaders’ Training and Muslim Inmates in Italy and the USA. Any possible Comparison?*  
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Ateliersi, Sala 1 | 7/72.6 | Modern Philosophy of Religion: Concepts - Approaches - Methods  
Hans-Peter Grosshans, European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR)  
The two days panel is organised by the European Society for the Philosophy of Religion (ESPR) and is about concepts, approaches and methods in modern philosophy of religion. The papers discuss the empirical turn in research on religion and its implications and limits, challenged by a new emphasis on metaphysics and on transcendental arguments in philosophy of religion. But as well papers may discuss, for example, new forms of critique of religion after the end of general abstract critique of religion, which help to evaluate critically concrete doctrines and practices of religions. But as well papers are welcome, which discuss aspects of important conceptions in philosophy of religion.  
Speakers:  
• David Worsley (University of York), Methodological Bedfellows? Analytic Theology and Modern Philosophy of Religion  
• Juuso Loikkanen (University of Eastern Finland), A Crisis of Theology? Divine Action in the Age of Modern Science  
• Ignasi Boada (Observatori Blanquerna de Comunicació, Religió i Cultura, Universitat Ramon Llull), What is Philosophy of Religion?  
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| 15.45-17.45  
Aemilia Hotel, Sala Felsina | 7/74.2 | How to teach religion in interdisciplinary context  
Jocelyne Cesari, University of Birmingham/Georgetown University  
Even before 9/1, we have witnessed a significant increase in scholarship about religion and its influence on international conflicts and domestic politics. Research into religion and politics typically suffers from a familiar problem, whether it is a 'theological' topic within political sciences or a 'political' topic within theology and the study of religion: theologians often lack an adequate grounding in political science, and scholars of political science have not received formal training in theologies. In this respect, informed theological research (broadly conceived to include empirical inquiry) can play an important role in shaping the political international agendas that touch on religion such as conflict, the rule of law and human rights or sustainable development. To this purpose, creating the conditions for a truly interdisciplinary training of the new generation of scholars is key. This panel will present ongoing innovative experiences of such training currently happening either in political science or theology departments in Europe by discussing the challenges of designing curriculum, of teaching the same topic from a dual disciplinary point of view and expanding students experience without diluting their disciplinary credentials.  
Speakers:  
• Joshua Roose (Australian Catholic University), Overcoming Secular Bias in the teaching of Religion and Politics: Challenges and Opportunities  
• Elina Vuola (University of Helsinki), Gender and religion: mutual challenges in interdisciplinary contexts  
• Erin Wilson (University of Groningen), Multidisciplinary and multi-scalar approaches to teaching religion and politics?  
• Bryan Turner (Australian Catholic University), The problems of teaching a comparative sociology of religion: de-constructing and re-constructing "world religions"  
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Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University  

These two sessions explore the papacy of Pope Francis as he nears the fifth anniversary of his election as pontiff. We invite submissions of papers of 20 mins length from multiple disciplinary angles, including but not limited to theological, historical, political, social, media, liturgical, economic, etc. etc. What have been the most significant achievements of the papacy so far? What have been the most important changes he has introduced across the church? What are the areas where there is work to do and where challenges remain? What features best epitomize his ecclesiological vision for the church and its mission? What have been his most astute appointments both in curial terms and in terms of the global episcopate? Among other areas of focus, the speakers will explore the ecclesiological, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue aspects of the pontificate as well as comparing Francis’ papacy with other historical periods of church history.

**Chair:** Peter De Mey (KU Leuven)

**Speakers:**  
- Mikko Ketola (University of Helsinki), *The Pope and Finland – The 'Francis Effect' in a Protestant Country*  
- Ikenna Paschale Okpaleke (KU Leuven), *Pope Francis, Interreligious Encounter and Social Justice: What Africa Stands to Gain*  
- Petra Kuivala (University of Helsinki), *The Policy of Empowerment: Pope Francis and Cuba*  
- Gerard Mannion (Georgetown University), *Pope Francis and his American Discontents: Towards a Social and Political Revolution of Tenderness*

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Being grounded in legal and philosophical discourses, human rights came into the focus of political scientists, anthropologists, and sociologists when the growing variance in implementation of human rights standards became more evident in different socio-political and cultural contexts. Within this frame, the relationship between Religion and Human rights attracts ever-increasing interest. Study of Religion and human rights is an interdisciplinary challenge for the social scientists as it appeals to understand the mechanisms of governing religion, schemes of religious agency differentiation, questioning by that what religion is and what can be considered as religious. This scientific enterprise forces to reconsider the disciplinary boundaries within social sciences and law, theology, and philosophy.  
**Chair:** Giuseppe Giordan (Università di Padova)  
**Speakers:**  
- Marco Guglielmi (Università di Padova), *Surfing Modernity. Orthodox Christianity and the Question of Human Rights*  
- Lap Yan Kung (Chinese University of Hong Kong), *Human Dignity as Right and Virtue in Practice: Reflections from and on the Cross Removal Event in China*  
- Yelena Mazour-Matusevich (École Pratique des Hautes Études), *Religion: a Sacred Order Within the Desacralized Universe*  
- Adriana Michilli (Università di Padova), *Inter-religious Dialogue and Religious Freedom: A Case Study on the Education System in Post-Conflict Bosnia*  
- Elena Miroshnikova (Pushkin State Leningrad University), *Change and Religion in Europe*  
- Marco Provenzano (Université de Strasbourg), *Christians’ rights during the Principate of Hadrian: tolerated or persecuted? A focus on Hadrian’s policy in ancient Christian sources (II-IV)*  
- Doriano Saracino (DISFOR/Università di Genova), *Religions in Prison. Ties, Identities and Ecological Analysis* |
| 15.45-17.45 | 7/88.2 | **Women in ministry. Protestants and Catholics in dialogue**  
Elizabeth Green, Pastora battista / Letizia Tomassone, Facoltà Valdese di Teologia  
The acceptance of women into ordained ministry in Protestant churches has changed the shape of communication, government and membership within the church. It poses important ecumenical questions, also encouraging men in the churches to develop a greater awareness of their own partiality. In this panel we will analyze the results gained thus far in the context of the Protestant churches in Italy and their impact on the ecumenical dialogue with Catholic women theologians.  
**Speakers:**  
- Alessandra Trotta (Diacona valdese), *Diacone*  
- Erika Tomassone (Pastora valdese), *Storia del pastorato femminile in Italia*  
- Lidia Maggi (Pastora battista), *Ministero femminile e Scrittura*  
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**Speakers:**
- Vincenzo Pacillo (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia), *Democrazia e partecipazione dei laici al governo della Chiesa: riflessioni a partire dal pensiero di Eugenio Corecco, con particolare riferimento al rapporto tra diritto canonico e teologia pastorale delle migrazioni*
- Daniela Tarantino (Università di Genova), *“Gratia perficit, non destruit naturam”. L’apporto di Corecco alla teologia post-conciliare del matrimonio*

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Session 2. Co-creation and Religions  
(Centro Studi Confronti / Fondazione Bruno Kessler / Università di Verona)

**Chair:** Claudio Paravati (Centro Studi Confronti)

**Speakers:**
- Riccardo Pozzo (Università di Verona), *Social and cultural innovation*
- Andrea Filippetti (CNR), *Innovation Economics*
- Vania Virgili (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), *Cultural diversity and reflective societies: European initiatives and funding opportunities*
- Boris Raehme (Fondazione Bruno Kessler), *Digital Religion, the Supermarket, and the Commons*
- Ilaria Valenzi (Centro Studi Confronti), *The concept of co-creation in religion: legislative challenges*

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Session 3. 2017, l’annus mirabilis della Riforma  
(Centro Studi Confronti / Fscire)  
Chair: Paolo Naso (Sapienza-Università di Roma/Centro Studi Confronti)  
Speakers:  
• Alberto Melloni (Fscire)  
• Daniele Garrone (Facoltà Valdese di teologia)  
• Silvana Nitti (Università di Napoli Federico II)  
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| 20.30                        | Gala Dinner   | Gala Dinner (Gate opens at 19.30. Appetizers will be served)                                                                                                        |
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| 09.00-10.00  | 8/110   | Keynote lecture: Philip Reynolds (Emory University)  
Continuity and Change in the Story of Marriage as a Sacrament  
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| 10.00-10.30  |         | Break                                             |
| 10.30-12.30  | 8/16.1  | De-radicalizing and Preventing Religiously Motivated Terrorism  
Laura Sabrina Martucci, Università di Bari “Aldo Moro”  
What is the real relationship between the existing forms of (religious) terrorism and Islam? And how do the constitutional democracies react in times of emergency and threats of so-called Islamic terrorism? The European Parliament Resolution on “Prevention of radicalisation and recruitment of European citizens by terrorist organisations” (no. 2015/2063) as well as the 2016 Italian draft law (A.C. 3558-A) have highlighted the need to combine repressive rules with preventive actions. This also means that, in order to prevent terrorist acts, the intercultural integration should be supported by measures of de-radicalisation. This approach will require a culture of tolerance and pluralism, which is able to discern the positive signals coming from the more moderate Muslims. The panel focuses the attention on these issues, while referring to the first program in Italy on de-radicalization, which is currently taking place in Bari under the supervision of the local Public Prosecutor.  
Chair: Giuliano Foschini (Repubblica)  
Speakers:  
• Francesco Alicino (Libera Università Mediterranea-Jean Monnet), Radicalizzazione e emergenza del terrorismo  
• Yahya Y. Pallavicini (Comunità Religiosa Islamica Italiana), Educazione e formazione come antidoto all’abuso violento della religione. Buone pratiche dell’Islam Italiano  
• Elzir Izzeddin (Unione Comunità Islamiche d’Italia), La radicalizzazione e la prevenzione nelle Comunità islamiche  
• Nader Akkad (Centro Culturale Islamico di Trieste), La radicalizzazione e la prevenzione nelle Comunità islamiche specifiche: l’esperienza della comunità di Trieste  
Language: Italian |
The Primacy of the Bishop of Rome. Deep Roots and Historical Legacy
Davide Dainese, Università di Bologna

The issue of the Primacy of the Bishop of Rome during the Late Antiquity is a well-researched topic in the fields of both History of Christianity and Roman History. Nevertheless, the researches of the last two decades — exp. those related to the figure and the legacy of the emperor Constantine the Great — still requires a bibliographical update in the perspective of a multidisciplinary approach. As a consequence, the main aim of this panel is to gather historians, jurists and theologians to discuss the main features of this historiographical problem between the III and the VI century.

Chair: Philippe Blaudeau (Université d'Angers)

Speakers:
- Beatrice Girotti (Università di Bologna), Sidonio Apollinare e Ruricio di Limoges, Lettere di poeti e vescovi a confronto
- Davide Dainese (Università di Bologna), Episcopal Elections as a Religious-Historical Issue
- Pablo Argarate (Universität Graz), The Presentation of Primacy (and Synodality) during the First Millennium in the Documents of Ravenna (2007) and Chieti (2016) of the Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church
- Enrico Morini (Università di Bologna), Il canone 34 degli Apostoli nell'interpretazione delle Chiese e nel dialogo tra le Chiese

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| 10.30-12.30 | 8/25 | Religions, Spiritualities and Gender in Europe: where are we?  
Anna Fedele (Centro em Rede de Investigação em Antropologia, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa) / Stefania Palmisano (Università di Torino)  

From the mid-1990s in Europe there has been an increasing scholarly interest in the intersections of gender and religion. The analysis of the transformations of religious expression within traditional religions as well as the study of contemporary forms of spirituality demonstrate a gendered specificity and suggest the necessity to introduce gender as a basic analytical category for the social scientific study of religion. This panel invites contributions using a gender lens to explore religious phenomena. These are some of the main topics we aim to address: - Female/Male/LGBTQ religious agency - The relationship between body and (public and private) space - Sexuality - Changing gender roles in a social context of hybridization processes - The (often ambivalent) role and status of women and members of the LGBTQ community in the administration of the sacred. Envisaging an interdisciplinary panel, we welcome contributions from different disciplines based on empirical research.  

Speakers:  
- Stefania Palmisano (Università di Torino), The red tent movement in Italy. Insights into female spirituality  
- Erika Bernacchi (University College of Dublin), Goddess spirituality in the Italian context. Between women’s empowerment and essentialisation  
- Anna Fedele (Centro em Rede de Investigação em Antropologia, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa), Is popular Catholic devotion “a woman’s thing”? Ethnographic reflections on male pilgrims to the Marian shrine of Fatima  
- Giuliana Arnone (Università di Padova), “I love the Church too much to let it go that easily”: Some ethnographic reflections on being gay and Catholic in Italy  
- Luciano Kovacs (Independent Researcher), Coming out in Ecumenical Spaces for Queer Liberation  

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| 10.30-12.30     | 8/31.1 | Mondoreligioni/World of Religions. Meet Religions Face to Face  
Emanuela Claudia Del Re, AIS/EPOS  
Mondoreligioni/World of Religions: a workshop by Emanuela Del Re [Coordinator of Sociology of Religion - Italian Sociological Association; President of EPOS] with Roberta Ricucci [Univ. of Turin; Coordinator of Research Network of Sociology of Religion - European Sociological Association]. A continuation of Mondoreligioni - a format that allows citizens to meet religious communities and religious communities to meet each other in a wide interactive and varied context - the workshop is organized in 2 parts: 1) presentations by Del Re and Ricucci on religions, migrations and citizenship, followed by the introduction of representatives of religious communities in Italy (Sikh, Muslim, Christian Orthodox et al.); 2) group discussions: participants split in groups to discuss issues related to the life of religions in Italy face to face with representatives of religious groups. The workshop aims at increasing knowledge on religions in Italy and awareness on citizenship and integration.  
Speakers:  
• Emanuela Del Re (AIS/EPOS)  
• Roberta Ricucci (Università di Torino/Research Network of Sociology of Religion/European Sociological Association), Discussing religious belonging in a migratory context: comparing and contrasting experiences among second generations in Italy  
With the participation of the representatives of the following religious communities: Ahmadiyya; GMI - Giovani Musulmani d'Italia; Sikh Sewa Society; Movimento dei Focolari  
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Religious laws are at the center of complex dynamics involving individuals, communities and secular powers. In the context of the secularization process these laws seem to be subject to conflicting pressures. If on one hand their rootedness in immutable holy books implies the risk of the perception of their distance from everyday needs and the consequent distancing of the faithful, on the other the adoption of a modern approach causes resistances due to the concern for irredeemable rifts with the tradition and the theological framework. This internal crisis is accompanied by a new contestualization of religion in the social arena which affects also the definition of the “distinction of orders” in law. Researching a balance between tradition and reformability, between law and theology, between past, present and future is a challenge for law and religion scholars. The aim of the Panel is to investigate the changes in religious laws and also their effects on secular legislations.

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Session 1: The Comparative Perspective

Chair: Pierluigi Consorti (ADEC)

Speakers:
- Giovanni Blando (Università di Napoli Federico II), The Loss of “Axiomatic Nature” of Belief. Religious Rights Between Secularization and Pluralism
- Federica Botti (Università di Bologna), The ‘gattopardesca’ (ir) reformability of religious law in matters of end of life
- Luigi Mariano Guzzo (Università Magna Graecia di Catanzaro), May divine law change? Comparing ordained women in Christianities
- Chiara Lapi (Università di Pisa), Assets and Religious Marriage. The Mahr in Muslim Law, the Dowry in Hindu Law. The Civil Law in Canon Marriage. Reflections in the Light of Old and New Reforms

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| 10.30-12.30 | 8/38.1 | The Orthodox Tradition and the Imperative of Reform  
Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Volos Academy for Theological Studies  
The Orthodox Church defines itself as the church of the tradition that preserves the fullness of faith. In this line, the ecclesial tradition is presented by some contemporary Orthodox theologians as what is novel in history and comes from the depths of the eschaton, in order to restore everything. However, such an overemphasis on tradition in Orthodoxy, combined with historical factors (e.g. Ottoman yoke), often led to an understanding of any reform and even renewal as a betrayal of Orthodox tradition and spirituality. In this context the Orthodox Church finds itself trapped and stuck in a “fundamentalism of tradition.” This situation prevents the Orthodox Church from participating creatively and actively in today’s rapidly changing world. The present panel seeks to highlight the imperative and possibility to make room for reforms in Orthodoxy when its theology and experience be considered in the light of a robust theology of the Holy Spirit and an eschatological outlook. |
| 10.30-12.30 | 8/50 | New perspectives on Jesus and the Gospels: Sources, Datation, Critical Text-Theories  
Mauro Pesce, Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sulle Religioni  
This panel offers innovative proposals on the historical Jesus, on the sources and datation of the non-canonical and canonical Gospels on the basis of new methodologies, social sciences, history of religions and critical theories of the texts. |

**Speakers:**  
- Pantelis Kalaitzidis (Volos Academy for Theological Studies/Hellenic Open University/KU Leuven)  
- Michael Hjälm (Sankt Ignatius Orthodox Academy, Stockholm/Stockholm School of Theology)  
**Language:** English
Religious ideas and institutions have been shaped through ages. However, social and cultural changes entail certain alterations within the religious cult and institutions, as well as new ways of producing and transferring religious ideas. The aim of the panel is to present the changes in religions of Europe, Middle East and Latin America over three epochs: antiquity, Middle Ages and present day. The panel is divided in three sessions with different topics:

1. **Antiquity**: ancient Greek religion, philosophy and iconography; metempsychosis; religious vegetarianism
2. **Middle Ages**: Christian calendar; religious inscriptions on tombstones; religions of Balkans;
3. **Present Day**: theories on religion and civilisation; religion in 20th and 21st century Europe; contemporary Mayan religion.

**Session 1: Antiquity**

**Speakers:**
- Katarzyna Kleczkowska (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), *The Idea of Metempsychosis and its Influence on Traditional Greek Religion*
- Wawrzyniec Miścicki (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), *Across the scene. The syntagmatic changeability of figure of deities in Archaic Greek vase-painting*
- Damian Miszczyński (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), *Vegetarianism in Neoplatonism according to Porphyry - new condition of being a philosopher*
- Silvia De Iudicibus (ISSR Brescia/IC Pisogne/IC Sale Marasino), *Giustino e il cambiamento filosofico-religioso/ St. Justin Martyr - a new way of transferring religious ideas*

**Language**: English / Italian / Polish

**Criticism of Transhumanism**

Vladimir Katasonov, SS Cyrill and Methodius Institute of Advanced Studies (Moscow)

On a wave of rapid development of modern technologies the problem of creation of artificial person, a cyborg, is more and more persistently put. Man endowed from God by the creative ability, aspires to compete to his Creator, aspires to create a more perfect being. It was formulated transhumanism program. On this way many technological victories have been gained: the mechanical analogues of human walking, problem of the pattern recognition was partly solved. The problem of creation of artificial intelligence rises before researchers more persistently. However, in a problem of electronic modelling of person two opposite traditions face: Christian anthropology and the nature of information technics.

**Speakers:**
- Vladimir Katasonov (SS Cyrill and Methodius Institute of Advanced Studies), *Christian anthropology and the transhumanism problem*
- Luis Miguel Torró Ferrero (Pontificia Università Gregoriana), *Transhumanism and religion: an approach*
- Marius Dorobantu (Université de Strasbourg), *Problems posed by strong Artificial Intelligence to the theological concept of imago Dei*

**Language**: English / Italian / Polish
Issues concerning plurality of Religions

Sergio Sorrentino, Università di Salerno

In today conditions of a globalization and overlapping cultures religion (whatever it may mean) gets in a very difficult situation; one that makes it very hard to get off with suitable understanding of religious world. Religion is almost all over in our contemporary world either brought back to a relativism of beliefs (whatever belief is fitting for setting up a religious faith) or to a fundamentalism of a unique true religious faith. This way religion occurs mostly as a variety of human beliefs and practices that are based upon our striving for making a sense of our (known, imagined or desired) world or giving it a meaningful order. This very mobile universe of unfathomable plurality of religious beliefs (and practices) is constantly oscillating between the poles of irrelevance or meaningless matter (getting into relativism or irreligion) or of utmost and unique value (with the implied risk of integralism or fundamentalism) of human existence. Therefrom arise the necessity of better comprehending religion and her differing into a plurality. That might lead us (i.e. philosophy of religion, theology, and even peoples striving to understand religious universe) to better think of the nature and essence of religion, of the criteria of her authenticity or inauthenticity, of the reasons of her plurality on the level of individuals, groups and societies. In this panel we will try to discuss about the following issues:

1. What is religion and what does distinguish religions from each other?
2. What does make difference between religions or between religion and (not-, un-) a-religion?
3. What does discriminate religion from a-religion and why? Indeed on the level of individual attitude in relation to God, to world (Universe), to our own cultural set; on the level of community or social group that makes up a belonging; on the level of membership of a human group or of a political society
4. Religion against relativism (without religion): are all religions equally legitimate or are there criteria that legitimate a religious group (or individuals), or on the opposite de-legitimate them?
5. Individuals, human groups, social sets or cultures on the background of religion.

Speakers:
• Elisabetta Ribet (Université de Strasbourg), Sacralisation of Technics and the notion of “nouveau sacré” by Jacques Ellul
• Joy Alumkal (CITeS-Universidad de la Mística / Philosophy College, New Delhi), Fundamentalism and Relativism in the Context of the Plurality of Religions: An Indian Analysis
• Roberta Cappellini (Centro Interculturale Raimon Panikkar Italia), Uniqueness and Plurality of Religions

Language: English
The litany derives from ancient religious rites. Throughout the ages, however, it spread across many countries and became much more than a mere form of prayer. In our research on litanic verse we have traced the contribution to the litanic tradition of poetry of various European nations: [http://www.wiersz.uw.edu.pl/gb/](http://www.wiersz.uw.edu.pl/gb/). We propose to extend the scope of our research regarding the fact that the litany may be of interest to scholars specializing in areas such the emergence of national identities and religious minorities, the crossover between art and religion and the cultural exchanges between various nations. Scholars participating in our panel focus on litanies and their forms and representations in liturgy, literature, music, and the visual arts.

**Chair**: Witold Sadowski (University of Warsaw)

**Speakers**:
- Uri Gabbay (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *Litany in the Sumerian Liturgy of Ancient Mesopotamia: A Mechanism of a 2000-Year Transmission History*
- Ioannis Ant. Panagiotopoulos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), *A Great Litany in Constantinople. The biggening and the history of the Litany from the Church of St. Mary of Blachernai to Hagia Sophia*
- Francesco Galofaro (Centro Universitario Bolognese di Etnosemiotica), *An Ethno-semiotic Glance at the Origins of Litanies*

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| 13.30-15.30  | Fscire, Second Floor, Sala 1 | Religious universities and professional education: Positive Influence or Prejudicial effect? Jessica Giles, The Open University  
This panel will consider issues arising from the appeal in Law Society of British Columbia v. Trinity Western University, et al. and related cases: (OJLR [2017] 6(1), pp 207–210, 210-213, 213-215). In those cases, the Canadian bar associations refused to approve TWU as a recognized law school because of a community covenant, including a chastity clause, signed by students upon admission to the university. The case has implications in relation to the autonomous existence of religious communities and how far religiously-affiliated academic institutions can establish voluntary religious codes of conduct; the extent to which the right to freedom of religion and belief is linked to the ability of individuals to manifest their beliefs within communities and; the extent of the right to freedom of association. The panel will also discuss the implications of TWU for the study and teaching of professional ethics.  
Chair: Jessica Giles (The Open University)  
 Speakers:  
- Michael P. Moreland (Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy, Villanova University)  
- Asher Maoz (Peres Academic Center Law School)  
- Elizabeth Clark (International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University)  
- Mark Hill (Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff University) [to be confirmed]  
Language: English |
| 13.30-15.30  | Teatro San Leonardo      | Mondoreligioni/World of Religions. Meet Religions face to face  
Emanuela Claudia Del Re, AIS/EPOS  
Mondoreligioni/World of Religions: a workshop by Emanuela Del Re [Coordinator of Sociology of Religion - Italian Sociological Association; President of EPOS with Roberta Ricucci [Univ. of Turin; Coordinator of Research Network of Sociology of Religion - European Sociological Association]. A continuation of Mondoreligioni - a format that allows citizens to meet religious communities and religious communities to meet each other in a wide interactive and varied context - the workshop is organized in 2 parts: 1) presentations by Del Re and Ricucci on religions, migrations and citizenship, followed by the introduction of representatives of religious communities in Italy (Sikh, Muslim, Christian Orthodox et al.); 2) group discussions: participants split in groups to discuss issues related to the life of religions in Italy face to face with representatives of religious groups. The workshop aims at increasing knowledge on religions in Italy and awareness on citizenship and integration.  
 Speakers:  
- Emanuela Del Re (AIS/EPOS)  
- Roberta Ricucci (Università di Torino/Research Network of Sociology of Religion/European Sociological Association), Discussing religious belonging in a migratory context: comparing and contrasting experiences among second generations in Italy  
With the participation of the representatives of the following religious communities: Ahmadiyya; GMI - Giovani Musulmani d'Italia; Sikh Sewa Society; Movimento dei Focolari  
Language: English / Italian |
Religious laws in progress. Dealing with the challenges proposed by religious laws reformability
Maria Luisa Lo Giacco, Università di Bari “Aldo Moro”

Religious laws are at the center of complex dynamics involving individuals, communities and secular powers. In the context of the secularization process these laws seem to be subject to conflicting pressures. If on one hand their rootedness in immutable holy books implies the risk of the perception of their distance from everyday needs and the consequent distancing of the faithful, on the other the adoption of a modern approach causes resistances due to the concern for irredeemable rifts with the tradition and the theological framework. This internal crisis is accompanied by a new contextualization of religion in the social arena which affects also the definition of the “distinction of orders” in law. Researching a balance between tradition and reformability, between law and theology, between past, present and future is a challenge for law and religion scholars. The aim of the Panel is to investigate the changes in religious laws and also their effects on secular legislations.

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Session 2: Reform and Reformability in Canon Law
Chair: Pierluigi Consorti (ADEC)

Speakers:
- Cristina Dalla Villa (Università di Teramo), The canonical configuration of the right of association within the right of exercise of the Charism
- Maria Luisa Lo Giacco, (Università di Bari “Aldo Moro”), Caritas as an interpretative standard in the recent reforms of canon law
- Adelaide Madera (Università di Messina), The status of remarried divorced couples in canon law: towards a renovation in the light of continuity
- Daniela Tarantino (Università di Genova), The protection of the faithful’s privacy in the Codex Iuris Canonici: an evolving right?
- Angela Patrizia Tavani (Università di Bari “Aldo Moro”), The evolution of the figure of the laics in the law of the Church: towards a full ownership of the judicial function?

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### SESSION CANCELLED

All speakers will intervene in session 1:

10.30-12.30
Aemilia Hotel, Sala Felsina

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<td>The Orthodox Tradition and the Imperative of Reform Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Volos Academy for Theological Studies</td>
<td>The Orthodox Church defines itself as the church of the tradition that preserves the fullness of faith. In this line, the ecclesial tradition is presented by some contemporary Orthodox theologians as what is novel in history and comes from the depths of the eschaton, in order to restore everything. However, such an overemphasis on tradition in Orthodoxy, combined with historical factors (e.g. Ottoman yoke), often led to an understanding of any reform and even renewal as a betrayal of Orthodox tradition and spirituality. In this context the Orthodox Church finds itself trapped and stuck in a “fundamentalism of tradition.” This situation prevents the Orthodox Church from participating creatively and actively in today’s rapidly changing world. The present panel seeks to highlight the imperative and possibility to make room for reforms in Orthodoxy when its theology and experience be considered in the light of a robust theology of the Holy Spirit and an eschatological outlook.</td>
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**Speakers:**
- Alberto Melloni (Fscire)
- Petre Maican (Independent Researcher)
- Nikolaos Kouremenos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens/Volos Academy for Theological Studies)

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<td>Ethics and Migration – Ideal paradigmatic-religious concepts in past and present Marcus Held, Universität Mainz</td>
<td>Global migration is one of the biggest challenges many societies face today. The ethical reflection is part of the manifold discussions about migration and flight. So play questions of ethical duties, responsibility - is it individual, collective or even global to understand - as well as the discussion between communitarian versus cosmopolitan explanatory approaches a significant role. There will be questions about the available, religious-meaning-orientated models in the past and present. Which models offer religious scriptures, practices and artefacts, traditions and cultures to develop an “Ethics of migration” and how they provide links to current cultural theories and developments?</td>
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**Speakers:**
- Marcus Held (Universität Mainz), The other side of hope!? Toward aspects of an ethic of integration
- Rebecca Meier (Universität Paderborn / Sonoma State University), Empathy - Where Integration Starts and Islamophobia Ends?
- Sonja Beckmayer (Universität Mainz), Religiöse Artefakte im Kontext der Migration. Praktisch-theologische Überlegungen zur Bedeutung der Dinge
- Anna Maria Bortz (Universität Mainz), The Second Exodus. Social Resilience and Vulnerability in the Book of Ezra

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| 13.30-15.30 | 8/51 | Theology and Media Theory  
Frantisek Stech, Centre of Theology, Philosophy and Media Theory / Catholic Theological Faculty / Charles University  

“Theology and Media Theory” panel aims at investigating synergies between fields mentioned in its title. Medium and mediation are not untouched phenomena in Christian theology, yet there is no such thing like theological media theory. From this vantage point it is possible to came to conclusion that theology today needs to develop its own media theory. At the same time, it may be objected that secular media theory has a long tradition of discerning what medium and process of mediation is, thus why do we need a distinct theological media theory in situation when discourses on media continue to multiply? We may claim against this objection that theory lacking the space for God does not satisfy believing mind, and perhaps also that theology has a valuable perspective to offer in contemporary debates related to media theory. Media world significantly transforms the human subjectivity, and this fact asks for new theological reflection of humanity and the self.  

**Speakers:**  
• Frantisek Stech (Charles University)  
• Martin Koci (Charles University)  
• Virgil Brower (Northwestern University/Charles University)  

**Language:** English

| 13.30-15.30 | 8/58 | Christianity in the context of the emergence of contemporary nationalism  
Grzegorz Sokolowski, The Social Observatory (Obserwatorium Społeczne) / Radosław Michalski, European University Institute  

In recent years in the Western countries there has been an intensive growth of groups propagating nationalistic ideologies. Media reports and observations from social media sites have been confirmed in the recent wave of research from PEW. In addition, this research has shown that nationalist groups are building their identities on the basis of religion, justifying their activities as being mandated by God, by love for one’s country, and consequently presenting their actions as a virtue. On the basis of a panel discussion we aim to familiarize ourselves with the core principles of contemporary nationalist movements, in particular their attempts at providing religious justifications for these principles. We will seek to analyse in detail the reactions of representatives of various Christian traditions to the appearance of nationalist groups.  

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| 13.30-15.30 | 8/85.2 | Religion - Tradition and Change  
**Andrzej Mrozek**, Jagiellonian University in Krakow  
Religious ideas and institutions have been shaped through ages. However, social and cultural changes entail certain alterations within the religious cult and institutions, as well as new ways of producing and transferring religious ideas. The aim of the panel is to present the changes in religions of Europe, Middle East and Latin America over three epochs: antiquity, Middle Ages and present day. The panel is divided in three sessions with different topics:  
1. **Antiquity**: ancient Greek religion, philosophy and iconography; metempsychosis; religious vegetarianism;  
2. **Middle Ages**: Christian calendar; religious inscriptions on tombstones; religions of Balkans;  
3. **Present Day**: theories on religion and civilisation; religion in 20th and 21st century Europe; contemporary Mayan religion.  
**Session 2: Middle Ages**  
**Speakers:**  
- Natalia Naumow (Università di Padova/Università Ca’ Foscari, Venezia), *The Julian calendar as a dogma of faith*  
- Łukasz Byrski (Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Faculty of Philosophy, Institute for the Study of Religion), *Message from the Dead on the Medieval Balkan Tombstones*  
- Ana Vujković Šakanović (University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Philosophy), *Medieval crkvina and crkvište in the area of Bosnia and Herzegovina*  
**Language:** English / Italian / Polish |
| 13.30-15.30 | 8/86.2 | Criticism of Transhumanism  
**Vladimir Katasonov**, SS Cyril and Methodius Institute of Advanced Studies (Moscow)  
On a wave of rapid development of modern technologies the problem of creation of artificial person, a cyborg, is more and more persistently put. Man endowed from God by the creative ability, aspires to compete to his Creator, aspires to create a more perfect being. It was formulated transhumanism program. On this way many technological victories have been gained: the mechanical analogues of human walking, problem of the pattern recognition was partly solved. The problem of creation of artificial intelligence rises before researchers more persistently. However, in a problem of electronic modelling of person two opposite traditions face: Christian anthropology and the nature of information technics.  
**Speakers:**  
- Vladimir Shmaliy (St. Cyril and Methodius Postgraduate school, Moscow), *Artificial Intelligence as a challenge and a promise for Orthodox Theology*  
- Iryna Rozhdestvenskaya (Independent Researcher), *Contemporary anthropological challenges for Theology*  
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| 13.30-15.30 | 8/94.2 | **Litany in the Arts and Culture**  
Magdalena Kowalska, Witold Sadowski and Magdalena Maria Kubas, University of Warsaw  
The litany derives from ancient religious rites. Throughout the ages, however, it spread across many countries and became much more than a mere form of prayer. In our research on litanic verse we have traced the contribution to the litanic tradition of poetry of various European nations: [http://www.wiersz.uw.edu.pl/gb/](http://www.wiersz.uw.edu.pl/gb/). We propose to extend the scope of our research regarding the fact that the litany may be of interest to scholars specializing in areas such the emergence of national identities and religious minorities, the crossover between art and religion and the cultural exchanges between various nations. Scholars participating in our panel focus on litanies and their forms and representations in liturgy, literature, music, and the visual arts.  
**Chair:** Magdalena Kowalska (University of Warsaw)  
**Speakers:**  
• Christos G. Karagiannis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), Aspects of Litany in the Old Testament  
• Witold Sadowski (University of Warsaw), The Concentric Space-Time as Reflected in Litanic Verse  
• Magdalena Maria Kubas (University of Warsaw), Litanic Antonomasia: Some Rhetorical Aspects  
**Language:** English |
Amy Phillips, Georgetown University  
This will be a panel which showcases the work of libraries, academic or intellectual centers related to existing or ongoing projects that are born-digital or are digital representations of physical collections, or a hybrid of both. Attention will be give to philosophical and theoretical underpinnings which drive projects. Looking within the context of centers and libraries devoted to theological or religious studies collections, special attention will be paid to the impact these disciplines influence and shape burgeoning technologies or utilize already existing ones.  
**Co-Chair:** Amy Phillips (Georgetown University) / Christopher Morse (Université du Luxembourg)  
**Speakers:**  
• Svetla Shapkalo and Georgeta Nazarska (University of Library Studies and Information Technologies), Teaching Religion and Cultural Heritage: a Best Practice from Bulgaria  
• Ekaterina Teryukova (The State Museum of the History of Religion), The Representation of Religious Artifacts from the Collections of the State Museum of The History of Religion in the Open Access Data Base Projects on the History of Religious Studies in Russia  
• Samuel Wagner (Georgetown University), Nostra Aetate - The Leaven of Good: An Interview Series  
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<td>• Daniel Munteanu (Faculty of Orthodox Theology and Educational Science of the Valahia University of Targoviste, Romania), Religious and Cultural Identity. Orthodox Contribution to a Postcolonial and Interreligious Ethics</td>
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What is the real relationship between the existing forms of (religious) terrorism and Islam? And how do the constitutional democracies react in times of emergency and threats of so-called Islamic terrorism? The European Parliament Resolution on “Prevention of radicalisation and recruitment of European citizens by terrorist organisations” (no. 2015/2063) as well as the 2016 Italian draft law (A.C. 3558-A) have highlighted the need to combine repressive rules with preventive actions. This also means that, in order to prevent terrorist acts, the intercultural integration should be supported by measures of de-radicalisation. This approach will require a culture of tolerance and pluralism, which is able to discern the positive signals coming from the more moderate Muslims. The panel focuses the attention on these issues, while referring to the first program in Italy on de-radicalization, which is currently taking place in Bari under the supervision of the local Public Prosecutor.

**Chair:** Giuliano Foschini (Repubblica)

**Speakers:**
- Giovanni Cimbalo (Università di Bologna), *I territori dell'Islam e la convivenza possibile*
- Jessica Giles (The Open University Law School - Milton Keynes, England), *Imams-centered professional leadership*
- Federica Botti (Università di Bologna), *Il fenomeno della radicalizzazione nell’area Balcanica*
- Joshua M. Roose (Australian Catholic University), *Countering Violent Extremism and Islamic Terrorism: The Australian Approach*

**Language:** Italian
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Session 3: Reforms and Reformability in Religious Laws

Chair: Pierluigi Consorti (ADEC)

Speakers:
- Germana Carobene (Università di Napoli Federico II), The Reform of the Muslim Family Law. The Mudawana al-Usra in Morocco, fifteen years after its approval
- Vasco Fronzoni (Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”), Sexuality and Reforms against Gender Violence in Islam, between Preachers and Law. Focus on Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Morocco
- Maria Cristina Ivaldi (Università della Campania Luigi Vanvitelli), The status of women in Algeria between adjustments of religious tradition and new legal recognitions
- Enrica Martinelli (Università di Ferrara), “Be fruitful and multiply”. The Israel surrogate motherhood agreements Law: a conservative application of Halakhab or reformation of Jewish Law?
- Marco Seghesio (Università di Milano), British Colonial Courts and Religious Law: The Genesis and Consequences of Anglo-Hindu Law

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| 15.45-17.45 | 8/41 | **Place of religious factor in modern global processes**
Aemilia Hotel, Sala Bononia

Mykhailo Symon, Pereyaslav-Khmelnitsky State Pedagogical University “Hryhoriy Skovoroda”

The research examines the peculiarities of the influence of the religious factor on the contemporary world community in the era of transformation processes of globalization. The essence of the concept “religious factor” is defined, the difference between the religious factor and the confessional factor is specified. As a result of the conducted researches, the place of religion in conflicts and processes of destabilization of modern society, as well as the relationship of religion and politics, was considered.

**Speakers:**
- Vitaly Tomnyuk
- Alina Dzendzyk (National University of Culture and Arts)
- Anna Kharchenko (University of Kyiv)
- Adrianna Roma

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| 15.45-17.45 | 8/65 | **St. Theophanes, the Recluse Vyshensky and his journey through Italy in 1854. Russian patriarch of the XIX century: actual problems of studying**
Fscire, Second Floor, Sala 2

Marina Shcherbakova, IMLI Gor’kij Moscow / Marianna Napolitano, Fscire / Bruno Cherubini, Fscire

St. Theophan (Govorov), the Recluse Vyshensky (1815-1894), an outstanding Russian church writer. Prior to the closure, his life was devoted to religious enlightenment and church ministry: the rector of the St. Petersburg Theological Academy, the bishop of Tambov and Vladimir, the employee of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem ... In 1854, with Archimandrite Porphyry (Uspensky) on his way from Jerusalem to Petersburg he traveled through Italy through the cities: Trieste, Venice, Padua, Milan, Ancona, through the Apennines to Rome, where they spent three weeks, were at the audience of Pope Pius IX; Livorno, Pisa, Genoa, Novara, Milan, Venice, Trieste, where they left for Vienna. The preserved description of the trip has a rich prospect of a comprehensive study, the purpose of which is to provide scientific commentary on the basis of Italian sources of memoirs of a travel diary. The results of the joint project can be presented in the form of a book or a film.

**Speaker:** Marina Shcherbakova (IMLI Gor’kij, Moscow)

**Discussant:** Fr. Adalberto Mainardi (Monastero di Bose)

**Participants:** Marcello Garzaniti (Università di Firenze), Simona Merlo (Università Roma Tre), Francesca Romoli (Università di Pisa), Stefano Garzonio (Università di Pisa), Alessandra Carbone (Università di Pisa)

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Session 3: *Present Day*

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- Igor Lataś (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), *Civilisation and religion - a comparative study of Feliks Koneczny’s and Samuel Huntington’s views*
- Natalia Tolsty (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), *Niños Santos and Coca-Cola - How to understand syncretic beliefs in Mexico*
- Magdalena Lewandowska, (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), *Transformations of the Iroquois’ Beliefs*
- Dino Šakanović (University of Tuzla), *Religious life of orthodox population in wartime Tuzla*
- Andrzej Mrozek (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), *Ekklésia e polis. La chiesa polacca e le tendenze autoritarie del governo (XXI secolo)/ Ekklésia and Polis. The polish church and authoritarian tendencies of the government (XXI century)*

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  Magdalena Kowalska, Witold Sadowski and Magdalena Maria Kubas, University of Warsaw  
  
  The litany derives from ancient religious rites. Throughout the ages, however, it spread across many countries and became much more than a mere form of prayer. In our research on litanic verse we have traced the contribution to the litanic tradition of poetry of various European nations: [http://www.wiersz.uw.edu.pl/gb/](http://www.wiersz.uw.edu.pl/gb/). We propose to extend the scope of our research regarding the fact that the litany may be of interest to scholars specializing in areas such the emergence of national identities and religious minorities, the crossover between art and religion and the cultural exchanges between various nations. Scholars participating in our panel focus on litanies and their forms and representations in liturgy, literature, music, and the visual arts.  
  
  **Chair:** Magdalena Maria Kubas (University of Warsaw)  
  
  **Speakers:**  
  - Karina Zybina (Universität Salzburg), *Local Tradition and Personal Style in W.A. Mozart’s Litanies de Venerabili altaris Sacramento*  
  - Bernard (Łukasz) Sawicki (Pontificio Ateneo S. Anselmo), *A Litany in the Rule of St. Benedict. On the Mysterious Form of the 4th Chapter of the Rule and its Theological Implications*  
  - Magdalena Kowalska (University of Warsaw), *Litanies as Prayers and as Poems: an Editorial Perspective*  
  
  **Language:** English |
| 15.45-17.45 | 8/106 | **L’histoire de l’édition catholique dans la France du premier XXe siècle. Journée de séminaire pour la présentation du dernier ouvrage de Étienne Fouilloux sur l’Histoire du Cerf**  
  Luca Ferracci, Fscire  
  
  **Chair:** Silvia Scatena (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia/Fscire)  
  
  **Discussants:**  
  - Étienne Fouilloux (Université Lumière-Lyon II)  
  - Annibale Zambarbieri (Università di Pavia)  
  - Maurilio Guasco (Università del Piemonte Orientale)  
  
  **Language:** Italian / French |
| 15.45-17.45 | 8/120.5 | **Innovation and Religion**  
  Centro Studi Confronti / Fondazione Bruno Kessler / Fscire / Università di Verona / European Consortium for Church and State Research  
  
  Session 5. *Religions, violence and gender issue*  
  (Centro Studi Confronti / Fondazione Bruno Kessler)  
  
  **Chair:** Letizia Tomassone (Facoltà Valdese di Teologia)  
  
  **Speakers:**  
  - Debora Spini (Centro Studi Confronti/Syracuse University in Florence)  
  - Sara Hejazi (Fondazione Bruno Kessler), *Zahir-batin (outside and inside): Embodying gender in islamic tradition*  
  - Debora Tonelli (Fondazione Bruno Kessler), *Fighters women in biblical tradition: prophecy, violence, politics*  
  
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