

Interfaith Dialogue as a Theological, Ethical and Spiritual Paradigm Shift

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FONDAZIONE SICILIA - SALA DEI 99

Proponent: Peter Admirand

Chair: Peter Admirand

Speaker: Ana Magdalena Petraru, Ibrahim Aslandur, Wael Abu Uksa, William French, Peter Admirand, Halil Avci, Nataliia Pavlyk, Aden Cotterill, Rocio Cortes Rodriguez, Pavol Bargar, Theresa Beilschmidt, Miriam Feldmann-Kaye

This panel will examine the many ways that interfaith dialogue has and can fundamentally change, purify, and challenge religious and humanist positions. Panel papers can include the following:

1. Studies and analyses of seminal (or overlooked) interfaith religious texts, thinkers or events that instituted or nudged wholesale or major changes in a religion's or philosophical outlook, vision, or practice. For Catholics, Nostra Aetate would be the most obvious example—but the field is broad here to include everything from A Common Word to Dabru Emet to the World Parliament of Religions to the many trailblazers or overlooked individuals and institutions working for such change.
2. The benefits of such institutional, ethical, theological, and spiritual paradigm shifts from encounters in interfaith relations – as well as various challenges and setbacks. Positive points include the role of healthy humility, interfaith learning, and growth, while negative possibilities include an erosion of identity and the uncovering of past and present moral failures towards other faiths and positions.
3. Case studies or examples of how interfaith dialogue contributed to changes, developments, or deeper incursions in areas of ethics, from the ecological to social justice, sexual ethics, and even space exploration.
4. The ways and possibilities that interfaith dialogue expands and refines one's spiritual practice.

Interfaith Dialogue and Ethics in a Romanian Orthodox Setting: The Case of the Theological English Classroom

Petraru A.M.

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi

Exploring Sacred Texts Across Religions: Theory and Practice for Interfaith Encounters

Aslandur I.

Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

Visions of Tolerance: The Controversial Theology of Khristufurus Jibara (1835-1901)

Uksa W.A.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Catholic Theology, Silence, the Shoah, and the War in Israel-Palestine

Admirand P.

Dublin City University

Christian-Muslim Relations after the “A Common Word” Initiative of 2007: Towards a Muslim Self-Understanding in Relation to Christianity

Avci H.

Georgetown University

The Value of the Body in Spiritual Practices: Jainism, Hesychasm, and Hasidism

Pavlyk N.

National Academy of Sciences Ukraine

Pluralistic Robust Realism: Examining Plurality in Charles Taylor to Construct a New Interreligious Paradigm

Cotterill A.

Cambridge University

Ecological Concerns and a Global Ethics of Responsibility

French W.

Loyola University Chicago

The Intersection of Medieval Theology and Modern Discourse: Apophaticism and Interfaith Dialogue

Rodriguez R.C.

Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

Hope and Resilience: “A Time for Recommitment” and New Paths in Jewish-Christian Dialogue

Bargar P.

Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

Councils of Religions – The Pivotal Role of Religious Actors for Social Cohesion

Beilschmidt T.

Global Ethic Foundation

A Jewish Theological Approach to Interfaith Relations: Re-reading Genesis According to Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Feldmann--Kaye M.

Bar Ilan University

Digitalization, religion and migration

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FATESI - TRIPPODO

Proponent: Mariana Rosca, Rodica Ciobanu

Chair: Mariana Rosca, Rodica Ciobanu, Rodica Ciobanu

Speaker: Mariana Rosca, Rodica Ciobanu, Veronica Mocanu, Elmar Kuhn, Talha Bhamji, Pawel Plichta, Katharina Limacher, Marta Salvatori, Astrid Mattes-Zippenfenig

The role of religion in migration processes has been widely studied; however, the nexus among religion, migration, and the digitalization process, as well as the implications that digitalization brings, continues to be less reflected in academic and policy debates. In order to contribute to this gap, the panel “Digitization, Religion, and Migration” is proposed. The panel aims to shed light on the current situation and bring local, regional, and national evidence of the digitalization of religion as well as the digitalization of migrant communities in the process of fostering better integration, peace, social cohesion, and better participation. The panel welcomes papers from various fields, such as social sciences, political science, law, computer science, etc.

Digitalization and refugees: what we can say so far?

Rosca M.

Transilvania University of Brasov

Eternal Values in Global Cultures

Kuhn E.

President of the Coalition of FBO Europe

Digitalisation of Hijra: Mediating Hijra Online on Deoband Websites

Bhamji T.

University of Wales Trinity Saint David

THE DIGITALIZATION OF PILGRIMAGE: CASE OF THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

Plichta P.

Jagiellonian University

Translocal Feeds of Faith – Digitalization and mobility among young believers

Limacher K.

University of Vienna

The Migration of the Manuscripts of the Composer Giuseppe Torelli (1658-1709): From Bologna to Ansbach and Beyond

Salvatori M.

Pontifical University Piams in Milan

Modern Philosophy of Religion: Paradigms - Topics - Methods - Concepts

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FATESI - AULA MAGNA

Proponent: Hans-Peter Grosshans

Chair: Hans-Peter Grosshans, Brandon Watson

Speaker: Daniel Muller, Gorazd Andrejč, Javad Taheri, Binita Mehta, T Derrick Witherington, Adriana Mickiewicz, Giorgi Kapanadze, Josè Miguel Vieira Silva, Javad Darvish, Johnson Uchenna Ozioko, Lena Mausbach

Contemporary approaches and contributions to the field of philosophy of religion can be presented. The issue of “paradigm shifts” can be addressed regarding its relevance in and for philosophical study of religion. Of particular interest are contributions which attempt to reconstruct and reorient philosophy of religion considering contemporarily relevant philosophical challenges. The panel also welcomes papers that propose new methodological approaches and studies in the field of philosophy of religion broadly construed. This panel is organized in cooperation with the European Society for Philosophy of Religion (ESPR).

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Alessi on the Essence of Religion: Philosophical Reflections

Ozioko J.U.

Pontificia Università Urbaniana

Philosophy of Religion Turns a Corner: The Shift Towards Science in the 21st Century

Darvish J.

Shahid Beheshti University

The Yoga-Vedāntic Philosophical Inquiry of the Problem of Self-Cultivation

Mehta B.

Texas State University

From the Depths to the Heights: Reframing Metaphysics De Profundis

Witherington T.D.

Loyola University Chicago

Religious Epistemology: The Character and Nature of Spiritual Search

Kapanadze G.

New Georgian University

Sören Kierkegaard's Perspective on ἐπιστήμη and πίστις in the Philosophical Fragments

Mausbach L.

University of Münster

From Didactics to Heuristics. A real possibility for theology? The paradigmatic shift proposed by Emmanuel Falque

Vieira Silva J.M.

KU Leuven

Rethinking Weakness: The contemporary reinterpretations of the theology of the cross in John Caputo and Gianni Vattimo

Mickiewicz A.

Jagiellonian University

Between Natality and Living On: Hannah Arendt, Jacques Derrida and the Religion of the Finite Life

Sawczynski P.

Jesuit University Ignatianum

Nicaea After 1700 Years. Critical Insights into a Continuing Legacy

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LA PIRA - ROOM 1

Proponent: Luca Ferracci

Chair: Costanza Bianchi

Speaker: Alberto Melloni, Massimiliano Proietti, Samuele Adorno, Giacomo Freda Civico, Paolo Aranha, Austin Ortinero, Susan Abraham, Bishara Ebeid

Born with mainly liturgical and catechetical purposes, the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed immediately showed a double capacity for adaptation: of a cultural kind, as a bridge towards the Arian populations, and of a linguistic kind. Translations of the Symbol begun as early as in the 4th century (produced in the Armenian, Syriac, and Coptic regions and, later, also in the Arab world) and the expansion of Christianity during the Modern Age has resulted in the production of translations into even more diverse languages, from Slavonic to the idioms spoken in each of the so-called "mission lands". Yet the historical and theological analysis of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed was marked in the past century by two ideas: one was expressed by Harnack in his book "Grundriss der Dogmengeschichte", which considered the Creed the evidence of a mixture between Christian faith and Greek philosophy and urged the modern (Protestant) confessional historiography to uncover such a process in order to draw into the essence of the Christian message; the other one, becoming e.g. visible during the late Sixties in J. Ratzinger's "Einführung in das Christentum", declares a perpetual and irrevocable right of the Greek philosophy on the Christian faith.

However, in the late 20th century the research on the Creed in the philological, historical, and theological fields challenged both these conceptual schemes. Papers offered in this panel will demonstrate how, despite any thesis tending (positively or negatively) to crystallize the Creed in rigid and perennial linguistic and theological formulas, the Symbol of Nicaea and Constantinople was in fact a dynamic expression of the Christian faith, charged with universal value but at the same time open to processes of enculturation.

In the roundtable that will close the conference, Prof. Fainche Ryan and Steven Battin will offer two short statements (10 minutes) on Ratzinger's position and how the emerging paradigm of "World Christianity" challenged the idea that Aristotelian categories are the only way to transmit and understand the Christian faith. We will then discuss whether in contrast to Ratzinger's theory about the Nicene Creed as the cornerstone of a process of Hellenization of Christianity which is binding for other cultures, it is possible to interpret the Symbol of Nicaea and Constantinople as a dynamic reality bearing universal and ecumenical significance for the contextualization of Christianity.

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Welcome Address

Abraham S.

Pacific School of Religion

Opening Lecture: Transmitting the Faith, Preserving Orthodoxy

Melloni A.

FSCIRE

The Reception of the Nicene Creed Beyond the Limes: A Case Study of the Goths

Freda Civico G.

La Sapienza University of Rome

An Apology of the Nicene Orthodoxy for Muslims: Elias of Nisibis' Commentary on the Creed

Ebeid B.

University Ca' foscari Venezia

Introducing Trinity and Avoiding Trimurti: The Reception of the Trinitarian Doctrine of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed in Early Modern India

Aranha P.

Istituto Italiano Studi Germanici

What does Nicaea have to do with Manila?: Theological Gaps and Contextualization in Filipino Christology

Ortinero A.

KU Leuven

Beyond the Nicene Creed: Rediscovering the Baptismal Formulas in the Post-Vatican II Liturgy

Proietti M.

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE

Nicaea between Paul VI (1968) and Communio (1975)

Adorno S.

FSCIRE

Religious othering and its manifestations in early modern Eastern Europe

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LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Hanna Filipova

Chair: Hanna Filipova

Speaker: Hanna Filipova, Andrii Bovgyria, Nataliia Sinkevych, Valentyna Los, Svitlana Potapenko, Oksana Prokopyuk

The panel examines religious othering in early modern Eastern Europe, especially Ukraine. The 1st paper (Catholics, Uniates, Muslims, Jews. Religious Othering in 17–18th century Ukraine) examines the perspective of constructing the “others” images in early modern Ukraine, which allows to place Ukrainian concepts of othering in an interconnected, comparative context. The 2nd paper (Deviant Russian sex: Tsars, Villains, Sodomites and European othering of Muscovites in early modernity) examines the phenomenon of “unnaturalness” in the European tradition of othering of Muscovites, focusing on the (homo)sexuality as an integral part of the designation of “other”;. The 3rd paper (Othering of Moscow Orthodox in the Kyiv church metropolia of the 17th–early 18th century) deepens the understanding of othering of Muscovites, showing how different the identities of Ukrainian and Russian Orthodox were in early modernity. 4th (Others and strangers in the private correspondence of Union Church’s Metropolitan Yason Smogorzhevsky (1715–1788) and 5th (“Loyalty, othering and “German dress”: ethnic and religious markers in the chronicle of Ivan Ostrozky, 1777–1825) papers analyze the othering using the individual personalized sources, which allows to trace this phenomenon at various levels. The 6th paper (Gift giving to own/other shrines and construction of Kyivan Christianity identity in the early modern period) reveals the issue of othering and religious identity through the gift giving.

Catholics, Uniates, Muslims, Jews. Religious Othering in 17–18th century Ukraine

Bovgyria A.

Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine; University of Cambridge

Deviant Russian sex: Tsars, Villains, Sodomites and European othering of Muscovites in early modernity

Filipova H.

University of Gothenburg

Othering of Moscow Orthodox in the Kyiv church metropolia of the 17th–early 18th century

Sinkevych N.

The Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO)

Others and strangers in the private correspondence of Union Church's Metropolitan Yason Smogorzhevsky (1715–1788)

Los V.

The Library of the Faculty of Philology, Jagiellonian University

"Loyalty, othering and "German dress": ethnic and religious markers in the chronicle of Ivan Ostrozky, 1777–1825

Potapenko S.

Hrushevsky Institute of Ukrainian Archeography and Source Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine; Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

Gift giving to own/other shrines and construction of Kyivan Christianity identity in the early modern period

Prokopyuk O.

National Preserve "Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra"; Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

Methods in Political and Public Theology

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

FATESI - STURZO

Proponent: Ulrich Schmiedel, Annette Langner-Pitschmann

Chair: Ulrich Schmiedel, Annette Langner-Pitschmann

Speaker: Annette Langner-Pitschmann, Ryszard Bobrowicz, Christof Mandry, Maddie Williams Shorman, Andrew Wong, Judith Hahn, Anna Wera Wilms, Joseph Sverker, Christian Preidel, Ulrich Schmiedel, Sturla Stålsett, Dion Forster

This panel explores methods in political and public theology. Taken together, political and public theology have expanded radically and evolved rapidly since the turn of the century, tackling new challenges after the postsecular turn. While the conversation continues to concentrate on Christianities in European and American contexts, scholars from different disciplines and diverse denominations increasingly investigate a variety of theologies in public discourses and political debates. Particularly in controversies that are stirred up or perceived to be stirred up by the diversity of religions in postsecular societies, theological language and theological literacy have taken on a new significance.

Methodological reflection, however, is rare among political and public theologians. This panel aims to advance such reflection by bringing together scholars who problematize or present methods in political and public theology. We particularly welcome emerging and established scholars with a focus on new methodological proposals for the field.

On Credonomy: How to Study the Normative Consequences of Beliefs

Bobrowicz R.

KU Leuven

Immanent Critique: A Suitable Model for Christian Social Ethics?

Mandry C.

Goethe University Frankfurt

Mapping Theological Territories: Computational Insights into Identity, Discourse, and Collective Theology in Digital Communities

Wong A.^[1], Shorman M.W.^[2]

^[1]Dallas Theological Seminary, ^[2]University of Texas, Austin

From “Church Law” to Theological Jurisprudence: Methodological Challenges in the Transformation of Canon Law Studies into Legal Theology

Hahn J.

University of Bonn

Synodal Theology: Presenting and Problematising a Catholic Perspective on Theological Method for Public/Political Theology

Wilms A.W.

University of Oxford

What's in a Name? A Critical Engagement with the Grammar and Syntax of Public Theology

Forster D.

Vrije University

The Hardest Word: Forgiveness as a Political Concept in Relation to Juvenile Gang Criminality in Sweden

Sverker J.

University College Stockholm

Enrique Dussel's Method: Critical Insights for Public and Political Theology

Stålsett S.

MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

Justice Through Data: A Proposal for a Participative and Interventionist Research Agenda

Preidel C.

University of Lucerne

Religious minorities as drivers of change: The case of Protestantism

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MARIONETTE - BIBLIOTECA

Proponent: Karina Bénazech Wendling, Eugenio Biagini

Chair: Eugenio Biagini

Speaker: Anke Silomon, David Nash, Eugenio Biagini, Karina Bénazech Wendling, Phillipp David, Laura Popa, Paula Malan, Constance Varoquier, Nesrin Unlu, Benyamin Intan

The minority question is often discussed nowadays, and more particularly as religious minorities raise concerns about integration, assimilation, and domination. Minorities can be set aside by something in their behaviour, beliefs or collective identity that creates the perception – and the historical experience – that they are different from ‘the majority’, or by identifying some of their characteristics to a threat for the rest of society. This panel, organised by the research group “Protestantism as a minority religion” aims at offering space for comparison of multiple approaches and territories where Protestantism – broadly defined – contributed to a paradigm shift in community relations and the perception of other religious minorities, whether former Christian minorities or Jews (<https://minorityprotestants.wordpress.com/>).

It intends to examine the diverse relationship between Protestantism and domination, as well as the various forms of resistance that Protestant minorities have aroused, depending on its constitutional or social status. It offers an opportunity for a reappraisal of the Reformation as a driver of societal changes that partook in the emergence of modernity. To what extent, did the secularizing trend it introduced favour the emergence of religious freedom? With the spread of Protestantism worldwide, how do states and their majority populations deal with the phenomenon of conversion? Has it provoked shifting patterns in dealing with religious minorities?

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Minorities, democracy ad empire, 1912-1939: the Irish experience

Biagini E.

University of Cambridge

Enlightened Protestantism Today: Between Crisis and Progress

David P.

University of Giessen

A critical examination of the first principle of Pancasila from the perspective of Abraham Kuyper’s concept of principled pluralism

Intan B.

International Reformed Evangelical Seminary, Jakarta

Alliances and divisions in the Protestant world: the case of the Waldensians in the Río de la Plata region (1856-1870)

Malan P.

Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, PSL

Atheism and Religion in the English speaking world Confront the ‘Nones’. A paradigm Shift for Atheist and Religious Campaigning in historical perspective

Nash D.

Oxford Brookes University

Religious Minority Women's Experiences of the Italian Nation-State Building, 1860-1915

Popa L.

University of Giessen

The role of the Protestant Church in the GDR

Silomon A.

Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Leipzig

Lived Religion and Church Among Protestant Groups in Turkey

Unlu N.

Marmara University

Representing and Defending Evangelicals: the Political Engagement of the National Council of French Evangelicals in the Debates on the Law Consolidating Republican Principles

Varoquier C.

École Pratiques des Hautes, PSL / GSRL-CNRS

EXPERIENCING THE POWER OF CHANGE? PROTESTANT WOMEN CHALLENGING GENDER ROLES IN THE IRISH MISSION FIELD, 1800–1850

Bénazech Wendling K.

Université de Lorraine

Preventing domestic conflicts and controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship: The role of religious rights and authorities

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FATESI - CAMPO

Proponent: Vincenzo Pacillo, Carla Bagnoli

Chair: Vincenzo Pacillo, Carla Bagnoli

Speaker: Carla Bagnoli, Silvia Angeletti, Federica Sona, Silvia Baldassarre, Klaus Hoffmann-Holland, Neville Rochow, Bassira Hussen, Vincenzo Pacillo

This panel aims to explore the intricate dynamics of domestic conflicts and coercive behaviours within intimate or family relationships, focusing on the unique role that religious rights and authorities can play in both preventing and addressing these issues. Recognizing that domestic conflicts are not merely personal or private matters, but are deeply influenced by broader societal and cultural factors, the panel will delve into how religious beliefs, teachings, and the authority wielded by religious leaders can significantly impact family dynamics.

Key topics to be discussed include: the intersection of religious rights with domestic violence, the influence of religious teachings on individual and family behaviours, the responsibility of religious leaders in guiding their communities towards healthy relationship practices, and the potential of religious institutions in providing support and resources for those affected by domestic conflict and coercion.

Through a multidisciplinary approach, the panel will bring together experts from the fields of psychology, sociology, religious studies, and law. The goal is to provide a comprehensive understanding of how religious practices and institutions can contribute to the prevention and resolution of domestic conflicts, and how they can be leveraged to promote safe, respectful, and nurturing family environments.

The panel will also address challenges such as the misuse of religious texts to justify coercive behaviour.

Coercion by emotional blackmail: dynamics of power and authority in religious shaming

Bagnoli C.

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia

The Constitutional Role of Human Dignity in the Resolution of Rights Disputes

Rochow N.

Notre Dame University Sydney / EU Office of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - University of Adelaide Law School

(Non-)Protective Dimensions: Religion's Complex Impact on Domestic Violence Dynamics.

Hoffmann--Holland K.

Freie Universitat Berlin

S.O.S.: save our Sisters. The role of the authorities of the catholic church in preventing violence and abuse against consecrated women

Hussen B.^[1], Pacillo V.^[2]

^[1]*University of Modena and Reggio Emilia*, ^[2]*Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia*

Prevention and repression of child sexual abuse: the role of rights and religious authorities

Baldassarre S.

University of Florence

Muslim women and fatwā-issuing bodies - Sharī'ah Councils and beyond

Sona F.

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle

Children's Rights in Health and Family Life Claims. The Role of Religious Authorities' Standpoints and

Angeletti S.

Università di Perugia

Empathy as a vehicle of the paradigm shift in religious education of adolescents

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FATESI - MAUROLICO A

Proponent: Urška Jeglič

Chair: Katarina Kompan Erzar

Speaker: Urška Jeglič, Katarina Kompan Erzar, Tanja Valenta, Barbara Simonič, Sara Jerebic, Urška Mali Kovačič

One of the main issues of faith and religiosity transmission in modern society is the issue of the formation of personal faith among young people. The fundamental question is therefore the question of an empathic attitude towards young people and understanding their needs and longing for hope, faith, belonging and freedom.

Another question is whether adults are even capable and willing to look at the period of adolescence through faith and the openness that it brings.

Adolescence is a period in which the adolescent's relationship with adults changes, and at the same time, the development of his connection with his peers also changes. Fundamentally, through these changes, the adolescent's contact with the transcendent, with religion, faith and trust in the adults who shape his environment is transformed. The various kinds of emotional and relationship problems to which there is no easy answer shows up in this period. Different religious and ethnic identities are becoming increasingly visible.

In the process of searching for inner certainty, security and social placement, an empathic attitude towards young people is crucial, and through empathy, also on the development of a grounded practice of bringing religious content to young people in a way that will strengthen their independence and open the way for them to themselves, others, and God.

The importance of empathy and family dynamics for adolescents' perception of God

Valenta T.

University of Ljubljana

Empathy as a solution to overcome prejudice against Muslims

Jeglič U.

University of Ljubljana

God is young, Pope's reflection on youth: the role of adults to empathise with and trust young people's faith

Kompan Erzar K.

Sigmund Freud University Ljubljana

Dialogical dimensions of empathy and the formation of adolescents' attitudes to themselves, others and God

Simonič B.

University of Ljubljana

Moral Development and Empathy - How can school education support development?

Mali Kovačič U.

University of Ljubljana

Empathetic Attitude for Building Relationships with Adolescents in the Community

Jerebic S.

Family institute Bližina

Global Catholicism: From Vatican II to the Synod on Synodality

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FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Massimo Faggioli, Bryan Froehle

Chair: Massimo Faggioli

Speaker: Massimo Faggioli, Bryan Froehle, Serena Noceti, Carol George, Carlo Calleja, Robert Feduccia, Dirk Ansorge

2025 will be a jubilee year and mark 1700 years since the Nicene Creed, that great statement of Catholic unity across the ancient Mediterranean world. Will the Synod on Synodality be a moment of new catholicity? EuAre 2024 takes place in the inter-session period before the second and final Assembly of the Synod on synodality in October 2024. This structure echoes the multiple sessions of the Second Vatican Council sixty years earlier. An unanticipated fruit of that Council is fragmentation within Global Catholicism that has developed as part of a patently messy decentralization process. Bringing the question of synodality to the Synod is a critical moment, all the more since the Synod of Bishops was expressly created by Paul VI to carry forward the work of the Council. What can we learn about Global Catholicism from all this? What developments since the Council have emerged as critical differences between the various particular churches and regions within global Catholicism? What can we learn through comparative study of the different expressions of synodality and the synodal process within Global Catholicism? How does the dynamic of the Synod on synodality speak to broader developments within Global Catholicism and its institutional and theological self-awareness. What underlying sources of tension, theological innovations, and new possibilities are suggested by the synodal process between 2021 and 2024?

Conflicting Truth Claims in the Catholic Church, or: The Need for a Theological Theory of Unity and Plurality in Catholicism

Ansorge D.

Sankt Georgen Jesuit College of Philosophy and Theology

Synodality beyond Relativism: The Challenge of the Context-specific Pursuit of the Good and the Global Church

Calleja C.

University of Malta

Challenges and Crossroads: Navigating the Synodal Path in a Diverse India - Lessons for a Global Catholicism

George C.

KU Leuven

Engaging Adolescents in Worship at Eucharistic Liturgy

Feduccia R.

Palm Beach Atlantic University

What is Christian? Views and Notions in Popular and Scientific Discourses

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LA PIRA - TEATRO

Proponent: Ewelina Drzewiecka

Chair: Magdalena Lubańska, Ewelina Drzewiecka

Speaker: Ewelina Drzewiecka, Magdalena Lubańska, Aleksandra Michalska, Eva Pascal, Mathew Schmalz, Kaciaryna Bychak, Desislava Naydenova, Daniel Muller, Grazyna Szwat-Gylybowa, Gertraud Ladner, Piotr Popiolek, Karina Jarzynska

The aim of the panel is to present and discuss various case studies which show complexity and variability of meanings in the process of attributing Christian characteristics. The intention is to contribute to the on-going discussion on concepts and terms in the field of religious studies by drawing attention to a particular dimension of the issue, i.e. different ways of understanding, classifying and evaluating phenomena that are related with Christianity. We invite researchers representing different fields and cognitive matrices (religious studies, social anthropology, theology, cultural studies, history, art history), investigating different cultural and language milieus, who deal with religious phenomena with regard to the notion of the (non-)Christian and/or address this matter in theoretical terms. We would like to discuss disciplinary vocabularies and epistemological assumptions that underpin modern social imaginaria. Such notions as “Christianisation”, “Christianity vs. paganism”, “peasants vs. elites”, “folk religiosity”, “double faith”, “religious syncretism” function in many discourses (scientific, literary, popular culture) and need to be further examined from the point of view of both different regimes of knowledge and different cultures. Thus, the idea of paradigm shift will be addressed by taking into consideration the indigenous experiences with the Christianity in the perspective of the history of concepts and the history of humanities and social sciences.

Mediaeval Bulgarian Legal Culture between Roman Law and Christian tradition

Naydenova D.

Cyrillo-Methodian Research Centre, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Modern Bulgarian Culture and the “Christianization” of the Folk Narrative of the Walled-up Woman

Szwat--Gylybowa G.

Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Science

The Christianization mission of St. Otto of Bamberg in Pomerania in contemporary scholarly and popular narratives in the context of the 900th anniversary of the Christianization of the region

Bychak K.

University of Szczecin

Immanuel Kant on the End of All Things: Philosophical Eschatology as Theo-Political Critique

Muller D.

Vrije Universiteit

What is Christian in the Cult of Prepodobna Stoyna – a Bulgarian Prophetess and Uncanonical Saint?

Michalska A.

University Adam Mickiewicz

Religious Healing in Orthodox Christian Monasteries in Bulgaria: Findings from Ethnographic Fieldwork and their Theoretical Implications

Lubańska M.

University of Warsaw

Slavic Studies and World Christianity: Underrepresentation Among Subfields

Pascal E.

Saint Michael's College

Christian or Not? Classificatory Reflections on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Schmalz M.

The College of the Holy Cross

Does Christian Feminism even exist? For a More Diversified Understanding of Christianity Today

Ladner G.

University of Innsbruck

Post-Modern Traditionalism in Contemporary Catholicism

Popiolek P.

Jagiellonian University

Modern Epics of Poland – Between Christian, National and Transreligious Imagery

Jarzynska K.

Jagiellonian University

Literary Studies and the Notion of Christianity. A Case from the Eastern Orthodox World

Drzewiecka E.

Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

**Religion and Spirituality in the Digital Age:
Presence and Experience in Immersive Digital
Media**

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MARIONETTE - TEATRO

Proponent: Victoria Dos Santos, Gorazd Andrejč

Chair: Nadja Furlan

Speaker: Tijana Rupcic, Antje Roggenkamp, Blaž Lenarčič, Lars de Wildt, Noreen Herzfeld, Tobias Friesen

The increasing presence of religious images, themes, and practices in ludic and ‘secular’ media, as well as the growth of religious communities and narratives on virtual platforms, have prompted the need for rethinking the ontological and epistemological aspects of digital religion. Especially after the COVID-19 pandemic—and how it radically pushed many religious actors and communities online (Evolvi 2022)—the perspective on virtual environments as affordable media for experiencing and ‘doing’ religion (Grieve 2022) has been broadening, bringing attention to its phenomenological and material aspects (Radde-Antweiler 2021) while inviting us to analyze not only the textual components of religion but also its aesthetic, creative, and sensual dimensions. According to the aforementioned, this panel aims to explore how the intersection of media technologies, digital cultures, and traditional and nontraditional religions proposes or expresses lived religious experiences and activities. More specifically, it will focus on: 1) the embodied, social, and performative nature of religion in virtual platforms; 2) the ways in which different religious traditions and realities produced and addressed their practices online; and 3) phenomenological questions about the ways religiously-potent immersive experiences work in digital media, are ‘produced’, and how they compare or relate to the religiously-potent experiences in the social context and/or nature beyond the digital.

A Pop Theology between Developers and Players

De Wildt L.

University of Groningen

Representations of the Afterlife in Hideo Kojima’s Death Stranding

Rupcic T.

Central European University

‘Here, There and Everywhere’: Social Presence and Communities in Contemporary Society

Lenarčič B.

Institute for Philosophical and Religious Studies ZRS Koper

Can AI Generate an Icon?

Herzfeld N.

St John's University

On the reproduction of religious artefacts. Opportunities and limits of digitalisation

Roggenkamp A.

University of Münster

The Precarious Relationship Between Embodiment and Digital Religion

Friesen T.

University of Heidelberg

The Trad-wife vs. The Trad Life: Competing Traditions of Traditionalism

Clarkson J.

King's College London

Online Salafi Groups: Divergent Interpretations and Intra-Group Conflicts

Diouane H.

Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University

Urban Religion and Cultural Heritage: Reassembling History and Plural Memory

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

STERI - CHIESA DI S. ANTONIO ABATE

Proponent: Angelica Federici, Maria Chiara Giorda

Chair: Angelica Federici, Maria Chiara Giorda

Speaker: Maria Chiara Giorda, Angelica Federici, Valeria Fabretti, Luca Bossi, Isabella De Paolis, Brice Gruet, Carlo Nardella, Caterina Pignotti, Silvia Omenetto

In Europe, history and memories related to religious heritage have been regulated and studied almost exclusively in reference to Catholicism. However, in an increasingly multicultural and multireligious landscape, we believe there is a glaring knowledge gap around the role of non-Catholic religious heritage in the creation of a public cultural memory and history.

In this session, we bring together spatial and material approaches to religion on the one hand – e.g. religious architectures and their symbolic value and strategies of religious place – and memory studies on the other – space and materiality are considered media products in the construction of cultural and public memory.

In order to consider new theoretical and methodological approaches, as well as specific cases of non-Catholic religious heritage study, we propose (non-exclusively) to examine the political role of divisive memories in the conflicts over specific shared religious spaces, to explore the role of religious minorities in the construction of plural memories.

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A hidden treasure. Places of worship and the cultural heritage of religious minorities in Italy

Bossi L.

University of Turin

Urban Religion and Cultural Heritage: Reassembling History and Plural Memory

De Paolis I.

La Sapienza University of Rome

Spaces without history, heritage and memory: on the peculiar character of silence/meditation rooms and their possible value as shared goods

Fabretti V.

Fondazione Bruno Kessler

San Gennaro and the Unesco: miracle as a cultural heritage?

Gruet B.

Université de Créteil

A Filipino Urban Ritual: Celebrating Santacruzán in Italy

Nardella C.

University of Milan

Religious places and the cultural heritage: the Orthodox Churches in the historic center of Turin

Pignotti C.

University of Roma Tre

The gurdwaras as cultural heritage. Challenges and opportunities of the Italian case

Omenetto S.

Sapienza Università di Roma

EDUCATION, CULTURE AND CIVIC ACTION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: PARADIGM CHANGES

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

FATESI - DI GIOVANNI

Proponent: Mercedes Montero, Beatriz Comella

Chair: Mercedes Montero, Beatriz Comella

Speaker: Mercedes Montero, Beatriz Comella, Inmaculada Alva, María Cruz Díaz de Terán Velasco, Monica Fuster Cancio, María Muñoz, Marystella Ramirez Guerra

The Real Asociación de Escuelas Dominicales of Madrid was founded in 1857 to extend education to young girls who, due to their work circumstances, were unable to attend school during the weekdays. Unlike other educational initiatives aimed at women, this was the first time that they were directed at working-class women, who were not necessarily orphans, and their clear objective was to instil religious piety in their pupils, in addition to the eighteenth-century ideal of love of work. This paper will describe the context in which it arose, its promoters and the scope achieved by the association. To this end, it will draw on the documentation produced by the members themselves and contemporary journalistic sources. As an interpretative reference, studies on the religious history of contemporary Spain will be taken and, in particular, those referring to the feminisation of religion, with the aim of evaluating its novelty in Spanish female Catholic education in the 19th century. In short, this research aims to show the role of Catholicism in the promotion of women's education.

Paradigm changes at the Royal School of Saint Elizabeth-The Assumption in Madrid

Comella B.

Universidad Nacional de Educacion A Distancia

From nuns to missionaries: new spaces of female power in the British African colonies

Fuster Cancio M.

Pontificia Università della Santa Croce

María de Maeztu: Liberal and Catholic in the reform of Spanish science

Muñoz M.

Universidad Nacional a Distancia

The contributions of Catholic women jurists at the beginning of the 20th century: a new paradigm.

Díaz De Terán Velasco M.C.

University of Navarra

Women's education in Edith Stein's anthropology as a solution to Germany's social crisis during the interwar period

Ramirez Guerra M.

BlackFriars Hall. University of Oxford

The university women, the Opus Dei and the rupture of the National-Catholic paradigm

Montero M.

University of Navarra

Opus Dei Women in the United States: Integration Into American Catholicism

Alva I.

University of Navarra

Religious Exits: Transitions into Alternative Symbolical and Political Worlds?

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - DUSMET

Proponent: Noemi Call, Kurt Appel

Chair: Jakob Deibl

Speaker: Noemi Call, Kurt Appel, Jakob Deibl, Marco Fiorletta, Esther Heinrich - Ramharter, Daniel Kuran

The quest for exits out of our established cultural, social and political orders has become a ubiquitous existential mood characterizing our times and is, therefore, one of the most urgent topics in contemporary society. The sense of living in a world without escape presses the urge to exit which can manifest in alienation, destruction or the potential to transform world orders. In this last scenario exits become redemptive and the pressure to exit discharges itself in the creation of an immense number of exit strategies into alternative worlds. Not only can these worlds often resemble new forms of religion, but against this background also traditional forms of religion can be interpreted as exit strategies. Understood in this way, religions and religious practices are ambivalent as they can enforce destructions, but are also capable of radically opening established orders, insofar as the world of transcendence contains neither a definite territory nor an immovable order of time.

By means of leaving world-immanent orders religions can lead radically beyond the given and enter in alternative worlds that carry the spark of political utopias within them. Religious exit strategies can envision an alternative political order that goes beyond the socio-political and symbolic paradigms of a limited world order. We are interested in reflecting on the ambivalent character of religious exit strategies and exploring the productive potential of exits for conviviality in times of crisis.

Transformative Experiences: Exits in Religion and the Arts

Call N.

University of Vienna

Topology of Religious Spaces: Creating, Exiting and Occupying Spaces

Deibl J.

University of Regensburg

God, an Escapism. Biblical Monotheism and Two Forms of Escapism

Kuran D.

University of Vienna

Time and Justice in the Alternative World of the Book of Job

Heinrich -- Ramharter E.

University of Vienna

Religio-ecological Exits: Transformations via Bruno Latour's Figure of Gaia

Fiorletta M.

University of Vienna

(Hi)Stories without exits? Reflections building on Orwell's 1984

Appel K.

University of Vienna

Scientology 2024: Controversies and Social Activism

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Massimo Introvigne

Chair: Rosita Soryte

Speaker: Bernadette Rigal-Cellard, Eric Roux, Attila Miklovicz, Massimo Introvigne, Rosita Soryte

The Church of Scientology continues to be mentioned in the media mostly for the activities of some well-publicized opponents and for the opposition it encounters from various quarters. Less frequently discussed is Scientology's social activism, which extends to a plurality of fields: disaster relief and charitable work through its Volunteer Ministers, human right works (which in turn may create controversies when the church denounces the abuses of psychiatry), and an important if understudied influence not only on performing but also on visual arts. The panel will explore how these activities of Scientology develop in a context still marked by opposition.

Disqualifying Scientology's Social Activism: An Analysis of the Anti-Cult Discourse

Introvigne M.

CESNUR

The Social and Humanitarian Activities of the Church of Scientology

Rigal-Cellard B.

University Bordeaux Montaigne

The Church of Scientology's Volunteer Minister Program in Cross-Cultural Perspective

Miklovicz A.

University of Pécs

Respondent

Roux E.

European Interreligious Forum for Religious Freedom

The Russian Orthodox Church and War: Aspects of Conceptualization, Legitimization and Representation

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

FATESI - TOMASI

Proponent: Mikhail Suslov

Chair: Mikhail Suslov, Irina Kotkina

Speaker: Alexander Agadjanian, Kristina Stoeckl, Mikhail Suslov, Bojidar Kolov, Victor Khroul, Mikhail Suslov

The panel aims to analyze the Russian Orthodox Church's (ROC) responses to the Russian war in Ukraine. The panel will address the following issues: (i) on the conceptual level, the Church is trying to revise the theory of Just War, laid down in the Bases of the Social Concept (2000), by tapping into the Russian intellectual history (especially, theological legacy of Ivan Il'in). In this way, a new doctrine of "Necessary War" emerges on the intersection of political theology and ideology of identitarian conservatism; (ii) on the symbolic-representational level, ROC is sacralizing the ongoing war for the purpose of isolating and excluding this topic from the public discussions; (iii) on the level of political discourses, ROC is normalizing and de-politizing the war as a socio-political context lying outside of the sphere of individual agency and political decision-making. In this way, it is argued that the war is a personal ordeal on a par with other natural and social calamities. The panel will provide interdisciplinary empirical research of these and concomitant issues in order to understand ideational evolutions inside ROC since February 2022, as well as the Church-generated ideology's place in the "big picture" of legitimization of war by the regime of Putinism.

Moscow Patriarchate and the war in Ukraine: rational choice, ontological (in)security or symphonic enjoyment?

Kolov B.

University of Oslo

Discussant

Uzlaner D.^[1], Stoeckl K.^[2]

^[1]Freie Universitaet Berlin, ^[2]LUISS Rome

Alternatives to the Just War Theory in the Russian Orthodox Political Philosophy: Contemporary Contexts

Suslov M.

University of Copenhagen

Religious Authority Impact on the Sacralization of War in Russian Media

Khroul V.

Catholic University in Ružomberok

Russian Orthodoxy's national(ist) and imperial(ist) identities: a structural duality and its political implications"

Agadjanian A.

Yerevan State University

Syriac Christians in Dialogue with Islam

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Jennifer Griggs, Salam Rassi

Chair: Jennifer Griggs, Jennifer Griggs, Salam Rassi

Speaker: Julia Hintlian, Giulia Secli, Jennifer Griggs, Salam Rassi, Ashoor Yousif, Nicolas Atas, Nestor Kavvadas, Dimitri Cherkashin, Simon Pierre, Lindsay Ruth, Anna Cherkashina, Yulia Furman, Rosanna Budelli

This panel considers the dialogue of Syriac Christianity with Islam through the historical encounters of Syriac Christians with Muslims in both the East and West Syriac churches, from the Eastern Mediterranean to Persia. Our time period begins with the emergence of Islam in the world of Late Antiquity to the dominance of Islamic culture in the medieval period. This panel invites contributions that consider the modalities of this inter-religious encounter through different genres of Syriac literature, including amongst others, poetry, hymnography, theology, philosophy, hagiography, history, disputations and dialogues. In considering such a diversity of genres, we propose to illuminate the breadth of influences and encounters with Islamic culture and religion that are evidenced within Syriac literature. Central questions to be considered include how these interactions with Islam developed historically in Syriac literature, such as the influence of Islamic philosophical disciplines on Syriac philosophy and theology, especially in relation to the earlier Greek models. Other areas of interaction include the translation movements, and the extent to which Syriac Christian authors sought to negotiate Greek, Arabic and Persian traditions. Finally, we also welcome contributions on the development of Arabic amongst Syriac Christian communities, and the perspectives offered within Christian Arabic literature on the encounter with Islam.

The Legend of the Egyptian King Arsanis: A Muslim Story in Christian Guise.

Furman Y.

Freie Universitat Berlin

Encounters at the Highest Echelon. Syriac Ecclesiastics and Abbasid Caliphs. Relations during the Early Abbasid Caliphate Period.

Yousif A.

Tyndale University

A Christian List of the Names of God in Elias of Nisibis' "Book of the Interpreter.

Atas N.

KU Leuven

The Earliest Syriac Testimonies on Emergent Islam: A Close Reading

Kavvadas N.

University of Bonn

Can Bar Penkaye Tell More? Revisiting "The Book of the Main Points" on the Matter of the Early Muslim State

Cherkashin D.

Ben Gurion University

John of Sedrē (r. 631-648) and the “Emir” - A Reappraisal of his Letter in the Light of Arab-Muslim Memory about ‘Umayr b. Sa’d al-Ansârî.

Pierre S.

IFPO Paris

Women’s Forum Shopping: Syriac Christian Women’s Agency During Muslim Rule in Late Antiquity

Ruth L.

Indiana University

Arabic magic as a bridge between Jewish magical practices of late antiquity and the Middle Ages, and Syriac magic of the 18th-20th centuries?

Cherkashina A.

Tel Aviv University

The Legend of the Egyptian King Arsanis: A Muslim Story in Christian Guise.

Furman Y.

Rational Immortality. Iwannis of Dara, Mushe bar Kipho, and the Soul of Early Islamic Falsafa.

Hintlian J.

Harvard University

The Syriac version by Barhebraeus of Kitāb al-iṣārāt wa ’l-tanbīhāt in the MS. Florence, Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, Oriental 86

Secli G.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

The Language of Asceticism in Arab-Christian texts of the Ms. 4.225 of the National and University Library of Strasbourg

Budelli R.

FSCIRE

Bar Hebraeus’ Scientific Curriculum in Syriac? From the Greek Sciences to the Avicennan Tradition in 13th century Maragha

Griggs J.

FSCIRE

New Directions in Islamic Visual Cultures

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

FATESI - CUSMANO

Proponent: Yunus Hentschel

Chair: Or Amir

Speaker: Yunus Hentschel, Or Amir, Inbal Kol, Felix M. Keskin

The panel seeks to shift the focus of Islamic studies to the field of visual culture by asking questions such as: How did premodern Muslims experience and conceptualize seeing and being seen? Which faculties of perception did they consider as accessible, and how did they employ them? How did early and classical Muslims apply such conceptions of vision to exegetical, legal, oneirological, mystic, and other cultures of visibility? Did they envision specific – sanctioned and condemned - modes of Islamic gaze? What was the epistemic and authoritative value of sight and vision in diverse Islamic discourses?

Exploring such questions from a multidisciplinary perspective, we argue, will progress our understanding of the emergence of distinct Islamic culture(s) out of the visual cultures of Late Antiquity, and its further developments over the medieval periods.

The panel will include the following four lectures, and invites scholars working on related topics to offer complementing presentations:

Yunus Hentschel: Seeing the Practice of Medina. Late Antique Visuality and Islamic Law in Mālik b. Anas' (d. 795) al-Muwatṭaʾ

Or Amir: The Dispute regarding the Authoritative Value of Dream Visions in Islamic Juridical Discourse.

Inbal Kol: The relationship between vision comprehension and Early Islamic architecture.

Lev Arie Kapitaikin: Cosmos' Architecture and its Visuality in the Koran and Early Islamic Traditions.

The Dispute regarding the Authoritative Value of Dream Visions in Islamic Juridical Discourse.

Amir O.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Gaze and Image Magic in Late Antiquity and Early Islam

Keskin Felix M.

University of Gottingen

The relationship between vision comprehension and Early Islamic architecture.

Kol I.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Seeing the Practice of Medina. Late Antique Visuality and Islamic Law in Mālik b. Anas' (d. 795) al-Muwatṭaʾ

Hentschel Y.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

PhD Forum

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 09:30 alle 13:00

STERI - SALA MAGNA

Proponent: European Academy of Religion, FSCIRE - Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose, RESILIENCE - Research Institute

Speaker: Alberto Melloni, Daniela Scialabba, LI Wendan, Tomaž Erzar, Gerhard Langer, Konrad Schmid, Joas Wagemaker, Katharina Kunter, Peter De Mey, Lienneke Timpers, Ivana Noble, Daniel Schuval, Vassa Kontouma

The purpose of the Forum, which is hosted by the European Academy of Religion and co-sponsored by FSCIRE - Fondazione per le scienze religiose and RESILIENCE Research Infrastructure, is to discuss the future of the study of religion and the role of Doctoral Schools in this field. More specifically, the Forum will debate about how to serve the future generations of scholars in terms of research tools, availability and access to data, tools, and capacity to imagine how to develop knowledge in the near future.

Mikva'ot, Ritual Purification, and Climate Change in Israel during the Roman Period (2nd BCE-2nd CE)

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 09:45 alle 16:30

STERI - SALA DELLE CAPRIATE

Proponent: David Hamidovic

Chair: David Hamidovic, Teresa Scarso

Speaker: David Hamidovic, Teresa Scarso, Mordechai Aviam, Benjamin D. Gordon, Sophia Avants

The panel aims to evaluate the potential impact of climate change of the ritual function of mikva'ot, i.e. purification basins with o'sar or not, their merging, and their disappearance. The conversion of basins in mikva'ot and the abandon of ritual function of mikva'ot according to archaeological and textual data need to be investigated.

Life and Death of the Mikva'ot in Khirbet Qumran

Hamidovic D.

University of Lausanne

Miqva'oth and Climate in the Land of Israel: Connection or Randomness?

Scarso T.

University of Lausanne

The Decline of Mikvaot in the Land of Israel

Aviam M.

Kinneret Institute for Galilean Archaeology Land of Israel Studies, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

Public Bathing and the Demise of the Private Judean Mikveh

Gordon Benjamin D.

Associate Professor and Rosenberg-Perlow Fellow, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pittsburgh

Can Architecture Help Us Understand Fluctuations in Mikveh Use? A Case Study of Unit II in Zippori

Avants S.

Duke University

Southern Italy as a spatial paradigm for the analysis of Muslim communities

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 09:45 alle 12:00

FATESI - MAUROLICO B

Proponent: Carlo De Angelo

Chair: Carlo De Angelo, Marco Di Donato

Speaker: Marco Di Donato, Carlo De Angelo, Chiara Anna Cascino, Nicola Di Mauro, Salvatore Senatore

"Contemporary Islam in the West is a compelling field of research for various disciplines and approaches. In the Italian context, social sciences have mostly investigated Muslim communities settled in the North. However, as Muslim communities in the south of Italy are relatively smaller and more mobile, and as Italian universities tend to fund more research projects in the north, contemporary Islam in the south of Italy has not received much academic attention. The aim of this panel is to examine how a changing context such as southern Italy is leading to new religious experiences and organisations for Muslim communities, drawing on reflections on the production of space and space as a subject in combined and uneven relations (Lefebvre 1991, Foucault 1978). The panel will examine how Muslim communities adapt religious experience and organisation to greater mobility and precarity, considering the theoretical framework of Global Islam (Cesari 2008, Green 2020).

Cesari, Jocelyne. 2008. "Islam in the West: From Immigration to Global Islam". Harvard Middle Eastern and Islamic Review, 8: 148-175.

Green, Nile. 2020. Global Islam: A Very Short Introduction. New York: Oxford University Press.

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Lefebvre, Henri. 1991. The Production of Space. Oxford: Blackwell."

Space and Relations: AN Analysis of the Tunisian Mosque in Palermo

Cascino C.A.

Università di Verona

Islam in the Public Space: The Establishment of Section for Muslims in the Public Cemeteries of Campania

De Angelo C.

University of Naples L'Orientale

Muslim Neverland in Contemporary Naples

Di Mauro N.

University of Naples L'Orientale / John Felice Rome Center, Loyola University of Chicago

Inside and Outside the City: The Muslim Community in Salerno

Senatore S.

Independent Researcher

Translations of the Qur'an

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 09:45 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 4

Proponent: Brett Wilson, Francesca Badini

Chair: Brett Wilson, Francesca Badini

Speaker: Francesca Badini, Brett Wilson, Riccardo Vigliermo, Gulrano Ataeva, Elham Ghasemi

The translations of the Qur'an "might be understood as a process whose end result replaces the original text and assumes, for the reader, all of its functions, thereby making it unnecessary to engage with the original" (Pink, 2022). Translating the Qur'an inevitably involves an exegetical activity that most often requires the use of tafsirs. Different specific terminology, rhetorical structures, and even possible errors could reflect particular ideological approaches that are largely conveyed by either the translator or the one who commissioned the translation of the sacred text.

The organizers of the panel "Translations of the Qur'an" invite proposals for papers that investigate this topic and analyze the sources from a historical, exegetical, socio-political and linguistic perspective, within any chronological, geographical or linguistic limits.

The organizers encourage proposals that actively explore the social and practical aspects of the Qur'an, to investigate how and why Muslims viewed translations as vital for coping with the circumstances in which they lived

Reflections on Recent Turkish Translations of the Qur'an: The Place of Mehmet Akif Ersoy's Rendering in the Contemporary Landscape

Wilson B.

Central European University

“Il Corano. Versione Letteraria Italiana”: the Italian Qur'an translated by A. Fracassi (1914).

Badini F.

FSCIRE

Partial translations of the Qur'an: the case of "Biblioteca Universale" Sonzogno

Vigliermo R.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE

Sovietization of Islam and Translations of Qur'an under Soviet Rule

Ataeva G.

Central European University Vienna

Towards discovering the authoritative canonical Persian translation of the Qur'an, produced during the Samanid dynasty (r. 350–366/961–977)?

Ghasemi E.

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Psychopathology and religious experience: both- and approaches

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 16:30

FATESI - CAMPO

Proponent: Tasia Scrutton

Chair: Tasia Scrutton

Speaker: Tasia Scrutton, Simon Hewitt, Joanna Leidenhag, Richard Gipps, Hannah Waite, John Swinton, Jessica Coblentz, Kate Finley

“Both-and” approaches to psychopathology and religious experience emphasise ways in which someone might be having both a religious experience and a mental illness. They have generally played second fiddle to debates about how to distinguish between psychopathology and religious experience which presuppose an either-or approach; however, a minority voice has historically pointed to both-and approaches, and these are increasingly gaining traction today (see e.g. Swinton, 2020; Cook, 2023).

Both-and approaches have the potential to form a significant paradigm shift with far-reaching pastoral and clinical implications. Perhaps, it is argued, it is possible for someone whose experience includes both religious and pathological aspects to receive both medication (to treat suffering/dysfunction) and sick leave, and also spiritual encouragement and guidance (thus e.g. retaining a sense of religious meaning).

However, what both-and approaches entail is far from straightforward once one goes beyond these generalities. In order to be true to lived experience, and attuned to different situations, and theologically and philosophically nuanced, and pastorally and clinically responsible, both-and approaches require input from a number of people. These include experts by experience, theologians, philosophers, people with pastoral roles, and mental health professionals. This panel will bring together these scholars and professionals to consider and develop rigorous both-and approaches.

What does it mean to know something: Some brief reflections on religious experience and mental health challenges

Swinton J.

University of Aberdeen

Epiphany or apophany?

Gipps R.

University of Oxford

‘Stories that save us and stories that trap us’: A feminist analysis of ‘both-and’ approaches

Coblentz J.

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame

From disorder to diversity: Both/and approaches to autism

Leidenhag J.

University of Leeds

Navigating dual realities: A case study exploration of the both-and lens of understanding religious experiences in mania

Waite H.

University of Birmingham

The theology of mental distress: against sacralisation

Hewitt S.

University of Leeds

Psychopathology & conceptual frameworks: etiology, phenomenology, and meaning

Finley K.

Hope College

Do altered brain states open our minds to God?

Scrutton T.

University of Leeds

The Concept of Love in Eberhard Jüngel

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 16:30

FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Jan Philipp Turck

Chair: Jan Philipp Turck

Speaker: Jan Philipp Turck, Micheal Nathan Goldberg, Charles Howell, Lukas Sulzer, Viola Von Boehn, Brandon Watson, Simon Haug

The aim of the panel, as well as the research group of young scholars behind it, is to promote the international studies around the German Protestant theologian Eberhard Jüngel (1934–2021) and to discuss the latest developments in hermeneutical theology. E. Jüngel was probably one of the most important and innovative discourse leaders in the field of hermeneutic theology in the second half of the 20th century. The examination of his wide-ranging oeuvre is therefore a promising and forward-looking branch of research, which is not only being worked on within German-speaking theology and philosophy of religion, but is also increasingly attracting international attention.

After our research group of doctoral students and post-docs was represented at EuAre for the first time last year with the panel “The Meaning of Temporality: The Hermeneutical Contours of Word and History in Eberhard Jüngel”, the topic for the 2024 panel is “The Concept of Love in Eberhard Jüngel”.

All contributions that open up a specific perspective on Jüngel’s concept of love are welcome. This can mean, for example, analyzing it in the context of a single writing, looking at it in the context of several of Jüngel’s writings, bringing Jüngel into dialogue with other thinkers or choosing a completely different form of consideration. A wide variety of perspectives is expressly encouraged! The talks should be between 15–20 minutes. Each presentation will be followed by 10–15 minutes of discussion

Demanding Love. Proclamation as a call to love in the Theology of Eberhard Jüngel

Goldberg M.N.

University of Zurich

The Dynamic Possibility of Faith, Love, and Hope. The Narrative-Hermeneutical Approach of Eberhard Jüngel

Watson B.

University of Münster

Echoes of Eros. The Aesthetic Dimensions of Eberhard Jüngel's Ontology of Love

Howell C.

University of St. Andrews

Love – A Story About Nothing(Ness)? Eberhard Jüngel's Concept of God's Being-Love as a as in Nihilum Ek-Sistere

Sulzer L.

University of Heidelberg

Love in Brokenness. A Reflection on the Sovereignty of Love in Eberhard Jüngel's Concept of Love

Von Boehn V.

University of Heidelberg

The Significance of Eros – A Controversy Between Karl Barth and Eberhard Jüngel

Turck J.P.

University of Münster

'Glaube als Zwischenbestimmung der Liebe'. Tracing Ernst Fuchs' Influence in Eberhard Jüngel's "Gott als Geheimnis der Welt"

Haug S.

University of Heidelberg

Religions and the economy: religious imaginaries of economic orders

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 13:15

FATESI - D'ACQUISTO

Proponent: Kristina Stoeckl, Ingeborg Gabriel

Chair: Gabriel Ingeborg

Speaker: Mark Bell, Gabriel Ingeborg, Kristina Stoeckl, Dmitry Uzlaner

This panel starts from the observation that connections and collaborations between religions have moved into the focus of social science and theological research for a long time already: interreligious dialogue, religions for peace movement, the ecumenical movement, but also forms of illiberal and conservative religious alliances etc. What has so far remained in the shadow of this renewed interest in religious cooperation and interfaith dialogue is the question of economics: what do religious traditions share – and what divides them – in terms of their imaginaries of a “good” economic order? This panel brings together contributions that set out to renew “old” questions posed by Max Weber on religion and economics. It invites for a discussion on the contemporary significance of comparing the economic agendas of religious actors and religious traditions.

Speakers at the panel will be

Mark Bell: “Catholic Social Teaching in the platform economy”: The growth of the platform economy has been accompanied by increasing scrutiny of the conditions faced by those who perform work in this sector. Digital labour platforms have been in the vanguard of using algorithms as instruments for the management of work, in areas such as allocating assignments, evaluating performance, and (ultimately) termination of contracts. In the field of labour law, this has prompted extensive debate on how to ensure effective protection of workers at this intersection of labour and technology. This paper explores the contribution that religion can make to ethical reflection on how to navigate justice for workers in the platform economy. The paper will explore how the ethical principles found in CST can illuminate deliberation on the platform economy and play a role in shaping its future regulation.

Kristina Stoeckl: “Catholic Sociology in interwar-Austria”: The paper elaborates the economic ideas developed by Catholic sociologists in Austria in the 1920s and 30s and interrogates the legacy of these ideas in contemporary conservative critiques of liberalism.

Ingeborg Gabriel: Social ethics and the economy in interreligious and intercultural dialogue

Discussant

Uzlaner D.

Freie Universitaet Berlin

Catholic Sociology in interwar-Austria

Stoeckl K.

LUISS Rome

Social ethics and the economy in interreligious and intercultural dialogue

Ingeborg G.

University of Vienna

Max Weber on Capitalism and Christian Social Ethics: Two Economic Imaginaries in Dialogue

Ingeborg G.

University of Vienna

Dignity Amid Digitalization: Bringing Catholic Social Teaching to the Platform Economy

Bell M.

Trinity College Dublin

Promoting Religious Freedom as Paradigms Shift?

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 12:00

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Jelle Creemers

Chair: Jelle Creemers

Speaker: Jelle Creemers, Tatiana Kopaleishvili, Adelaide Madera

This panel addresses the question to what extent, and, if so, how, religious freedom is still to be defended and promoted today. The right to freedom of religion or belief (FORB) is enshrined in all authoritative human rights (HR) treaties and most liberal constitutions. In the last decades, however, this right has been challenged from various disciplinary angles. The impossibility to define religion is said to obstruct religious freedom as a juridical category (Sullivan 2018). Problematic political instrumentalizations of religious freedom discourses are documented (e.g., Sullivan 2014; Mahmood 2015). And the HR framework as a whole is being theologically critiqued as a deeply secular ethical framework (e.g., in Witte 2015). Defenders of FORB, on the other hand, have long considered it as a 'mother of many other rights' (Jellinek 1895). They point to its continuing importance in view of a global rise of religiously oriented/motivated persecution and discrimination, problematic political reconfigurations, as well as FORB's role as custodian against a sacralization of the HR framework (e.g., Bielefeldt & Wiener 2020). The panel aims to enrich and bring nuance to this ongoing debate and shifting paradigms related to FORB. We invite scholars from all disciplines to offer fresh input, such as theoretical considerations, case studies, or critical suggestions regarding promotion of FORB and the roles of different actors (educators, politics, courts, NGO's,...) today.

The impact of emergency rules on religious minorities

Madera A.

University of Messina

The FoRB discourses under scrutiny. Analyses of the perceptions of freedom of religion by religious minorities and public management of religion in Georgia.

Kopaleishvili T.

Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven

Propagation and Conversion: Freedom to Shifts Paradigms?

Creemers J.

Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven

Changes in Church Leadership

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 13:15

FATESI - CUSMANO

Proponent: Burkhard Berkmann

Chair: Burkhard Berkmann

Speaker: Burkhard Berkmann, Lukas Brechtel, Jean Olivier Nke Ongono, Emma Graziella Saraceni, Daniela Tarantino

Pope Francis is reforming the Church's leadership structures. The Catholic Church is often seen as a pyramid. The Pope inverted this pyramid, as he stated: "But in this Church, as in an inverted pyramid, the top is located beneath the base." (Address, 17 October 2015). This might be seen as a paradigm shift. The panel examines changes such as the reform of the Roman Curia or the Synod of Bishops from the perspective of canon law. It takes a closer look at several dicasteries of the Curia and analyses the relationship between global and local church leadership. The focus is on principles such as administration by lay people, decentralisation, synodality and the separation of powers. The panel's speakers, who report on their individual research projects, provide diverse perspectives from Germany, Italy and Africa and also consider possible future developments.

Single topics are:

- Decentralisation in the Roman Curia
- The Church and progress: the role of the laity in the Dicastery for Integral Human Development"
- The Dicastery for Communication in the Synodal Path of the "Church Outgoing"
- Consultative participation of the laity in the ecclesiastical power of governance

Changes in Church leadership in Cameroon

Decentralisation in the Roman Curia

Berkmann B.

Ludwig-Maximilian-University

Consultative participation of the laity in the ecclesiastical power of governance

Brechtel L.

Ludwig-Maximilian-University

Changes in Church leadership in Cameroon

Nke Ongono J.O.

Ludwig-Maximilian-University

The Church and progress: the role of the laity in the Dicastery the laity in the Dicastery for Integral Human Development

Saraceni E.G.

University of Rome Tor Vergata

The Dicastery for Communication in the Synodal Path of the "Church Outgoing"

Tarantino D.

University of Genova

AI and the Future of Religious Studies

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Khalid El Abdaoui

Chair: Khalid El Abdaoui

Speaker: Khalid El Abdaoui, Hureyre Kam, Ulvi Karagedik, Serdar Kurnaz

This panel delves into the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the field of religious studies. AI technologies are poised to revolutionize how we study, understand, and practice religion. We explore AI's potential in five key areas:

- a) **AI-Enhanced Research:** AI tools can analyze vast religious texts, aiding scholars in uncovering hidden insights and connections.
- b) **Interfaith Dialogue:** AI-powered language models promote cross-cultural and interfaith understanding through accurate translations.
- c) **Ethical Dilemmas:** Discuss the moral implications of AI in spiritual contexts, including automated counseling and text generation.
- d) **Ritual Evolution:** Explore AI's role in reshaping religious rituals, from virtual pilgrimages to AI religious assistants.
- e) **Theological Considerations:** Analyze how AI challenges concepts of human spirituality and consciousness.

Experts from religious studies, theology, AI ethics, and tech development converge to examine AI's potential benefits and challenges, shaping the future of religious scholarship and practice

MuftGPT: Fatwa in the Age of AI

El Abdaoui K.

University of Innsbruck

Navigating Challenges and Shaping the Future: AI Tools in Hadith Research

Karagedik U.

University of Education Karlsruhe

The Matrix: A modern day metaphor or spiritual truth? Islamic Theological Reflections on the Simulation Hypothesis

Kam H.

University of Innsbruck

Legal and Ethical Implications of Transhumanism in Islamic Law

Kurnaz S.

Humboldt University

Orthodox Christian Theological Reflection and Response to the Anthropocene: Time for action against climate crisis

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 13:15

FATESI - TOMASI

Proponent: Nikolaos Asproulis

Chair: Nikolaos Asproulis

Speaker: Nikolaos Asproulis, Frances Kostarelos, Christopher Durante, Christine Nellist, Costis Drygianakis, Amphilochios Miltos

Amongst various experts there is agreement that we are living in the Anthropocene. Coudrain et al. argue that the scientific evidence and arguments supporting the Anthropocene amount to a “paradigm shift” as Thomas Kuhn stated in *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, challenging scientists, and humanists to rethink ethical and philosophical perspectives on the role of human agency and entitlement over planetary resources. Following Kuhn on paradigm shifts in science and emergent religious studies discourse on the Anthropocene, this panel invites Orthodox theologians to reflect and respond to arguments about humanity’s role in a bleak outlook for the future of life on earth articulated by Anthropocene proponents. Is the eco-theological discourse articulated by Orthodox theologians meeting the critical moment in which we are witnessing unprecedented human-induced climate catastrophes? What does the Anthropocene mean for Orthodox theologians, clergy, and laity as they adapt to a warming planet, droughts, wildfires, and air pollution? How does Orthodox theology address what may be irretrievable land, water and biodiversity loss on which food security and life itself depend? What does human and animal existence in the Anthropocene mean for theological and pastoral work?

Orthodox Christian Theological and Social Scientific Reflection and Analysis of Climate Change and the Anthropocene

Kostarelos F.

Anthropology and Political and Justice Studies College of Arts and Sciences Governors State University

The Pan Orthodox Concern for Animals and the Anthropocene

Nellist C.

PanOrthodox Concern for Animals (POCA)

ECOLOGICAL THEOLOGY AND ECOLOGICAL ETHICS

Durante C.

St. Peter's University

Poverty as a virtue: The wisdom of the desert Fathers and the quest for Ecology in a consumer society

Drygianakis C.

Volos Academy for Theological Studies

Greening your parish in the Anthropocene

Miltos A.

Volos Academy of Theological Studies

The Spiritual Senses in Modern Literature

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - TRIPPODO

Proponent: Thomas Pfau, Paul Gavrilyuk

Chair: Thomas Pfau

Speaker: Thomas Pfau, Paul Gavrilyuk, Paul Contino

The three requested sessions aim to explore the role of the spiritual senses in modern literature (post-1800), specifically, how the claims and concepts advanced by the long theological tradition of the spiritual senses are revived, inflected, and dramatized in modern poetry & prose. Particular attention will be given to theologically “literate” writers (e.g., Hopkins, Dostoevsky, Claudel, Eliot, Miłosz, D. Jones, G. Hill). The premise is that “creative intuition” (Maritain), by integrating the spiritual and material, draws our attention to the revelatory, theologically significant character of all appearance. Unique about this constellation is the fact that, after 1700, the object of a narrative quest or of focalized, lyric attention by and large no longer involves God. Instead, plot, story, and setting of much modern literature are defined by the transient goods of the saeculum (e.g., wealth, power, influence). Consequently, instances of spiritual perception in modern literature are typically framed less as fulfilling than as disrupting what Husserl calls the “natural perspective” (natürliche Einstellung) that individuals and communities have on their life-world. In the wake of Romanticism, modern literature frequently features characters deeply perplexed by the insoluble conflict between a calculative notion of rationality and numinous meanings “sensed” as incontrovertibly real, as is the case in the Romantic sublime and in epiphanic modernism.

Paul Claudel’s ‘sensibilization’ of Thomism in *Connaissance de l’Est*

Pfau T.

Duke University

Alyosha Karamazov’s Spiritual Sense: Reading ‘Cana of Galilee’ with Maximus the Confessor

Contino P.

Pepperdine University

The Spiritual Perception Research Project: Some Methodological Considerations

Gavrilyuk P.

University of St. Thomas

Paradigm Shifts and Polemics of the Body, Religion, and Space in Kerala, India

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 13:15

FATESI - STURZO

Proponent: George Pati

Chair: Tracy Pintchman

Speaker: Tracy Pintchman, George Pati, Rajesh James

The papers in this panel examine religion, space, and identity in various contexts in Kerala and discuss paradigm shifts. The papers collectively emphasize that earlier dominant narratives are problematic, and ongoing discourses about religion, bodies, and spaces must seriously consider narratives from below, a paradigm shift, to contribute to historical debates on religion. The first paper investigates Dhobi Khana in Kochi, wherein the Vannan community actively contests the entrenched narratives of religion, caste, ethnicity, and gender, contributing to the paradigm shift of the socio-spatial discourse in Fort Kochi. The second paper examines the embodiment of divinities during the annual festival at a temple in Thiruvalla, Kerala, and argues that shifting our gaze on the parading divine bodies problematizes our understanding of the body, divine and human, polluted and pure, and the social dimensions of caste and its historical religious valorization, thereby presenting a paradigm shift.

Dhobi Khana and/as Heterotopia: Mapping the Paradigm Shift in Religious/Caste Politics in/of Fort Kochi

James R.

Sacred Heart College Kerala

Parading Divinities in Kerala, Presenting Paradigm Shift: Questioning the Body in Religion

Pati G.

Valparaiso University

Islam in secularized democracies: issues of the over-politicization of a research topic

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - MAUROLICO B

Proponent: Julie Minders

Chair: Corinne Torrekens

Speaker: Julie Minders, Corinne Torrekens, Enrico Maria La Forgia, Reiko Mihara, Yehia Mekawi, Jeanne Gaillard

This panel aims to foster an epistemological discussion on researching Islam in secularized democracies. The securitization of Islam raises concerns as to how surveillance mechanisms (Laurens and Neyrat, 2010) constrain the work of researchers. Over-politicization of Islam often compels researchers to take a stance “for” or “against” their subject (Lascoumes, 2009 ; Musso, 2008). Although, the “Islamological” (Dakhli, 2006) current gives little rise to a reflexive critique on the conditions of (im)possibility of field research. Influenced by gender and decolonial studies (Behl, 2017), a new generation has come to question their contribution to social hierarchies (Aldrin et al., 2022). In response to the underrepresentation of voices from minority groups (Abu-Lughod, 2002), the notion that only researchers sharing socio-cultural traits with their research subjects are capable of drawing accurate interpretations, is increasingly debated in academic contexts. In European secularized democracies, Islam is both a minority religion and subject to hybridizations (Göle, 2015; Torrekens, 2016). How do assumed “insider” or “outsider” positions shape researchers’ understanding (Favret-Saada and Isnart, 2008)? How to address the pitfalls of speaking in the name of subalterns (Spivak, 1985) on the one hand; of reifying culture and essentializing individual’s experience on the other, while navigating Islam as a research topic?

Involvement of a Japan-based researcher in the study of Muslim communities in Europe: Issues surrounding the production of knowledge in relation to increased outsidersness

Mihara R.

Faculty of Global and Regional Studies, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan

Antifascist Activism Paving the Way in the Study of Islam: notes on positionality and accessing the field from two different fieldwork projects in France

La Forgia E.M.

Université de Lille, France - Università di Padova, Italy

Challenging the over-politicization of Islam in French Stand-up Comedy: Methodological Reflection on the researcher and the artist

Gaillard J.

SAGE, University of Strasbourg, France

Between Mosques and the State: Reflections on Positionality, Access and Research among Mosque-Communities in Belgium

Mekawi Y.

GERME, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium LSA Political Science, University of Michigan, USA

"But how do their families react to this?" - on the necessity of standpoint epistemology for field research with Muslim sex-therapists

Minders J.

GERME, University of Bruxelles, Belgium

Author Meets Critique: L'Ombra dei Fratelli: le Sorelle Musulmane nell'Egitto Contemporaneo, Margherita Picchi (La Vela, 2022)

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Margherita Picchi

Chair: Margherita Picchi

Speaker: Margherita Picchi, Francesco Cargnelutti, Giulia Macario

Who are the Muslim Sisters? Women make up about a quarter of the Muslim Brotherhood's militant base, a percentage that invites rethinking the stereotypical portrait of women as passive victims of Islamism. The Muslim Sisters' choice of militancy may seem paradoxical, given that the Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's oldest and largest Islamist organization, has historically opposed the tenets of gender equality as enshrined in international conventions. Why then should a woman use her agency to join a movement that opposes internationally recognized women's rights?

This presentation, held in English, discusses the possible answers that the book *L'ombra dei Fratelli* proposes for this question. First, the author briefly summarizes the book's content, retracing the history of the so-called "woman's question" in Egypt throughout the twentieth century and beyond, up to the 2011 January revolution. Following the book's presentation, a debate with the discussants explores Western definitions of modernity and feminism, their postcolonial and decolonial critique, and the challenges of conducting research in West Asia and North Africa (WANA), especially within revolutionary and postrevolutionary contexts.

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Picchi M.

Interdisciplinary approaches to the study of sanctuary foundation legends in early modern history (1450-1750)

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 16:30

STERI - CHIESA DI S. ANTONIO ABATE

Proponent: Marco Papasidero

Chair: Federico Ruozzi, Marco Papasidero, Laura Fenelli

Speaker: Antonio Pio Di Cosmo, Nikolaos Livanos, Ognjen Krešić, Marija Vasiljevic, Victoria Legkikh, Massimiliano Spiga, Laura Fenelli, Marco Papasidero, Federico Ruozzi

Hagiographic narratives containing the foundational legends of sanctuaries serve as a privileged observatory for historical-devotional dynamics and cultural history. The accounts of miraculous events – such as the weeping of an image, the apparition of the Virgin, etc. – are often followed by a list of healing miracles. These traditions, documented in ‘official’ hagiographic records, collected by local erudite people, or portrayed in pictorial cycles, result from the accumulation of historical information, hagiographic topoi, and folkloric practices. While historiography has extensively studied medieval foundation legends, those from the early modern period, often tied to the Marian cult, still necessitate substantial research.

This panel – part of the activities of the PNRR project ITSERR (Italian Strengthening of the ESFRI RI RESILIENCE) – aims to start a reflection on the legends of sanctuaries composed – and whose narration is staged – during the early modern period (1450-1750). Among the areas in which we are most interested are: the analysis from a comparative perspective; historical-medical and devotional dynamics; legends as a source for the history of the landscape, animals, and natural elements; magical-folkloric practices and beliefs.

Proposals may encompass the examination of legends in the form of hagiographic texts and/or images (such as cycles of paintings, etc.) within a perspective not only limited to Europe, but also open to Asia and Latin America.

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Beyond the Miracle: Icons, Identity, and the Sacred in 16th Century Mount Athos

Livanos N.

Institute of Historical Research/National Hellenic Research Foundation

Foundation Legends of Christian Orthodox Monasteries under Ottoman Rule: The Case of Fruška Gora Monasteries

Krešić O., Vasiljevic M.

Institute for Balkan Studies SASA

The Legends of Saint Princes of Murom: Vita, Hymnography, and Chronicles

Legkikh V.

Technical University of Munich

Hierophanies and Nature: Trees, Plants, and Landscape in Italian Marian Legends (15th-18th century)

Papasidero M.

University of Palermo

Inventing, Creating, Promoting a Cult: The Raccolta de' miracoli fatti per l'intercessione di san Domenico, by Silvestro Frangipane and the Sanctuary of San Domenico di Soriano

Fenelli L.

Kent State University

The Legends of the Iconavetere and the Life of Bishop Laurence Majorano of Siponto

Di Cosmo A.P.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Scientific Diplomacy Forum

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 17:15

STERI - SALA MAGNA

Proponent: European Academy of Religion, FSCIRE - Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose, RESILIENCE - Research Institute

Speaker: Abdulla AlSubousi, Joseph Donnelly, Jan Marco Müller, Piotr Wilczek, Evarist Bartolo, Gianluigi Consoli, Asher Maoz, Herman Selderhuis, Mariano Crociata, Elizabeta Kitanovic, Erkki Tuomioja, Salvatore Capasso, Francesca Cadeddu, Lidia Borrell-Damián, Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch, Monique Bossi, Mauro Bertelletti, Alessandro Capra

The purpose of the Forum, which is hosted by the European Academy of Religion and co-sponsored by FSCIRE - Fondazione per le scienze religiose and RESILIENCE Research Infrastructure, is to engage into an exchange of experiences and practices at the highest level, aiming at discussing how diplomacy is enhanced by Research Infrastructures and Scientific Programmes, and how the development of knowledge - including the knowledge about religious aspects, notions, elements – can properly address the 4 EU priorities: Protecting citizens and freedoms, Developing a strong and vibrant economic base, Building a climate-neutral, green, fair and social Europe, and Promoting European interests and values on the global stage.

John Henry Newman and Contemporary Philosophy

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - DI GIOVANNI

Proponent: Frederick Aquino

Chair: Frederick Aquino

Speaker: Frederick Aquino, Logan Gage, Luca Tuninetti, Geertjan Zuijdwegt

While John Henry Newman's writings have long received the attention of historians, theologians, and literary critics, they have largely been overlooked by philosophers. Until recently Newman has regularly been left out of anthologies and histories of philosophy in the 19th century. He has not been read or seen primarily as a philosopher, nor has his thought figured in the modern story of philosophy. The aim of this session is to explore the contours of Newman's thought while showing its relevance to contemporary issues in philosophy. The papers in this session will focus on topics such as "Newman and Wittgenstein on what it means to be religious" (Zuijdwegt), "Newman and the Quest for Certainty in Modern Epistemology" (Tuninetti), and "Newman and Common-Sense Epistemology" (Aquino and Gage).

Newman and Common-Sense Epistemology

Gage L.^[2], Aquino F.^[1]

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Newman and the Quest for Certainty in Modern Epistemology

Tuninetti L.

Pontifical Urbiana University

Newman and Wittgenstein on What it Means to be Religious

Zuijdwegt G.

KU Leuven

From one sacred language to another: between continuity and paradigm shift

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

MARIONETTE - TEATRO

Proponent: Nadir Boudjellal

Chair: Nadir Boudjellal

Speaker: Maria Paola Bergomi, Rebecca Wartell, Tian Tian

The Abrahamic religions are based on sacred texts which may be composed in a single language containing words of foreign origin (Koran), in several different languages (Old Testament) or which are the translation of statements and stories (Gospels). These languages, considered sacred by virtue of their liturgical use, can be closely related to one another. There are many reasons for this: belonging to the same linguistic family and sharing certain extralinguistic characteristics, such as the relationship to numbers, linguistic borrowings from one language to another, and a common religious and mythological heritage. This panel will explore the contacts and points of rupture in the linguistic expression of the sacred in the different religious traditions of the Mediterranean and the Middle East. Papers may address the following questions:

- The relationship between Christian mysticism, Sufism, Shi'ism and the Kabbalah.
- The composition of sacred and religious texts and their rhetorical aspects.
- Continuity and rupture in magical practices.
- Arithmologia, isopsephy and pythagoreanism.
- Greek philosophical heritage and the linguistic question.
- The legacy of ancient Mesopotamian and Egyptian religions in medieval and contemporary religious practices.
- Linguistic relations in the Middle East between majority and minority religions (Zoroastrianism, Mandaism, Yezidism, Bahaim...)

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Naming gods and Naming G*d. A Paradigm Shift in ancient Platonism

Bergomi M.P.

University of Milan

“Beneath the Wings of the Shekhinah”: the Divine Feminine in Early Modern Sephardic Judaism

Wartell R.

University of Colorado Boulder

Letters' hermeneutic from Late Antiquity to Islam: The Case of Incantations Bowls.

Boudjellal N.

Inalco/CERMOM (Paris)

“Numerology Recruited: Magic Squares for Confucianism and its Characters”

Tian T.

Birkbeck College, University College London

Discerning Divine Presence: in nature

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - TEATRO

Proponent: Theo Van Willigenburg

Chair: Dion Forster

Speaker: Gijsbert van den Brink, Datson D'Auravu, Adjan Boogaard

The groundbreaking changes in climate-circumstances that humanity currently experiences and will experience in the near future cannot but lead to a paradigm shift in theological reflection about God's presence in creation and our role and responsibility with regard to the protection of the earth's environment.

Examples of shifting paradigms to be explored:

Providence: How may the governance of God by which He, with wisdom and love, cares for all things in the universe, be understood in light of growing natural disasters?

Eco-theology: From stewardship of nature (humans are responsible for the world, and the resources that have been entrusted to us by God) to partnership: what does that involve in practice?

Sacredness and holiness: How is sacredness of nature related to and distinct from the holiness of a divine Creator.

Biodiversity and spirituality: What does the loss of biodiversity mean for religious experiences related to nature (traditionally: "the theater of God's glory", recently: eco-spirituality celebrating humanity's connection to the natural world).

Climate justice: The current environmental crisis (causing many social and economic injustices) cannot be understood without reference to the commercialization and commodification of creation (including human bodies) by Western colonizers. How does that affect theological reflection now?

Collective and individual responsibility for ecological (non-)deterioration: how are these related?

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What Would It Mean to Characterize Human-Caused Climate Change as Sin?

Van Den Brink G.

Faculty of Religion & Theology - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Failing Humans and Falling Nonhumans Amidst Ecological Crisis: Denis Edwards-Pope Francis Dialogue on Planetary Spirituality for a Renewed Ecological Theology

D'Auravu D.

KU Leuven

Creation as the 'Theater of God's Glory': Restoring a Criticized Metaphor

Boogaard A.

Vrije University

Ongoing crises in global Orthodoxy

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 4

Proponent: Cyril Hovorun, Michael Hjäl
Chair: Cyril Hovorun, Michael Hjäl
Speaker: Cyril Hovorun, Micheal Hjäl, Daniel Ohrvall, Tamara Grdzeldze

Global Orthodoxy faces a new wave of crises, which is quite high. This wave became visible when four local churches decided to boycott the Pan-Orthodox council of 2016. Other developments accelerating the crisis soon followed: granting autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine in 2019, the outright Russian aggression against Ukraine in 2022 and the war in Ethiopia. Speakers are invited to contribute their reflections to this open panel focusing on these developments and their implications for intra-Orthodox and inter-Christian relations. Contributions which include suggestions for solutions to these ongoing crises are particularly welcome.

Epiphenomena and aetiology of the ongoing pan-Orthodox crises

Hovorun C.

University College Stockholm

Enemies within: The Failure of Fortress Orthodoxy in the Twenty-First Century

Hjäl M.

University College Stockholm

End of Tradition and Legality as Hope: An exercise of thinking with Hannah Arendt

Ohrvall D.

University College Stockholm

Ecumenical implications of the war in Ukraine

Grdzeldze T.

Ilia State University in Tbilisi

Sororidad. Redes de ayuda entre mujeres en los siglos XIX y XX (Sorority. Women's aid networks in the 19th and 20th centuries)

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 15:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: María Muñoz
Chair: Conception Escrig
Speaker: María Muñoz, Marystella Ramirez Guerra, Natalia Núñez-Bargueño, Conception Escrig

The starting point of this book is the definition of sorority as “a group formed by friendship and reciprocity between women who share the same ideal and work towards the same goal” (Real Academia Española). The volume uses primary sources and a wide range of updated bibliography for showing women linked by the aforementioned bonds, and not by searching isolated empowerment targets.

In the 19th century, it focuses on the Asociación de Socorro de Religiosas de Madrid, organised by aristocratic women to assist exclaustated nuns during the period of exalted liberalism, on women’s access to the Ateneo de Madrid, the most important intellectual centre in 19th-century Spain, and on the relations between European missionaries (Anglican laywomen and Catholic nuns) and indigenous African women in the 19th and 20th centuries.

In the 20th century, it revolves around the sorority networks of the Spanish poet Ernestina de Champourcin, a member of the generation of ’27. Also, on American pioneers such as Kate Miller, Robin Morgan, Hazel Carby and the Mexican Marcela Lagarde, whose trail was followed by a wide variety of scholars devoted to women’s history: Mary Beard, Miriam Holden, Miriam Holden, Eugenie Leonard, Jill Conway, Gerda Lerner and Natalie Davis. Another perspective addressed is the narrative and action of suffragette Dorothy Day, Nobel Prize winner Svetlana Alexievich, Jane Hawking, Katharine Graham and the Nobel Prize winner Sihrin Ebadi.

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Montero M., Comella--Gutiérrez B.A.

Environmental and Peace Education in Interreligious Cooperation for Religious Teacher Training

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - STURZO

Proponent: Joan Hernandez-Serret

Chair: Joan Hernandez-Serret

Speaker: Joan Hernandez-Serret, Skender Bruçaj, Elizabeth Naurath

Within the Erasmus+ project, five universities from Germany, Viena, Albania, Malaysia and Sain are collaborating to redesign interreligious learning. This initiative aims to integrate nature and climate protection, promotion of climate resilience, and reflection on climate justice into educational efforts. These efforts span various subject areas, with the goal of fostering urgently needed ecological transformation processes. The focus is not only on enhancing environmental knowledge but also on cultivating a shared environmental ethical awareness in relation to the Interreligious approach.

The professionalization of teacher training and continuing education (across all disciplines) is grounded in the transfer of information, discourses, and reflections on theological foundations and environmental-ethical, context-specific approaches to nature conservation and climate change. This approach ensures that interreligious cooperation in environmental education is effectively incorporated into school practices, including didactic concepts, team teaching, and the development of joint teaching materials.

Facing global challenges - an interreligious perspective for peace and climate justice in religious teacher training

Naurath E.

Theology

Leveraging Emerging Technologies: The Role of Artificial Intelligence and the Metaverse in Enhancing Education on Interreligious Dialogue and Climate Change

Hernandez--Serret J.

Sociology

Interreligious Perspectives in Climate Justice Education: A Novel Approach to Teacher Training for Peace and Environmental Stewardship

Bruçaj S.

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Author Meets Critique: "The Christian Right in Europe", ed. Gionathan Lo Mascolo (Transcript, 2023)

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 15:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Kristina Stoeckl

Chair: Kristina Stoeckl

Speaker: Kristina Stoeckl, Gionathan Lo Mascolo, Andrew Bunnell, Dmitry Uzlaner, Pasquale Annicchino

The panel presents and discusses Gionathan Lo Mascolo's recent edited volume "The Christian Right in Europe. Movements, Networks, and Denominations" (Transcript 2023), which brings together case studies on the Christian Right in over 20 European countries, providing a transnational perspective and an accessible insight for clergy, politicians, and academics alike. The starting point for the research that is documented in the volume is the idea that, inspired by the success of the US Christian Right and the rise of the global far-right, ultraconservative Christians in Europe are joining forces and seek to reshape Europe. By assembling in anti-gender movements and sharing anti-Muslim narratives, they actively influence the political landscape and shape government policies. The discussants at the panel will discuss the work from a religious studies and legal studies perspective.

Paradigm Shifts in the Theology of Religions

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FONDAZIONE SICILIA - SALA DEI 99

Proponent: Perry Schmidt-Leukel, Mathias Schneider

Chair: Markus Rüşch, Mathias Schneider

Speaker: Perry Schmidt-Leukel, Mathias Schneider, Alan Race, Sharada Sugirtharajah, Markus Rüşch, Mirja Lange

Religious diversity, with its challenges and promises, is increasingly raising public awareness. Religious communities around the world need to make up their mind about religious "others", both practically and doctrinally. Within Christianity, the latter is now discussed under headings such as "theology of religions", "comparative" or "interreligious theology". These indicate a highly dynamic field taking prominence in global theological and interreligious discourse. The two sessions of the panel offer some fresh insights into recent research and debates.

The first session addresses the question of how constructive impulses from the work of John Hick can be developed further. It is opened by two students of Hick, Alan Race and Sharada Sugirtharajah. While Race will focus on contemporary criticism of Hick raised by post-liberal theology, Sugirtharajah discusses, from a Hindu background, the spiritual implications of Hick's pluralism with an emphasis on the sonic dimension of religious experience. Schmidt-Leukel and Schneider explore how Hick paves the way for inter-faith learning and constructive interreligious theologies.

The second session offers new perspectives emerging from the specific field of inter-faith encounter in Japan. Wamae Muriuki and Markus Rüşch explore different aspects of Shin-Buddhist interpretations of religious "others". Mirja Lange analyses how Western liberal Protestants related to the religious world of Japan during the 19th and early 20th century.

Rescuing John Hick from the Post-Liberals

Race A.

World Congress of Faiths

John Hick's 'The Fifth Dimension': A Sonic Perspective

Sugirtharajah S.

University of Birmingham

Fractals of the Real

Schmidt--Leukel P.

University of Muenster

Identity with the Absolute or Communion with the Divine? On the Eschatological Vision of John Hick

Schneider M.

University of Muenster

Coexisting with Other Religions in Pure Land Buddhism: Shin Buddhist Views on Shintō and the Possibility of an Interreligious Dialogue

Rüsch M.

University of Muenster

Theology of Religions in Protestant Liberal Mission in Japan

Lange M.

University of Muenster

Emotions in Islam

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 1

Proponent: Jason Welle

Chair: Jason Welle

Speaker: Jason Welle, Paul Heck, Riccardo Paredi, Mariam Al-Attar, Nusha Alshaar, Pietro Lorenzo Maggioni

This panel examines the question of emotions in Islam, contributing to a new field of inquiry in Islamic Studies. The literature on emotions in Islam is sparse, with no study treating the question of emotions in Islam as a whole and no study comparing the question of emotions in Islam with emotions as a human phenomenon. One paper investigates joy and happiness, including the propriety of a believer's feelings of delight in diverse situations. A second paper draws on the speaker's doctoral thesis on sadness, exploring the connection between sadness and longing, focusing largely on medieval mystical texts. A third speaker plumbs anger in classical Sufi texts. How do Sufi masters address instinctive responses of ire and rage? How should this emotion be curbed or channeled, and are there occasions when it should be cultivated? While each of the emotions discussed hails largely from a single term (joy = *surūr*, sadness = *ḥuzn*, anger = *ghaḍab*), these papers are not studies of terminology, but forays into an emotional arena involving a constellation of terms and complex emotionality. The proponent and three confirmed speakers welcome a maximum of three additional papers on the theme. Proposals could take a general approach (theory of emotions) or focus on a particular emotion; the scope of data is not restricted, but one should note that confirmed speakers will generally focus on medieval texts, especially from the formative period of Sufism.

‘Abd al-Jabbār’s Theory of Action

Al--Attar M.

American University of Sharjah

The Mystical Turn in Early Islam through the Lens of Divine Yearning

Paredi R.

FSCIRE

Religious Delight (surūr) in Classical Islam: A Case of Realized Eschatology

Heck P.

Georgetown University

The Role of Attention and Emotion in the Formation of ṣadāqa (Friendship) in al-Tawḥīdī’s Thought

Alshaar N.

American University of Sharjah

Al-Jāḥiẓ vs. al-Qazwīnī: The Theological Roots of Awe and Wonder

Maggioni P.L.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

“Remember Me When You Are Angry”: Classical Sufi Approaches to the Emotion of Rage

Welle J.

Boston College

Extra Ecclesiam Nulla Salus’ to a dialogical church: 60 years after Unitatis Redintegratio

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 15:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 5

Proponent: Chidiebere Obiora Nnabugwu

Chair: Chidiebere Obiora Nnabugwu

Speaker: Chidiebere Obiora Nnabugwu, Calista Chinenye Onubuogu, Anthonyjude Chukwujekwu Okafor, Micheal Chijoke Ike

A pivotal shift in the Catholic Church's attitude towards the separated churches and ecclesial communities emerged during the Second Vatican Council with the promulgation of the decree on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, on 21 November 1964. In the document, the Council Fathers advocated for dialogue and cooperation with the separated brethren, urging the Catholic faithful to actively participate in ecumenical efforts. This year being the 60th anniversary of this decree, this panel seeks to reflect on the new vistas opened up by this document, alongside the challenges and questions it presented. We invite proposals that offer new insights, perspectives, or case studies regarding the redaction and reception histories of the decree. Collaboration among the churches in the socio-economic, ecological, and pastoral domains could, *inter alia*, be interesting discussion topics as far as the reception history of the document is concerned.

Climate Change and African Christianity: Revisiting the Dialogical Turn in African Eco-Theology

Onubuogu C.C.

KU Leuven

Addressing the Challenges of Ecumenical Dialogue in the 21st Century

Ike M.C.

Pontificia Università Urbaniana

Migration and Borderlands: Revisiting the Humanitarian Space of Ecumenical Encounter

Okafor A.C.

KU Leuven

Paradigm changes in the governance of religion in Europe

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:20

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Antonio Angelucci

Chair: Maria Cristina Ivaldi

Speaker: Antonio Angelucci, Maria Cristina Ivaldi, Alberto Fabbri, Rossella Bottoni, David Durisotto

This panel aims at investigating some of the main trends affecting the established paradigms to govern religion in the European space and determining their changes. It will do so through four case studies covering different aspects and enlightening different dimensions of such paradigm changes. The first one is a Spanish national case study and will focus on the peculiarities of the governance of religious freedom in that country, with attention to those paradigmatic aspects that may elicit Italian attention *de iure condendo*. The second paper will focus on religious rules and the way they change (i.e., the way they provide for a specific normative setting to which faithful are asked to align their behavior) and are changed (i.e., the way they respond to contemporary challenges shaking the established order or knowledge), as regards specifically the emergence of new technologies and their economic impact. The last two papers deal with religious minorities: one examines the extent to which the traditional forms of protection of religious minorities are affected and endangered by the identity crisis and the feeling of insecurity, which the largest part of European populations is experiencing; the other one assesses the case law of the two supranational European courts (the CJEU and the ECtHR) and the evaluation they give of the domestic patterns of governance of religious minorities.

Peculiarities of the government of religious freedom in Spain

Angelucci A.

Università degli Studi dell'Insubria

Technology under the scrutiny of religion: the cell-based red meat. Religious precepts as an instrument of economic conditioning?

Fabbri A.

University of Urbino Carlo Bo

Identity insecurity and the governance of religious minorities

Bottoni R.

University of Trento

The CJEU and ECtHR jurisprudence on the domestic governance of religious minorities

Durisotto D.

University of Cagliari

2024: Forty years after the Villa Madama Concordat, the first Intesa with the non-Catholics and the new Canon law Code. Balance and perspectives

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - DUSMET

Proponent: Gabriele Fattori

Chair: Maria D'Arienzo

Speaker: Vincenzo Pacillo, Gabriele Fattori, Roberto Mazzola, Mario Ferrante, Maria D'Arienzo

1984 is an iconic date in the constitutional evolution of the Italian Republic and also of the catholic legal system which is, not by chance, the most influential religious law in the national history and legislation. 1984 can be interpreted according to two categories. They complement each other, a 'small' 1984, which is 1984 proper, and a 'big' 1984. The small 1984 is the sequence of three legal events: it is the year of the new Concordat between Italy and the Holy See; it is the year of the Italian State's first Intesa (agreement) with a non-Catholic confession; in 1984, the second Canon Law Code came into force, not even seventy years after the first. In this sense, the 'small' 1984 remains primarily a matter for specialists in State-Church public law and canon law.

'Big' 1984, on the other hand, is the outcome of a renewed social habitat and the metaphor of a different cultural climate. In this sense, the big 1984 is a projection of itself, the premise for its own overcoming and the subsequent evolution that changed into a secular meaning the denominational paradigm that had legitimized a hierarchy between majority and minority religions.

Forty years after 1984, it is this 'big' 1984 that challenges jurists of Religion to confront themselves in a broader perspective, to interpret the balance and projections of a legal turning point in its historical-political dimension. Due to the specificity of the topic, the panel will be held in Italian.

40 years after the Second Concordat: assessment and prospects

Fattori G.

University of Foggia

40 Years after the First Concordat: Review and Perspectives

Mazzola R.

University of Piemonte Orientale

40 years after the second Codex Iuris Canonici: assessment and prospects

Ferrante M.

University of Palermo

The 'discreet appeal' of bilaterality and the 'indiscreet appeal' of separation. On the possibility of imagining a post-concordatarian Italy

Pacillo V.

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia

Shifting Boundaries: Market, Technology and Modern South Asian Religions

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - CUSMANO

Proponent: Neelima Shukla-Bhatt

Chair: George Pati

Speaker: Neelima Shukla-Bhatt, Leena Taneja, George Pati

The papers in this panel examine the ways in which consumer economy and globalization, propelled by the development of advanced technology and media have led to shifts in meanings and experiences of religious spaces and festivals in South Asia and South Asian diaspora.

The first paper, "Straddling the Sacred and the Secular: Garba Dance of Gujarati Hindu Women" discusses transformation of a worship dance for goddess during her nine-nights festival into a long dancing event with thousands of participants. Based on ethnographic research, the paper highlights shifts and continuities in the dance. The second paper, "Modern Saints on Ancient Jainism" demonstrates the strategies used by some of the Jain saints to adapt the millennia old Jain tradition in the 19th and 20th centuries. The pioneer saint of the "sky-clad" sect used photography to revive the practice of nakedness while that of the "white-clad" sect used libraries and publishing press to popularize the Jain scriptures. The third paper, "Losing and Finding Braj: Commodification and Entrepreneurship in the Sacred Land of Krishna," discuss how the processes of commercialization, conservation, urban development, and the new Indian consumer are collectively reshaping the sacred landscape of Braj.

Straddling the Sacred and the Secular: Garba Dance of Gujarati Hindu Women

Shukla-Bhatt N.

Wellesley College

Losing and Finding Braj: Commodification and Entrepreneurship in the Sacred Land of Krishna

Taneja L.

Zayed University

Religion in Taiwan After the 2024 Elections: Social and Tax Issues

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - MAUROLICO A

Proponent: Massimo Introvigne

Chair: Massimo Introvigne

Speaker: Massimo Introvigne, Stefania Cerruti, Rosita Soryte, Shelly Tu, Lee Hsin Lee, Davide S. Amore

The presidential and legislative elections of 2024 in Taiwan were eagerly awaited and confirmed the leadership of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), although with a very divided Parliament. Taiwan generally scores well in religious liberty indexes and routinely plays the card of freedom of religion or belief in its criticism of China. On the other hand, religious minorities still experience problems, particularly with respect to taxes. The panel will explore the post-elections scenario of religion in Taiwan with a special focus on the tax case of the new spiritual movement Tai Ji Men.

Discussant

Soryte R.

FOB (European Federation for Freedom of Belief)

Taiwan, Religion, and Religious Liberty After the 2024 Elections

Cerruti S.

MEDIS

Social Justice and Tax Issues in the Islamic Tradition and in Taiwan's Religious Liberty Controversies

Amore Davide S.

I.C. D'Annunzio, As-Salam Islamic Cultural Association

Martial Arts and Spiritual Movements' Strategies to Cope with State Pressure in Taiwan

Tu S.

Certified Public Accountant Taipei

Tai Ji Men: Taiwanese Cultural Heritage and Religious Liberty Issues

Lee L.H.

Lawyer Taipei

Legal notes on the margins of a new era for places of worship 4.0

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - D'ACQUISTO

Proponent: Federica Botti

Chair: Federica Botti

Speaker: Federica Botti, Davide Dimodugno, Alberto Fabbri, Gaia Federica Tarabiono

Buildings of worship in the new millennium: state-of-the-art and possible developments for an inclusive society."

Panel abstract: "Buildings of worship are the symbol par excellence of the rooting of a religious faith in the territory and their presence significantly attests to identity, not only religious, but also more widely cultural, of the persons and religious confessions representing them. Thanks to the study of the legislation on buildings of worship it is possible not only to have a mapping of the different religious options present in a country, but also to identify the orientation that the individual State adopts towards the religious phenomenon. Experiences such as those in Italy and France in the field of buildings of worship help to understand how the different forms of secularism offer increasingly complete solutions that are attentive to the needs of the intercultural society in which we live.

In these terms, thinking of increasingly multifunctional buildings of worship, especially in "non-places" (Augé 2009) and the reuse or a different use of existing ones, appears to be a compulsory road in the light of the two guidelines of the European Union of "zero land consumption" and spending review that requires an organizational and managerial rethinking of existing institutions (Worship Buildings Fund's -FEC). The research group intends to deepen these aspects and reflect on the role and potential of religious buildings to create an inclusive society.

The protection of religious places from terrorist acts and cultural genocide.

Botti F.

University of Bologna

A space to pray: new models of expression of religious pluralism.

Fabbri A.

University of Urbino Carlo Bo

Requiescat in loco sacro: first reflections on the transformation of Italian Catholic churches into columbaria between the needs of the Church and the complexity of regional regulations.

Dimodugno D.

University of Turin

Perspectives for the social valorization of the Worship Buildings Fund's (Fondo Edifici di Culto, FEC) assets in light of the new paradigms of design action for sacred space: socio-educational, cultural, and inter-religious dialogue initiatives

Tarabiono G.F.

University of Insubria

Reconciliation Studies as a Paradigm Shift in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - TOMASI

Proponent: Davide Tacchini, Colleen Alena O' Brien

Chair: Davide Tacchini

Speaker: Colleen Alena O' Brien, Nathalie Manco-Villa, Davide Tacchini

Reconciliation Studies is a relatively young research paradigm that emerged in the context of “transitional” societies such as South Africa or Rwanda and can be seen as an alternative, or perhaps complementary, approach to understanding peace and conflict (Leiner-Schillesser 2018). Whereas conventional peace approaches focus primarily on structural and institutional factors of ending conflicts and building peace, Reconciliation Studies focuses on interpersonal relationships, particularly on emotional and cognitive factors of conflict prevention, transformation, and resolution. One emphasis of Reconciliation Studies is how reconciliation can occur during conflict, not just in post-conflict scenarios, referred to as the Hölderlin Perspective (Leiner 2022). Religion, of course, plays a prominent role in reconciliation processes, especially in some areas of the world, and Karl Barth and Jürgen Moltmann’s views of the topic can be considered close to the present idea (Barth 1961-1967, "Church Dogmatics" Vol. 4 and Moltmann 1967).

In this panel, we explore the possibilities of this new, more holistic paradigm, including its origins in theology, and argue that it is an effective paradigm shift within Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies, providing examples of its actual applications through the lenses of different disciplines (Transitional Justice, Anthropology, Refugee Studies, Gender Studies, Religious Studies and Peace Studies) and in varied contexts and geographic areas.

Applying the Reconciliation Studies Paradigm to the Colombian Armed Conflict and Peace Process

O' Brien C.A.^[1], Manco--Villa N.^[2]

^[1]Palacký University Olomouc, ^[2]Friedrich-Schiller-University

Rethinking Reconciliation, the Role of Reconciliation Studies in Understanding Conflict Resolution

O' Brien C.A.^[1], Tacchini D.^[2]

^[1]Palacký University Olomouc, ^[2]Friedrich-Schiller University

Shifting Perceptions of Women and Goddesses in Modern Hinduism

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:30 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Tracy Pintchman

Chair: Tracy Pintchman

Speaker: Tracy Pintchman, Diana Dimitrova, Nandi Bhatia

The papers in this session examine ways that depictions of Hindu women, including representations of the relationship between women and goddesses, have shifted during the last thirty years. The first paper, "Reimagining the Pativrata Ideal Among Contemporary Hindu Women," addresses ways that Hindu women both in India and in diaspora have come to reinterpret, reinvent, or invert traditional, patriarchal models of the "ideal wife," or pativrata, extolled in normative Hindu texts, in contemporary Hindu settings. Drawing on ethnographic research and artifacts of popular culture, this paper examines changing perceptions of the pativrata role. The second paper, "Shifting Perceptions of Womanhood and the Brahma Kumari Tradition in Canada," examines shifting perceptions of womanhood in the Brahma Kumari tradition in Montreal. The Brahma Kumari lineage was founded in South Asia in the 1930s that is well known for affording women prominent leadership roles. This paper discusses shifting perceptions of womanhood in the Brahma Kumari tradition in contemporary Canadian and global contexts. The final paper, "Goddesses, Devis, and Abducted Women in Stories of the 1947 Partition," examines how some contemporary writers have come to narrate stories of women's abduction during the 1947 Partition of India by drawing upon Hindu mythological tales. The paper analyzes how modern writers reimagine abducted women as devis, goddesses, to address Partition violence.

Reimagining the Pativrata Ideal Among Contemporary Hindu Women

Pintchman T.

Loyola University Chicago

Shifting Perceptions of Womanhood and the Brahma Kumari Tradition in Canada

Dimitrova D.

Université de Montréal

Goddesses, Devis, and Abducted Women in Stories of the 1947 Partition

Bhatia N.

University of Western Ontario

**Author Meets Critique: The Global Politics of
Interreligious Dialogue: Religious Change,
Citizenship, and Solidarity in the Middle East,
Micheal Driessen (Oxford Press University 2023)**

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:30 alle 16:30

MARIONETTE - BIBLIOTECA

Proponent: Michael Driessen

Speaker: Micheal Driessen, Cenap Aydin, Andrew Dickson, Ana Petrache

The Global Politics of Interreligious Dialogue examines the growth of interreligious dialogue initiatives in the Middle East and their use by states as a policy instrument for engaging with religious communities and ideas. The book argues that this growth is best understood as the result of a complex interplay of geopolitical interests, ideational development and religious change. In doing so, it interprets these initiatives as a concrete example of religion operating in contemporary global politics and as yielding critical insights about the relationship between religion, politics and modernity. The book is divided into three parts. Part I builds a theoretical framework to analyze the dynamics of power, ideas and practices at work in the politics of interreligious dialogue. Part II explores the history of interreligious dialogue and the evolution of theological approaches to religious pluralism in the traditions of Roman Catholicism and Sunni Islam and analyzes key interreligious dialogue declarations, including the A Common Word letter, the Marrakesh Declaration and the Human Fraternity document. Finally, drawing on five years of ethnographic fieldwork, Part III presents four case studies of dialogue in the region, namely the Focolare Community in Algeria, the Adyan Foundation in Lebanon, KAICIID of Saudi Arabia and DICID of Qatar.

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Driessen M.

Author Meets Critics: Asian Pacific Catholicism and Globalization. Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges, José Casanova and Peter C. Phan (Georgetown UP, 2023)

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:30 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Kristina Stoeckl

Chair: Debora Tonelli

Speaker: Debora Tonelli, Kristina Stoeckl, José Casanova, Vincenzo Pace, Peter C. Phan, Jocelyne Cesari

In this Author Meets Critics Panel, José Casanova and Peter C. Phan will present their edited volume "Asian Pacific Catholicism and Globalization. Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges" (Georgetown UP 2023) and discuss the book with Vincenzo Pace. The book about the history of the Catholic Church in Asia and the Pacific illuminates processes of globalization: Since the sixteenth century, Catholicism has contributed significantly to global connectivity. The authors in the volume have approached the historical processes of globalization not as structural agencies or causal forces, but rather as the historical contexts that condition possibilities for human action and reaction in the world, exemplified by the Catholic Church in China, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Vietnam, India, and Australia.

Faith and sport - a transformative concept

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:30 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 5

Proponent: Kaashif Awan

Chair: Kaashif Awan

Speaker: Kaashif Awan, Stijn Ledegen, Shaukat Warraich

This panel examines the powerful synergy of faith and sport, a transformative concept with the potential for significant positive impact worldwide. Focusing on inclusivity in sports, especially for faith communities across Europe, the discussion highlights partnerships with national and international sporting bodies to extend recreational activities to faith institutions.

The intersection of faith and sport serves as a dynamic force, bridging gaps between diverse communities, cultures, and backgrounds. This initiative aligns with the United Nations #SPORT2030 agenda and the EU's emphasis on sports development for community cohesion and social inclusion.

The panel delves into multifaceted work in football, cricket, and athletics, showcasing how sports act as a catalyst for lasting change within faith communities.

Football: The panel will discuss collaborative efforts with national football associations, offering recreational football services and empowering women in faith communities. Beyond play, it will delve into coaching opportunities and increased facility access as instruments for fostering unity.

Cricket: It will explore partnerships with national and international bodies, delivering recreational cricket programs to faith communities in the UK and Europe.

Discussant

Warraich S.^[1], Ledegen S.^[2], Awan K.^[2]

^[1]Faith Associates, ^[2]Enhancing Faith Institutions

Opening ceremony

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 17:30 alle 18:00

STERI - SALA MAGNA

Speaker: Herman Selderhuis, Massimo Midiri, Francesca Cadeddu

Keynote Lecture: History and its religious objects Experiences, Discipline, Challenges

Lunedì 20 Maggio 2024 dalle 18:00 alle 19:00

STERI - SALA MAGNA

History and its religious objects Experiences, Discipline, Challenges

Melloni A.*

FSCIRE

Modern Philosophy of Religion: Paradigms - Topics - Methods - Concepts

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - AULA MAGNA

Proponent: Hans-Peter Grosshans

Chair: Hans-Peter Grosshans, Brandon Watson

**Speaker: Brandon Watson, William French, Daniel Horan, Maciej Oleksy, Debora Casewell,
Ryan McAleer, Davide De Caprio, Noemi Faustini, Tobias Friesen, Oliver Wright, Linto
Francis Kallukulangara**

Contemporary approaches and contributions to the field of philosophy of religion can be presented. The issue of “paradigm shifts” can be addressed regarding its relevance in and for philosophical study of religion. Of particular interest are contributions which attempt to reconstruct and reorient philosophy of religion considering contemporarily relevant philosophical challenges. The panel also welcomes papers that propose new methodological approaches and studies in the field of philosophy of religion broadly construed. This panel is organized in cooperation with the European Society for Philosophy of Religion (ESPR).

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Ecological Concerns and the Recovery of the Great Chain of Being

French W.

Loyola University Chicago

Love and Phenomenology: Christos Yannaras and the Theological Turn

Casewell D.

Chester University

Beyond the Spector of Theodicy

Horan D.

Saint Mary's College

Religious Language and the Problem of Metaphorical Speech

Watson B.

University of Münster

Racism, pluralism, and philosophy of religion. Some reflections about a paradigm shift in the field

De Caprio D.

University of Strasbourg

Simone Weil's Worker Self-Emptying Process and Jewish Mysticism: Kabbalistic Sources of Decreation

Faustini N.

Gregorian University

Affect Theory as a New Paradigm for Philosophy of Religion and Theology

Friesen T.

University of Heidelberg

The benefits of anachronisms. The concept of religion and dialogic form in Iris Murdoch's Above the Gods

Oleksy M.

Jagiellonian University

Paradigmatology: Giorgio Agamben's 'analogy

Wright O.

University of Oxford

Philosophical Perspectives for a "Courageous Cultural Revolution" in Theology

Mcaleer R.

KU Leuven

Nicaea After 1700 Years. Critical Insights into a Continuing Legacy

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 1

Proponent: Luca Ferracci

Chair: Luca Ferracci, Stephan Van Erp

Speaker: Frederick Aquino, Silvia Martinez Cano, Johannes Oeldemann, Fainche Ryan, Steven Battin, Valentina Ciciliot, Leo Guardado, Ludovic Lado, Andrew Wong

Born with mainly liturgical and catechetical purposes, the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed immediately showed a double capacity for adaptation: of a cultural kind, as a bridge towards the Arian populations, and of a linguistic kind. Translations of the Symbol begun as early as in the 4th century (produced in the Armenian, Syriac, and Coptic regions and, later, also in the Arab world) and the expansion of Christianity during the Modern Age has resulted in the production of translations into even more diverse languages, from Slavonic to the idioms spoken in each of the so-called "mission lands". Yet the historical and theological analysis of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed was marked in the past century by two ideas: one was expressed by Harnack in his book "Grundriss der Dogmengeschichte", which considered the Creed the evidence of a mixture between Christian faith and Greek philosophy and urged the modern (Protestant) confessional historiography to uncover such a process in order to draw into the essence of the Christian message; the other one, becoming e.g. visible during the late Sixties in J. Ratzinger's "Einführung in das Christentum", declares a perpetual and irrevocable right of the Greek philosophy on the Christian faith.

However, in the late 20th century the research on the Creed in the philological, historical, and theological fields challenged both these conceptual schemes. Papers offered in this panel will demonstrate how, despite any thesis tending (positively or negatively) to crystallize the Creed in rigid and perennial linguistic and theological formulas, the Symbol of Nicaea and Constantinople was in fact a dynamic expression of the Christian faith, charged with universal value but at the same time open to processes of enculturation.

In the roundtable that will close the conference, Prof. Fainche Ryan and Steven Battin will offer two short statements (10 minutes) on Ratzinger's position and how the emerging paradigm of "World Christianity" challenged the idea that Aristotelian categories are the only way to transmit and understand the Christian faith. We will then discuss whether in contrast to Ratzinger's theory about the Nicene Creed as the cornerstone of a process of Hellenization of Christianity which is binding for other cultures, it is possible to interpret the Symbol of Nicaea and Constantinople as a dynamic reality bearing universal and ecumenical significance for the contextualization of Christianity.

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The Unnecessary Creed: The Rise of Pentecostal, Charismatic and Non-Denominational Christianity

Ciciliot V.

Ca Foscari University Venice

The Re-Signified Creed: Aportaciones de la teología feminista a la teología trinitaria

Martinez Cano S.

Universidad Complutense de Madrid/Concilium

The Shared Creed: "Confessing the One Faith": A Study Project of the Faith and Order Commission and its Significance for the Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 2025

Oeldemann J.

Johann Adam Möhler Institute, Paderborn

About Ratzinger and the Irrevocable Right of Greek Philosophy on the Christian Faith

Ryan F.

Trinity College Dublin

“Enriched in Translation”: Decolonial Theology and Transcultural Interpretations

Battin S.

University of Notre Dame/Concilium

Discussant

Guardado L.^[1], Lado L.^[2], Aquino F.^[3], Wong W.C.A.^[4]

^[1]Fordham University/Concilium, ^[2]CEFOD, Ndjamena/Concilium, ^[3]Perkins School of Theology, SMU, ^[4]The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Religion and War: Modern Paradigms Shift

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 15:15

FATESI - TOMASI

Proponent: Yevhen Kharkovshchenko, Andrianna Roma

Chair: Yevhen Kharkovshchenko, Andrianna Roma

Speaker: Emanuele Iula, Monica Merutiu, Ole Jakob Loland, Yevhen Kharkovshchenko, Andrianna Roma, Kateryna Dobrovolska, Pavlo Smytsnyuk, Maddie Williams Shorman, Andrew Wong

The panel “Religion and War: Modern Paradigms Shift”; delves into the dynamic relationship between religion and warfare in contemporary contexts. It seeks to explore the evolving paradigms in which religious factors influence and are influenced by modern conflicts. This academic discussion assembles experts to dissect this intricate connection.

Religious danger in the latest military conflicts

Kharkovshchenko Y.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Advocating for Women’s Rights: the role of women in religious peacebuilding

Dobrovolska K.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

The war of ideologies: the activities of religious organizations during warfare and political confrontations

Roma A.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

The War in Ukraine as a Test for the Holy See's Neutrality and Approach to Mediation

Smytsnyuk P.

Center for Hellenic Studies, Scheide Caldwell House, Princeton University

Beyond Tradition: Uncovering the Dynamic Impact of Power on Christian Dispositions

Wong A.^[1], Shorman M.W.^[2]

^[1]Dallas Theological Seminary, ^[2]University of Texas, Austin

Pope Francis and Ukraine: Powerful Condemnations and Missed Opportunities

Loland O.J.

University of South-Eastern Norway

The Role of Religion in Contemporary Russian Geopolitics

Merutiu M.

Babes Bolyai University

Conflict Mediation: The path to restoration between theory and practices

Iula E.

Pontifical Faculty of Theology of Southern Italy

Scripture, Theology, and Their Future

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

FONDAZIONE SICILIA - SALA DEI 99

Proponent: Jacob Astudillo, David Stuart

Chair: Theo Van Willigenburg, Jacob Astudillo, David Stuart, Stefan Lindholm, Tomas Bokedal, Nikolaos Asproulis

Speaker: Paul Gavrilyuk, David Stuart, Marco Settembrini, Michael Borowski, Bernard Łukasz Sawicki, Tomas Bokedal, Yiftach Fehige, Tessa Hayashida, Andreas Riis, Cody Brown

Biblical Studies and Christian Theology have had productive and tense relationships throughout their shared history. They are ultimately predicated on Scripture which provides the possibility for mutual understanding and cooperation, even though they approach the biblical text with different purposes, questions and presuppositions. Whether or not their future is a shared one, however, is far from clear – at least one beyond sharing a space in an institution. There can be quite often a regionalizing of each discipline so that their insights are rarely engaged with by thinkers in other disciplines. This call for papers looks to identify some of the current trajectories these studies are on, consider how (if at all) they can have a shared future that might be mutually beneficial, and what some of the barriers might be to that future together. It also looks more broadly at insights that have recently been developed within the respective fields that may have yet to be engaged with by their counterparts. Along these lines, S&T maintains a robust commitment to dialogue between various fields and areas of research as a means of spurring constructive and critical engagement for mutually beneficial development.

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The Shaping of the Word of God in the Book of Ezekiel and Contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics

Settembrini M.

Facoltà Teologica dell'Emilia Romagna

Reading Luke as a Theologian: Intertextuality in Luke 9:28-36 as an Act of Theological Construction

Hayashida T.

University of St Andrews

Why highlight Nomina Sacra in New Testament Writings?

Bokedal T.

NLA University College, University of Aberdeen

In What Sense Is the Doctrine of the Trinity Biblical?

Gavrilyuk P.

University of St. Thomas

One World Everlasting: Towards a Reconfiguration of the Message of Scripture and its Theologies

Borowski M.

Vrije Universiteit

Kenosis and the Future of Biblical Studies and Theology

Stuart D.

University of St. Andrews

Thomas Aquinas and the Two or Three Forms of Rest in Hebrews 3-4

Brown C.

St Andrews University

The Biblical Reconciliation of Theology with its Original Meaning

Łukasz Sawicki B.

Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

What did Peter Do? Hermeneutics of Self-Involvement in the Acts of the Apostles

Riis A.

University of Friburg

One World Everlasting: Towards a Reconfiguration of the Message of Scripture and its Theologies

Borowski M.

The Christian Bible, Theological Pluralism, and Institutional Disconfirmation

Fehige Y.

University of Toronto

The Dangers of Biblical and Theological Illiteracy: A View from the United States

Kim Y.R.

University of Illinois

From one sacred language to another: between continuity and paradigm shift

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

MARIONETTE - TEATRO

Proponent: Nadir Boudjellal

Chair: Srecko Koralija, Mennah Ali

Speaker: Srecko Koralija, Aly Mennah, Andrzej Mrozek, Amr El Hawary, Jannis Kostelnik, Kawkab Tawfik, Khaoula Trad, Renata Jasnos, Lukas Byrski

The Abrahamic religions are based on sacred texts which may be composed in a single language containing words of foreign origin (Koran), in several different languages (Old Testament) or which are the translation of statements and stories (Gospels). These languages, considered sacred by virtue of their liturgical use, can be closely related to one another. There are many reasons for this: belonging to the same linguistic family and sharing certain extralinguistic characteristics, such as the relationship to numbers, linguistic borrowings from one language to another, and a common religious and mythological heritage. This panel will explore the contacts and points of rupture in the linguistic expression of the sacred in the different religious traditions of the Mediterranean and the Middle East. Papers may address the following questions:

- The relationship between Christian mysticism, Sufism, Shi'ism and the Kabbalah.
- The composition of sacred and religious texts and their rhetorical aspects.
- Continuity and rupture in magical practices.
- Arithmologia, isopsephy and pythagoreanism.
- Greek philosophical heritage and the linguistic question.
- The legacy of ancient Mesopotamian and Egyptian religions in medieval and contemporary religious practices.
- Linguistic relations in the Middle East between majority and minority religions (Zoroastrianism, Mandaism, Yezidism, Bahaism...)

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Solomon's wedding procession in the Song of Songs - Mesopotamian and Egyptian cultic reminiscences and literary influences.

Jasnos R.

Ignatium University, Cracow

Power of the Sacred Language in communicating with the Other World: Popular Religion in Egypt between back then and nowadays.

Mennah A.

Helouan Université (Cairo)

Between Ugaritic literature and the Bible – continuity and shift.

Mrozek A.

Jagiellonian University

When 'Magic' became 'magic': a Study of the Particular Linguistic Paradigm Shift

Byrski L.

Jagiellonian University

Earthly and Divine Authority. Leadership Lexemes in the Bible: A Historical and Multilingual Perspective

Koralija S.

VU (Amsterdam)

The Egyptian cubic world. The philosophy of magic squares and its ancient Egyptian origin.

El Hawary A.

University of Bonn

The Role of Names in Magic Squares in the Sub-Saharan-African Arabic Manuscripts from the Wellcome Collection, London

Kostelnik J.

University of Hamburg

The Talismanic tradition in Timbuktu: Specimens of talismanic figures from al-Ṭāhir Mu'adh's Library

Trad K.

University of Hamburg

Zār talismans, Knowledge Transmission and Ritual Performance

Tawfik K.

IFAO, Cairo

Reflections on Vattimo's Philosophy of Religion

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 4

Proponent: Mattia Geretto

Chair: Mattia Geretto

Speaker: Francesco Marino, Andrej Zawadzki, Mattia Geretto, Paolo Diego Bubbio, Stefano Santasilia, Salvatore Rindone

A few months after the death of a thinker who contributed much to contemporary philosophical thought, this series of contributions aims to consider the way in which Gianni Vattimo presented the question of religion starting especially from some famous essays, such as *Belief*, *A Farewell to Truth*, *Beyond Christianity* and the essay co-written with Richard Rorty *The Future of Religion*.

Just as, for Vattimo, we must distance ourselves from the myth of an objective truth in favor of a truth understood as the fruit of a common hermeneutics, made up of sharing, dialogue, friendship and a dialectic that does not translate into violent opposition of sentences or doctrines, in the same way, for the philosopher of "weak thought", a new attitude towards religion is more than desirable. Religion, and Christianity in particular, is in fact proposed by Vattimo in its non-metaphysical, non-dogmatic dimension, to the full advantage of a true exercise of love/caritas. What are the limits of such a vision of metaphysics and what are the possible consequences deriving from Vattimo's invitation to the construction of a "non-religious" Christianity?

In the choice of contributions, priority will be given to works that take into account specific aspects of the works cited above, also with a view to a possible future publication that aims to deal with the relationship between metaphysics, truth and violence in Christianity and, in general, in contemporary spirituality.

Metaphysics, Truth, and Violence. Some reflections starting from Vattimo's conception of Religion

Geretto M.

Università di Venezia

The Myth of the Death of God in Vattimo's Philosophy

Bubbio P.D.

University of Turin

Modernity and Demythologisation in Pareyson and Vattimo

Marino F.

University of Salerno

Vattimo and Pope Francis: a Common Paradigm Shift of Christianity for the XXI Century

Rindone S.

Studio Teologico San Paolo Catania

The Possibility of Transcendence in Vattimo's Philosophy of Religion

Santasilia S.

Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí

Weakness as Incarnation, Incarnation as Weakness: Gianni Vattimo and the Notion of Kenosis

Zawadzki A.

Jagiellonian University

Ecumenical Ecotheology, eco-ethics, and eco-interreligious shift paradigms

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - MULTIMEDIALE

Proponent: benjamin simon

Chair: benjamin simon, Louk Andrianos

Speaker: Benjamin Simon, Louk Andrianos, Nadja Furlan, Tomàs Insua, Tomàs Sverre Tomren, Antonios Kalogerakis, Aksel Johan Lund, Lesya Sabada, Max Weber, Bernadette Fraioli, Arianne Conty

We, as humans, are beginning to re-envision ourselves as part of this glorious creation, a member of an Earth community, at the same moment as Earth is entering a severe ecological crisis. This growing crisis leads more and more people to cry out in agony (cf. Psalm 103/104:29 and Rom 8/19-20). This paper call seeks to engage theology, ethics and philosophical reflections on key socio-ecological concerns from a variety of religious traditions and perspectives. The emphasis is on theological, philosophical and ethical implications of contributing to a shift of paradigms in progressing towards sustainable ecological future.

The EUARE- ECOTHEE 2024 is the following sequence of the 7th International Conference on Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics (ECOTHEE 22), which was organised under the auspices of the World Council of Churches and His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I from 26 to 29 October 2022 at the Orthodox Academy of Crete (OAC) in Kolympari, Crete. The conference was the result of collaboration between the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Orthodox Academy of Crete (OAC) through the academic collaborator between the Institute of Theology and Ecology (ITHE) at the OAC and the eco-justice diakonia department at the WCC.

Lit.:

- International Handbook on Creation Care and Eco-Diakonia. Geneva, 2022.

Penser les relations écologiques en théologies à l'ère de l'anthropocène. Ed. by Fabien Revol a.o., Paris, 2023.

Ecumenical ecotheology, eco-ethics, and eco-interreligious shift paradigms

Simon B.^[1], Andrianos L.^[2]

^[1]*Ecumenical Institute at Bossey*, ^[2]*World Council of Churches - Economic and Ecological Justice*

Ecotheology, the Anthropocene and Environmental Ethics

Sverre Tomren T.

VID Specialized University

Steering human greed from anthropocentrism to oikocentrism: Do justice and walk humbly with biodiversity

Andrianos L.

World Council of Churches - Economic and Ecological Justice

From Apology to Sacrament: Christian Approaches to the Anthropocene Age

Conty A.

University of Palermo

A plea for an ecological reform of Christianity. The signs of planetary urgency as an imperative for Theological Ethics

Simon B.

Ecumenical Institute at Bossey

Sustainable Ethics in Practice: Exemplary Initiatives of the Orthodox Academy of Crete

Kalogerakis A.

Head of the Institute of Theology and Ecology, Department of the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece

Hinduism and interrelatedness between microcosm and macrocosm within the framework of an eco-interreligious perspective

Fraioli B.

La Sapienza University of Rome

Magdalena Bermejo Discoveries and Eastern Christian Theology: An Unplanned Connection

Sabada L.

University of Saskatchewan St Thomas College 1437 College Drive, PC 57NOW6 Saskatchewan, CANADA

Economy of Life and degrowth movement – two sides of the same coin?

Weber M.

Postgraduate Student at the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Institute, Bossey & University of Geneva

An Ecotheological Analysis of «Green» Collect Prayers

Lund A.J.

PhD Research Fellow at VID Specialized University, Stavanger, Norway

The Feast of Creation: a new liturgical feast in Western Churches?

Insua T.

Laudato Si' Institute at Oxford University

Women's Environmental Eco Peacebuilding – from the Lenses of Post-colonial Theological Ecofeminism

Furlan N.

Institute for Philosophical Studies

Embracing Taboos in/and Challenging Paradigms: Perspectives from Theology and Religious Studies

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Jens Van Rompaey

Chair: Jens Van Rompaey

Speaker: Jens Van Rompaey, Maite De Beukeleer, Leen Deflem, Claire Maligot, Hannah James

According to Thomas Kuhn in his 1962 *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, paradigms define what is made visible and invisible. Moreover, in Kuhn's understanding of paradigms, an important part of scientific practice is "fixing or manipulating" them to cope with possible challenges. This often goes on up until the point the paradigms become untenable. However, much of what eventually leads to the demise of a paradigm is initially invisible, uncomfortable, and undesirable, Kuhn calls them "anomalies".

In the field of theology and religious studies, scholars still find many anomalies that challenge paradigms and some of them are even resolutely shoved aside as taboo. At the same time, many topics that were once considered taboo are now gradually receiving greater academic attention. This panel explores the transformative or challenging nature of embracing what is often set aside. It delves into anomalies and taboos to focus on their implications for the paradigm.

This panel invites papers that bring up experiences and insights that are often invisible or out-of-paradigm. How do taboos and anomalies challenge paradigms in theology and religious studies? How does embracing or addressing taboo-subjects challenge the paradigms that guide and influence people's lives and their faith? What conservative forces do researchers encounter when dealing with taboo-topics?

In collaboration with the Center for History of Contemporary Religious Identities and Ideas, KU Leuven.

"All in all, the church needs a new paradigm." An Exploration of The Use of Paradigms Shifts in Ecclesiology

Van Rompaey J.

KU Leuven

Silent or silenced? Navigating 'bystandership' and (sexual) transgressive behaviour in catholic Flemish contexts (1950-1989)

Deflem L.

KU Leuven

Easier said than done: decentering men in Catholic historiography

De Beukeleer M.

KU Leuven

A Theological Response to Religious Trauma: Journeying with traumatized persons outside of the church

James H.

University of St Andrews

Charity in the grey zone. Church actors helping “wrongdoers” as they face post-conflict justice (France, post-1945 and post-1962)

Maligot C.

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The Ontological Turn as a New Paradigm: Comparative Ontology and the Decolonization of Thought

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

MARIONETTE - BIBLIOTECA

Proponent: Arianne Conty

Chair: Arianne Conty

Speaker: Arianne Conty, Jay Hetrick, Santo Burgio, Thorsten Botz-Bornstein, Monika Hirmer, Todd Weir

With the publication of Philippe Descola’s book *Beyond Nature and Culture* in 2005, anthropologist Marshall Sahlins celebrated what he called a “paradigm shift” in anthropology, “a new anthropological dawn” that has come to be called “the ontological turn.” By delineating the worlds of animism, totemism and analogism as valid ontological worlds and comparing them to the ontological system of Western modernity called naturalism, Descola’s book showed how each world distinguishes subjects and objects in radically different ways, belying the universalisms so typical of Western naturalism. In accepting other peoples’ “ontological self-determination,” philosophical anthropology can cease to function according to the “one-world world” (Law, 2015) of Western universals and accept its new mission, “that of being the theory-practice of the permanent decolonization of thought” (Viveiros de Castro, 2009: 4). The ontological turn can thus reinvent metaphysics, a “meta or trans-metaphysics,” in order to think alterity and celebrate a world of many worlds. In seeking to adopt this paradigm shift within the academic study of religion, this panel seeks proposals that treat the other three ontological systems described by Descola, those of animism, totemism and analogism. This panel particularly welcomes papers seeking to show how these religious systems differentiate subjects from objects, nature from culture, in ways distinct from Western modernity and its monotheistic foundations.

The Ontological Turn as a New Paradigm

Conty A.

University of Palermo

Machinic Animism in Japanese Performance Art

Hetrick J.

University of Sharjah

From Ethnophilosophy to Consolationism: A Path through African Ontology

Burgio S.

University of Catania

Nature in Şūfism, Christianity, and Buddhism: The Problem of Pantheism Seen Through Fanā', Kenosis, and Śūnyatā

Botz--Bornstein T.

GUST University, Kuwait

Existence beyond the Anthropocene: The enmeshed beingness of Śrīvidyā practitioners in South India

Hirmer M.

SOAS, University of London

Modern Worldviews and Culture Wars: Ontological Reasoning and Religious-Secular Distinctions

Weir T.

University of Groningen

The Mendicant Turn Between the Thirteenth and the Fourteenth Centuries. Ecclesiology, Female Religiosity and Book Production

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Michele Impagnatiello, Mara Faccin, Martina Maria Caragnano

Chair: Michele Impagnatiello

Speaker: Mara Faccin, Martina Maria Caragnano, Andrea Alessandri, francesca Barresi

The 13th and 14th centuries marked a significant turn in medieval Europe's ecclesiastical and cultural history with the emergence and spread of Mendicant Orders, such as the Franciscans and Dominicans. These Orders introduced a new perspective to the Catholic Church, making this a crucial period of change in the religious landscape. After their establishment and their institutionalisation, the Minors and Preachers brought significant innovation to the late-medieval Church in areas such as preaching, poverty, education, and inquisition. Moreover, they made relevant contributions to the development of new philosophical, theological, and ecclesiological perspectives, distinguishing themselves as new 'producers of culture' in medieval Europe and gaining popularity.

These topics have been extensively studied, but they require further investigation. Therefore, it is essential to focus not only on the institutional relationship between Mendicants and the Papacy and other existing Orders but also on the development of academic learning within these recently formed religious groups and the growth of female nunneries in Europe. The purpose of this panel is to explore wider implications for late medieval society by discussing key aspects related to the Dominican and Franciscan Orders.

Contributions are especially welcome from the following perspectives:

1. Ecclesiology;
2. Female religiosity;
3. Literary production

Proiectus est draco ille: a polemical Franciscan tract against John XXII

Caragnano M.M.

DREST - University of Macerata

Female religiosity and expanding suburbs: new experiences in Campomarzio, Verona, between XII and XIII centuries

Faccin M.

DREST - University of Verona

Ubertino da Casale against the Community: the turning point of the usus pauper

Alessandri A.

Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Università di Bologna

Mit ainer inderen genade'. Margaret Ebner's Offenbarungen in context of Late Medieval women's religious literature

Barresi F.

Navigating the Paradigm Shift: Evolution/revolution and further challenges in Religious Studies scholarship.

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - MAUROLICO A

Proponent: Davide S. Amore

Chair: Davide S. Amore

Speaker: Diego Romagnoli, Davide S. Amore, Giovanni Casadio, Paola Corrente, Marcia Maria Eneas Costa, Pietro Piro, Mustafa Alici, Gabriel Badea

In the various landscape of religious studies, a profound paradigm shift is underway, challenging traditional approaches and ushering in new perspectives. The postmodern deconstruction of any perspective claiming to possess objective truth has produced an analysis of the relativity, selectivity, and implicit scale of values harboured within interpretive theories of all kinds.

In an era marked by globalization, technological advancements, and cultural shifts, interpreting religion requires a nuanced perspective that considers the intricate interplay between tradition and modernity. This panel seeks to explore the multifaceted dimensions of this journey, aiming to illuminate the evolving nature of the study of religion.

Presentations will address key themes such as redefined methodologies, interdisciplinary collaborations, and the impact of contemporary socio-cultural dynamics on the study of religion. By examining case studies and engaging with recent scholarship, the evolution of these dynamics within the SISR (Italian IAHR branch), the ABHR (Brazilian IAHR branch), the TAHR (Turkish IAHR branch), and any other prospective academic organizations will be examined.

By bringing together diverse perspectives, the panel aims to contribute to an understanding of the paradigm shift in religious studies. Participants will gain insights into the evolving nature of the field,

its challenges, and the opportunities it presents for fostering a more flexible discourse on religion.

Prospects and Retrospect in Turkish Religionswissenschaft: A Phenomenology

Alici M.

In the Shadow of Mircea Eliade. The History of Religions in Romania, After 1989

Badea G.

The Romanian Academy

From Legal and Philosophical Hermeneutics to Critical Historical (Necessary) Hermeneutics

Casadio G.

University of Salerno

Many gods, one definition: the rise and fall of the category of 'polytheism' in modern scholarship

Corrente P.

University of Salerno

From Theology, Philology and Anthropology to the Ciência da Religião (Religionswissenschaft; Science of Religion): the Current State of Art in Brazil

Eneas Costa M.M.

Federal University of Paraíba

The History of Religions Outside the Academy. Is Religious Illiteracy a Social Problem?

Piro P.

Fondazione Don Calabria

The Modern Debate About The Mithras' Cult

Romagnoli D.

Accademia Marchigiana di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti e Accademia Siciliana dei Mitici

Philosophy and Theology from the Context of the Mediterranean (AIFR's Panel)

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

STERI - SALA DELLE CAPRIATE

Proponent: Pierangelo Bianco, Salvatore Rindone, Luca Crapanzano

Chair: Pierangelo Bianco, Rino La Delfa, Lucia Battistel, Antonino Sapuppo, Andrea Aguti

Speaker: Vito Impellizzeri, Pierangelo Bianco, Salvatore Rindone, Vincenzo Serpe, Giovanni Basile, Giuseppina De Simone, Lucia Battistel, Carmelo Raspa, Stefano Marchionni, Francesco Brancato, Marco Damonte, Luca Crapanzano, Maria Antonietta Spinosa, Antonino Sapuppo, Marcello Di Tora, Anna Staropoli, Vincenzo Volpe, Ana Petrache, Debora Tonelli

This panel, promoted by the AIFR (Italian Association of Philosophy of Religion), is inspired by Pope Francis' speech in Naples in 2019 about a theology after *Veritatis gaudium* in the context of the Mediterranean. This area of the world could indeed represent a new paradigm for the listening to the needs of the world, for shaping a style of thinking in favor of migrants and the poor. As considered by the theological meeting of Bari in February 2020: "Mare nostrum" is the physical and spiritual place where our civilization was born as a result of the meeting of different peoples. Moreover, in February 2022, the mayors and politicians of the Mediterranean cities, inspired by Giorgio La Pira, signed the "Florence Charter", recognizing the diversity of the Mediterranean's heritage as the common heritage of all humanity. All the natural, environmental, cultural, linguistic and religious values of the Mediterranean, both material and immaterial, are protected as sources of dialogue and unity between peoples. Finally, in September 2023 in Marseilles was published the text of the Manifesto for a Theology from the Mediterranean. This panel therefore, gathering together some of the most distinguished representatives of the development of this "Mediterranean paradigm" in theology, and other young scholars, aims to enrich the ongoing work of this new local project in philosophy and theology.

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A Paradigm Shift for a Mediterranean thought: from Naples 2019 to Marseille 2023

De Simone G.

Pontificia Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Meridionale

The Rabbinic paradigm of welcoming the other

Raspa C.

Studio Teologico San Paolo di Catania

Augustine and a New Paradigm of Love for a Change of Era

Marchionni S.

Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

An Incipient Mediterranean Politics? Thomas Aquinas's De Regno ad regem Cypri

Serpe V.

University of Salerno

A thalassology for a theology in the Mediterranean

Basile G.

Studio Teologico San Paolo di Catania

Ethics of religion in the Mediterranean context

Rindone S.

Studio Teologico San Paolo Catania

The 'structure of dialogue'. Theology and science for peace

Brancato F.

Studio Teologico San Paolo di Catania

A Mediterranean philosophy of religions: the historical perspective of Remi Brague

Damonte M.

University of Genova

Philosophy and Religion beyond the Mediterranean: Truth, Community and Witness in the thought of George Lindbeck

Bianco P.

Università LUMSA di Roma - Universidade Católica Portuguesa

Debate and discussion on the “Manifesto for a Theology from the Mediterranean”

Impellizzeri V.

Pontificia Facoltà Teologica di Sicilia

Theology of scars in the Mediterranean context

Petrache A.

Institut Catholique de la Méditerranée

Literary theology as a contextual and narrative exercise: The Mediterranean anthropology according to Leonardo Sciascia, Pier Paolo Pasolini and Lorenzo Milani

Crapanzano L.

Pontificia Facoltà teologica di Sicilia

“Thinking otherwise”: philosophical legacy of the ‘Six Memos for the Next Millennium’ by Italo Calvino

Spinosa M.A.

Pontificia Facoltà teologica di Sicilia

A traveling community: the caravan of a Theology scholar in Mario Luzi’s *Viaggio terrestre e celeste* di Simone Martini (1994)

Battistel L.

Università LUMSA di Roma - KU Leuven

A new semantics of risk in the Mediterranean context

Sapuppo A.

Studio Teologico San Paolo di Catania

Interreligious dialogue: a systematic framework

Di Tora M.

Pontificia Facoltà Teologica di Sicilia

The Mediterranean is calling to us: plural and hybrid cities

Staropoli A.

Pontificia Facoltà Teologica di Sicilia

An ecclesial community moving and close to the poor

Volpe V.

Pontificia Facoltà Teologica di Sicilia

Between *kósmos* and *pólis*: identity and citizenship from a Mediterranean perspective

Tonelli D.

Bruno Kessler Foundation, Pontificio Ateneo S. Anselmo di Roma

**Religion and Spirituality in the Digital Age:
Presence and Experience in Immersive Digital
Media**

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

STERI - CHIESA DI S. ANTONIO ABATE

Proponent: Victoria Dos Santos, Gorazd Andrejč

Chair: Nadja Furlan

Speaker: Victoria Dos Santos, Christopher Helland, Gregory Grieve, Gorazd Andrejč, Victor Krebs

The increasing presence of religious images, themes, and practices in ludic and ‘secular’ media, as well as the growth of religious communities and narratives on virtual platforms, have prompted the need for rethinking the ontological and epistemological aspects of digital religion. Especially after the COVID-19 pandemic—and how it radically pushed many religious actors and communities online (Evolvi 2022)—the perspective on virtual environments as affordable media for experiencing and ‘doing’ religion (Grieve 2022) has been broadening, bringing attention to its phenomenological and material aspects (Radde-Antweiler 2021) while inviting us to analyze not only the textual components of religion but also its aesthetic, creative, and sensual dimensions. According to the aforementioned, this panel aims to explore how the intersection of media technologies, digital cultures, and traditional and nontraditional religions proposes or expresses lived religious experiences and activities. More specifically, it will focus on: 1) the embodied, social, and performative nature of religion in virtual platforms; 2) the ways in which different religious traditions and realities produced and addressed their practices online; and 3) phenomenological questions about the ways religiously-potent immersive experiences work in digital media, are ‘produced’, and how they compare or relate to the religiously-potent experiences in the social context and/or nature beyond the digital.

A Digital Eco-Spirituality? On Digital Immersive Experiences of Nature

Andrejč G.

University of Groningen

A General Cultural Theory of Digital Immersion

Grieve G.

University of Greensboro

Online Religión 2.0: Hypermediating the Sacred in a Secular Age

Helland C.

Dalhousie University Canada

Lived’ Religion in Immersive Platforms: Materiality and Animism in Virtual Rituals

Dos Santos V.

Institute for Philosophical and Religious Studies ZRS Koper

Being-Qakes: Face and Cosmos in the Digital Era

Krebs V.

Pontifical Catholic University Peru

Religion in Transition: Reconsidering the Religious Factor in Third Wave Transitions to Democracy

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - TRIPPODO

Proponent: Julio de la Cueva Merino, Massimo De Giuseppe

Chair: Massimo De Giuseppe, Natalia Núñez-Bargueño, Julio de la Cueva Merino

Speaker: Natalia Núñez-Bargueño, Julio de la Cueva Merino, Massimo de Giuseppe, Alberto González, Irene González, Veronica García Martín, Joao Miguel Almeida, Magdalena Schelotto, Ellie Douska, Paolo Gheda, Javier Recio Huetos

2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the third wave of democratization in the world, according to the model proposed by Samuel Huntington in 1991. In 1974, Portugal and Greece embarked on their democratization processes. From Southern Europe, this wave of democratization extended its reach globally, assuming particular significance in Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe (although also in some Asian and African countries). Huntington's interpretative model implied a pivotal paradigm shift in the study of transitions to democracy. Notably, his framework acknowledged the importance of the religious factor in shaping political change. However, the interplay between religious and political transformations, as well as the roles played by religious actors in democratization processes, remains insufficiently explored. This panel proposes a reconsideration of the impact of the religious factor on transitions to democracy in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s and welcomes contributions on topics related to the connection between religion/s and democratization during this significant period.

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The religious factor in the transition to democracy in Portugal (1974-1976)

Almeida J.M.

Universidade Nova de Lisboa

The Spanish left and the Catholic Church. Attitudes towards religion during the democratic transition

De La Cueva Merino J.

Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha

Memory and oblivion. The role of the "popular" Church in the Salvadoran political transition of the 1990s

De Giuseppe M.

IULM Milano

Political Transition and Christian Democracy in Uruguay

Schelotto M.

Université de Reims

"Por la razón de la fuerza o la fuerza de la razón": The role of French Fidei donum priests in Chile's path to democracy

Douska E.

Université de Lyon 3

Sisters in transition: Spanish women religious between the transition to democracy and secularization

García Martín V.

Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha

The role of the Churches in South Africa's democratic transition from the end of apartheid to the return to the Commonwealth of Nations

Ghedda P.

University of Valle d'Aosta

Sahara and Ifni: Two Muslim Provinces in Catholic Spain during the Late Franco Period

González I.

Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha

The Armed Forces, Religion and Democracy: Discourses on the Spanish Transition in the Publications of the Military Apostolate (1975-82)

González A.

Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha

Francisco Fernández Buey and Manuel Sacristán. Spanish Marxism and the religious issue during Spain's democratic transition

Recio Huetos J.

UCLM

Young people's values, beliefs and expectations regarding religion

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

STERI - SALA MAGNA

Proponent: Gema Bellido

Chair: Gema Bellido

Speaker: Gema Bellido, Norberto González Gaitano, Jose Maria Diaz Dorronsono, Karen Sanders, Maria Rosario Sadaba

The objective of this panel is to present the first results obtained in an international survey of young people (aged 18-29) from eight different countries: Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Philippines and Kenya. Special emphasis will be placed on the results obtained in European countries, as the congress is organized by the European Academy of Religion.

The survey is carried out as a part of a wider project which combines quantitative methodology (an international survey) with qualitative methodology (national focus groups) which aims to listen to young people's expectations of and beliefs about religion. In the panel we will focus exclusively on the results obtained in the survey, since the focus groups will be developed later.

The data show the views of young people in these countries on topics such as conscience, the existence of sin, admiration or not for those who live according to their values, belief in God, the practice of prayer or whether having religious beliefs makes it easier to deal with suffering or death.

The panel speakers will present the origin and purpose of the research project, the philosophy behind the survey of young people and their religious values, the overall results of the survey and the results in Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom. The panel participants are members of the group of researchers carrying out the project "Footprints: A Study of Young People's Beliefs, Ideals, and Expectations"

Footprints. Young People: Expectations, Ideals, Beliefs. Presentation of the first report: global results in 8 countries

Bellido G.

Pontificia Università della Santa Croce

Footprints. Young People: Expectations, Ideals, Beliefs. Presentation of the first report: the case of Italy

Diaz Dorronsono J.M.

Pontificia Università della Santa Croce

Footprints. Young People: Expectations, Ideals, Beliefs. Presentation of the first report: the case of Spain

Sadaba M.R.

University of Navarra

Footprints. Young People: Expectations, Ideals, Beliefs. Presentation of the first report: the case of United Kingdom

Sanders K.

St. Mary's University

After Christianity?

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - STURZO

Proponent: Isabella Guanzini, Martin Koci

Chair: Isabella Guanzini, Martin Koci, Isabella Guanzini

Speaker: Martin Koci, Isabella Guanzini, Sigrid Rettenbacher, Adela Muchova, Sjoerd Mulder, Tihomir Lazic, Isabella Bruckner

What future awaits Christianity in the coming centuries, and how can we navigate the unpredictable terrain that follows the end of traditional structures? Inspired by current philosophical perspectives and criticism, this panel intends to explore the postmodern “aftermath” of Christianity, rejecting a linear sequence and emphasizing the need to understand and adapt to a radically new spiritual, cultural and intellectual landscape. Christianity is no longer a universally accepted reference point; however, it remains operative in a pluralized and fragmented world. Christianity remains influential as a conceptual archive, cultural tradition, intellectual stimulus as well as critical voice in current philosophical, social, and political debates. We invite papers interpreting the contemporary situation and interrogating the possibilities of Christian theological, philosophical, and spiritual discourse in a culture that is not-Christian, but at the same time, not yet entirely non-Christian.

Christianity After Christendom: One Heretical Perspective

Koci M.

Catholic Private University Linz

Spirituality after Christianity: Balancing on the Edge of Ecclesial Structures

Muchova A.

Catholic Private University Linz

Beyond Religion: Unveiling the Meaning-Making Challenges Among SBNRs

Lazic T.

Newbold College

The anonymous ingenuity of everyday life. Sketching post-secular mysticism with Michel de Certeau

Bruckner I.

Pontificio Istituto Sant'Anselmo

Discernment, Not Retreat: Henri de Lubac's Augustinian Option for the Church

Mulder S.

Tilburg University

Religion and Irony. Christianity within a post-traditional Horizon

Guanzini I.

Catholic Private University Linz

After Certainty. Ecclesiology and the Construction of Memories, Traditions and Identities in the Perspective of a Post-/Decolonial Theology

Rettenbacher S.

Catholic Private University Linz

Permeable Orthodoxies: Shifting Paradigms in Labelling Heterodoxy

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

LA PIRA - ROOM 5

Proponent: Davide Marino, Alberto Alfredo Winterberg

Chair: Davide Marino, Alberto Alfredo Winterberg

Speaker: Davide Marino, Alberto Alfredo Winterberg, Grace Conway, Milan Reith, Sergi Castella-Martinez

In a world increasingly characterized by religious fragmentation, the pursuit of orthodoxy (as well as its related dynamic, the exclusion of heterodoxy) becomes a complex and intriguing endeavour. This panel delves into the intricate dynamics of how societies grapple with concepts of orthodoxies, often in the face of ideas perceived as heterodox.

This panel brings together scholars from various disciplines to explore the multifaceted dimensions of orthodoxy, investigating the processes of labelling, contestation, and negotiation surrounding heterodoxy in various religious and political contexts.

In particular, the panel will examine both historical and contemporary instances where political entities or religious organizations have actively engaged in discursive and governmental efforts to define and preserve orthodoxy. Topics covered include the role of religious and political actors in shaping orthodox narratives and the evolving nature of orthodoxy/heterodoxy in response to political needs. Through a comparative lens, the panel aims to unravel the ways in which societies navigate the tension between preserving "orthodox traditions" and defining "heterodoxy/heresy".

The discussion will address this never-ending negotiation and the power dynamics inherent in the labelling of heterodoxy, questioning who has the authority to define and enforce orthodox norms, and the strategies of 'heterodoxization' employed by those who hold the power of 'orthodoxy'.

“Protect Human Rights and Eradicate Evil Cults”: Anti-xiejiao Propaganda in Contemporary Mainland China

Marino D.

University of Vienna

The Occult Roots of La Nouvelle Théologie? Réginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P. And the Neo-Gnostics

Winterberg A.A.

University of Groningen

The Lebor Gabála Érenn and the Quest for Irish History

Conway G.

University of Amsterdam

Amadeo Bordiga's anti-Masonry: From Mussolinian Rhetoric to "Brilliant Communist"

Reith M.

Radboud University

Legends of the Blessed: Interconnected Traditions in Ramon Llull's Modern Reception.

Castella--Martinez S.

Pompeu Fabra University

Strengthening the Research Infrastructure RESILIENCE: the Italian project ITSERR

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - TEATRO

Proponent: Francesca Cadeddu

Chair: Francesca Cadeddu

Speaker: Usman Nawaz, Marianna Napolitano, Federico Alpi, Igor Spanò, Marco Papasidero, Vincenzo Roberto Imperia, Arianna Pavone, Domenico Ciccarello, Federico Ruozzi, Laura Righi, Ilaria Sabbatini, Andrea Ravasco, Ivana Panzeca, Antonio Pio Di Cosmo, Amina El Ganadi, Francesca Cadeddu, Anna Mambelli, Riccardo Vigliermo, Sara Abram, Fabio Tutrone

ITSERR is the Italian research project aimed at enhancing the ESFRI RESILIENCE Research Infrastructure. Its primary goal is to meet the evolving needs of the Religious Studies scientific community and support the national infrastructure to drive it towards a more mature level. By endorsing new technological paradigms, the project is willing to play a pivotal role in enriching the diversity, the quality and innovation of knowledge produced by the community of Religious Studies. ITSERR operates on the postulate that the Humanities can offer superdiverse datasets whose complexity challenges technologies and ICT scholars. Therefore, the project aims at transforming the role of the scientific community of Religious Studies from being a mere actor in the usage of established technologies to the role of proactive driver pioneering new findings by integrating the newest assets of Artificial Intelligence/Big Data/High Performance Computing.

Launched in November 2022, ITSERR has already started to gain results. The panel presents the first research and methodological outcomes achieved by the ITSERR interdisciplinary team composed of researchers in Religious Studies and Information Technologies. The aim of the panel is to gather feedback from the research community and to open a dialogue on how similar types of research and development activities are undertaken by other research teams all over Europe.

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CRITERION: Towards the design of a new text editor for critical editions.

Alpi F.

FSCIRE

GNORM: Challenges and Potential of a 3d visualisation of the Corpus Iuris Canonici.

Imperia V.R.

University of Palermo

GNORM: Challenges and Potential of a 3d visualisation of the Corpus Iuris Canonici.

Pavone A.

University of Palermo

GNORM: Challenges and Potential of a 3d visualisation of the Talmud.

Ravasco A., Pavone A.

University of Palermo

On the Semantic Analysis of Old Church Slavonic Terms: the Case of the Symbol of Faith

Napolitano M.^[1], Nawaz U.^[2]

^[1]University of Modena and Reggio Emilia / *FSCIRE*, ^[2]University of Palermo

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed in Sanskrit: A Digital Semantic Analysis on W. H. Mill's Translation

Spanò I.

University of Palermo

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed between Past and Future: Arabic/Persian Sources and Digital Tools

Panzeca I.

FSCIRE / University of Palermo

Exploring the Intersection of Hagiography, AI and Digital Humanities: Initiating the Development of a Database of Italian Early Modern Shrine Foundation Legends

Papasidero M.

University of Palermo

Sanctuarìa: Human Gaze, Devotional Fake Images, and AI

Papasidero M.^[1], Di Cosmo A.P.^[2], Ruozzi F.^[2]

^[1]University of Palermo, ^[2]University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Arabic script OCR output analysis and post-processing: testing LLMs for extracted text enhancement

Vigliermo R.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE

The Illusion of Knowledge: Islamic Studies in the Age of Misleading AI Interpretations and Hallucinations

El Ganadi A.

FSCIRE / DREST

DigitalMaktaba: functional requirements for discovering bibliographic resources in Arabic

Ciccarello D.

University of Palermo

REVERse Regesta: Definition and Preparation of a new Medieval Corpus for text summarization

Sabbatini I.

University of Palermo

Pontifical Regesta and Generative AI in the project REVERse Regesta

Righi L.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

uBIQUity: Illuminating the Greek and Latin Bibles, the Quran, and Their Receptions in the Age of Generative AI

Mambelli A.^[1], Abram S.^[2], Costa M.^[2]

^[1]University of Modena and Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE, ^[2]University of Palermo

Theology, Prison, and Punishment

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

FATESI - CAMPO

Proponent: Geertjan Zuijdwegt

Chair: Geertjan Zuijdwegt

Speaker: Geertjan Zuijdwegt, Aaron Pycroft, Pieter De Witte, Keith Adams

In this closed panel, four experts-cum-practitioners engage the theory and practice of current criminal justice systems from a theological vantage point. Building on recent interdisciplinary encounters between criminology and theology and on concrete work experience within the criminal justice system, the panellists probe the core ideas undergirding current philosophies of criminal justice, especially retribution and reform, in relation to proposed alternatives like restoration and forgiveness. Against a backdrop of prison overcrowding and expansionist policies in many countries, these three timely and original papers will address retribution and (biblical) justice, Catholic social teaching and reform, and forgiveness as a novel criminological paradigm. In a fourth synthetic paper, the chair identifies lines of convergence and divergence between the papers and pinpoints remaining questions. These questions are explored in a moderated discussion between the panellists shaped by input from the audience. This argument-driven and interactive format will allow for a coherent and in-depth analysis of the intersecting fields of theology and criminal justice.

Redemptive Criminology: The Dynamics of Forgiveness

Pycroft A.

University of Portsmouth

Whose Justice? Which Restoration? Biblical and Theological Reflections on Restorative Justice

De Witte P.

KU Leuven

Catholic Social Thought and Prisons: How Focus on Individual Reform Obscured the Relational Harms of Imprisonment

Adams K.

Maynooth University

Theology, Prison and Punishment: Convergences and Conflicts

Zuijdwegt G.

KU Leuven

Changing religious narratives, discourses and practices in Africa

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - DUSMET

Proponent: Iaria Macconi, Felix J. Phiri

Chair: Iaria Macconi, Felix J. Phiri

Speaker: Francesco Cargnelutti, Iaria Macconi, Felix J. Phiri, Innocent Maganya, Xolani Sakuba, Mary N. Getui, Philomena Njeri Mwaura, Evaristi Magoti Cornelli, David Eliaona, Fatima Bapumia, Francis Zangairai, Jane Waruguru Kimathi, Newton Kahumbi Maina, Valerius Mjuni, Bashir Yusuf Haji, Nkabala Helen Nmbalirwa, Veneranda Mbabazi

According to a prominent scholar, religious changes are the most significant and revolutionary in the world today. In order to understand where we are heading, we cannot overlook them or the continent from which they originate. This is why the Foundation for Religious Studies (FSCIRE) reached out to Africa and together with the Institute for Interreligious Dialogue and Islamic Studies (IRDIS) initiated a collaboration between African and European Institutions. One of the initiatives undertaken is this panel, which aims to broaden the reflection on the contemporary role of Religion, to bring more of the Global South into the picture, and to bridge the gap between academia and the community.

Many of the challenges facing our societies, such as pandemics, climate change, food security, gender discrimination, globalization, radicalization and religious violence have profoundly influenced the responses of religious leaders, researchers and practitioners. Focusing on specific projects and case studies, the speakers want to encourage a transnational and interdisciplinary discussion on the significant changes (and paradigm shifts) in the study and teaching of Religion in Africa. This encompasses changes in the African religious landscape as well as in the approaches to emerging cultural and socio-economic issues.

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VEREAD – Virtual Exchanges in Religious Euro-African Dialogue. New ways of interaction across borders and cultures

Macconi I., Cargnelutti F.

FSCIRE

AFRARE – African Academy of Religion

Sakuba X.^[2], Maganya I.^[1]

^[1]Tangaza University College, ^[2]University of Kwazulu-Natal

Paradigm shift in the teaching of religion in Africa: The contribution of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians

N. Getui M.

Catholic University of East Africa

Using SMS as a tool to foster critical thinking of Makerere University Bible students through increased engagement with the biblical text

Mbabazi V., Nmbalirwa N.H.

Makerere University

African Initiated Christianity: Current dimensions in African Christianity

Njeri Mwaura P.

Kenyatta University

Understanding African Spirituality: Contribution of the Elders in Visiga Village.

Magoti Cornelli E.

University of Dar es Salaam

Cultural Africa and the Contemporary Church

Eliaona D.

Tangaza University College, Institute for Interreligious Dialogue and Islamic Studies

Year Naming practice among the Bahaya; a paradigm shift towards women movements in Catholic Church

Mjuni V.

Institute of Social Transformation, Tangaza University College

A shift in the health care provision in Zimbabwe and Tanzania: blurring the boundaries between spiritual healing, herbal practices and biomedicine

Bapumia F.^[1], Zangairai F.^[2]

^[1]African Studies Centre, University of Leiden, ^[2]Arrupe Jesuit University

Breaking Gender Barriers in Interreligious Dialogue and Peace Building in Garissa and Isiolo Counties in Kenya

Waruguru Kimathi J.

Hekima College

Muslim brotherhoods/sufism as a counter narrative to religious violence and extremism in Africa

Phiri Felix J.^[1], Haji B.Y.^[2]

^[1]Tangaza University College, Institute for Interreligious Dialogue and Islamic Studies, ^[2]Institute of Social Transformation, Tangaza University College

An Islamic perspective on climate change and food security in view of Sustainable Development Goals 13 & 2

Kahumbi Maina N.

Kenyatta University

The Ahl al-Bayt (“the People of the Household” of Muḥammad) in Muslim and Islamicate traditions: historical backgrounds, devotional practices and teachings.

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - D'ACQUISTO

Proponent: Alessandro Cancian, Gianfranco Bria

Chair: Alessandro Cancian, Gianfranco Bria

Speaker: Alessandro Cancian, Gianfranco Bria, Roy Vilozny, William Rees Hofmann, Luca Patrizi, Fâres Gillon

The possibility of the transmission of the prophetic charisma from father to son is attested within the different theological and spiritual articulation of Islam. The absence of a male heir to Muḥammad, however, did not prevent religious traditions emerged from the Muslim world from acknowledging the possibility of a special (at times exclusive even) transmission of spiritual authority within the ahl al-bayt, the “people of the Household”, i.e. the members of the family of Muḥammad, through his son-in-law ‘Alī b. Abī Ṭālib (d. 661), ‘Alī’s wife Fāṭima (d. 632), and their offspring. It is something of such great importance in the history of Islam that few of its internal divisions cannot be ascribed to discrepancies in the interpretations of the religious, spiritual and political role of that progeny. The matter is at the basis of a number of mystical and esoteric doctrines and practices that have emerged in different historical and intellectual contexts.

The aim of this panel is to analyse some sources and contexts within the Muslims traditions where the metaphysical nature and spiritual significance of the ahl al-bayt are articulated, across the denominational, cultural, and linguistic board. At the same time, the contributions in this panel will address different dimensions of the spiritual practices, rituals and performances connected to the devotion to the People of the House of Muḥammad, as well as the social and political implications of such devotion.

Celebrating ‘āshūrā’ in post-socialist Albania between neo-pluralisation and tradition.

Bria G.

Sapienza University of Rome

The Ahl al-bayt and the contemplation of the face of light of the Imam in nineteenth-century Shi 'i mystical Qur'anic exegesis

Cancian A.

The Institute of Ismaili Studies

Ahl al-Bayt's Ancestors: Previous Generations Purifying Accounts

Vilozny R.

University of Haifa

Sing a Song to Udho, the Messenger of God: Krishna and his companions as the Ahl al-Bayt in Ismaili and Chishtī Sufi Hindi Poetry

Hofmann W.R.

The Institute of Ismaili Studies

The dynastic transmission of prophecy in Islamic sources and the curious case of Ibrāhīm ibn Muḥammad

Patrizi L.

University of Turin

Beyond the Ahl al-bayt: the extension of the Imam's spiritual prestige in early Ismaili Qur'anic exegesis

Gillon F.

Aix-Marseille Université

Humanity, Nature, and Ecological Response

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

FATESI - CUSMANO

Proponent: Antonella Bellantuono

Chair: Daniela Scialabba

Speaker: Antonella Bellantuono, Sophie Izoard, Talitha Cooreman

Humanity unfolds within nature, a gift of creation, rich in meaning and intelligibility, yet also shrouded in mystery, evoking both wonder and contemplation. The human being is intertwined with nature, and this complex web of relationships raises various questions that confront not only one's vulnerability but also the vulnerability of the surrounding environment. Today, the ecological crisis calls upon humanity to rediscover its rightful place within the entire realm of living entities.

This crisis manifests as a crisis of connection and a crisis of limits. It highlights that humans cannot claim an extravagant privilege in their interaction with nature. As a critical concept, the vulnerability of nature should enable the human experience, urging individuals to "cultivate" and "preserve" it, that is, to "take care" of it. Thus, if humans receive from nature, they are also dependent on it. By listening to nature, individuals can allow themselves to be transformed by it, contributing back to it in an ecologically responsible manner with a perspective of hope.

On the anthropological level, the concept of vulnerability as an openness to being affected by the other expresses a new dimension with practical implications that this conference, through a theological and transdisciplinary lens, aspires to explore.

See: Altnurme et al (2022), 'Religious Diversity in Europe: Mediating the Past to the Young'. London: Bloomsbury.

What does the Bible tell us about vulnerability?

Bellantuono A.

Université Catholique de Lille

Vulnerable talents: helping young learners flourish by reading the parable of the talents

Cooreman T.

University of Fribourg

Relational ontology and vulnerability: when nature cries

Izoard S.

Université Catholique de Lille

Love, Friendship, and Affections: Interdisciplinary Trajectories

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

FATESI - DI GIOVANNI

Proponent: Marie-Ange Rakotoniaina

Chair: Marie-Ange Rakotoniaina

Speaker: Bernard Łukasz Sawicki, Marie-Ange Rakotoniaina, David Bennett, Arun Joseph Chakkalakal, Anna Yearwood, Lois Lindholm

Penned in 1942, Simone Weil's essay « Les formes implicites de l'amour de Dieu » encloses one of the most profound reflections on love and affection. "Friendship is a miracle", she asserts. This miracle binds necessity and liberty together in reaching a harmony of souls similar to the Pythagorean adage (which she quotes), "friendship is an equality made of harmony". This panel will take Simone Weil's thinking as its inspiration, while opening it to studies pertaining to the possibility of attachment and disinterested love, not only intimately but also as a social possibility. This philosophy of alterity constructs a dimension of our existence that reshapes Aristotle's *zoon politikon*. As Hannah Arendt also recalls in *The Human Condition*, "animal socialis, already found in Seneca, (...) then became the standard translation through Thomas Aquinas: *homo est naturaliter politicus, id est, socialis* ("man is by nature political, that is, social")".

This panel invites all proposals pertaining to the themes of affection and friendship, particularly from the fields of philosophy, political theory, systematic theology, and ethics. From this interdisciplinarity, we invite papers which seek to reconcile and describe the public and private, or 'intimate' and socially personal aspects of love, particularly how these distinctions are essential for human flourishing in an age which is losing them.

Decreating (de)creation: Christ's self-substitution as a soteriological paradigm for divine-human friendship in Simone Weil's ethics of love.

Bennett D.

Oxford University

Love binds God and humanity: A conversation between Simone Weil and Hans Boersma

Chakkalakkal A.J.

KU Leuven

Hospitable stateless friends: on love and unequal friendship

Lindholm L.

Enskilda Högskolan Stockholm/University College Stockholm

Spiritual Friendship and Love: a New Look at Celibacy

Łukasz Sawicki B.

Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

The everyday beauty of finding home: an artistic exploration of hospitality and aesthetics in conversation with Simone Weil

Yearwood A.

Oxford University

(Re)Imagining Love from Plato to Simone Weil: Conclusive Thoughts

Rakotoniaina M.

Fordham University

Monasticisation of the Orthodox Church: Past History and Present Challenges

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Nikolaos Kouremenos

Chair: Nikolaos Kouremenos

Speaker: Cyril Hovorun, Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Dimitrios Moschos, Nikolaos Kouremenos, Frances Kostarelos

While the presence of monasticism is generally considered a vital and integral part of Orthodox Christianity, contributing to the spiritual richness and continuity of the faith, some critics or alternative viewpoints may raise concerns about potential negative aspects. It would be argued that at some point during its historical course the emergence of gradual monasticisation took place within the Orthodox Church. The prevalence of the practice of electing bishops from the ranks of the monks since the Council in Trullo (end of 7th century), the dominance of the monastic rite over the cathedral/asmatic rite in the liturgical life of the Church after iconoclasm, the emergence of the monastic practice of the prayer of Jesus as the exclusive model of Orthodox spirituality since the hesychast controversy in 14th century, and the gradual generalisation of the rules of monastic fasting are some indicative examples of this process. The challenges facing the Orthodox Church in this regard are not only related to the past but also to the present. Certain monastic circles, from Mount Athos, the Balkans, and the Orthodox monastic communities in America, are emerging as centers of theological conservatism, preaching an over-emphasis on asceticism and elderism or promoting an anti-modern and anti-ecumenical agenda. The purpose of the panel is to discuss and assess the phenomenon of monasticisation both in its historical dimension and in its social and theological implications for the Orthodox Church and theology nowadays.

Introductory remarks

Kouremenos N.

Volos Academy

The adventures of the monasticism in the Eastern Orthodox Church during the byzantine and post-byzantine time

Moschos D.

University of Athens

Monasticism as non-conformism

Hovorun C.

University College Stockholm

Monasticism: Catholic or Patrial Model of Christian life?

Kalaitzidis P.

Volos Academy for Theological Studies

The Contested and Conflicted Legacy of Elder Ephraim's Monasteries in the United States

Kostarelos F.

Anthropology and Political and Justice Studies College of Arts and Sciences Governors State University

RETURN OF THE “JUST WAR”? THE EUROPEAN CHURCHES AND THE GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL SCENARIO

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 09:30

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Claudio Paravati

Chair: Fulvio Ferrario

Speaker: Claudio Paravati, Kristina Stoeckl, Fulvio Ferrario, Martin Lintner

The recent war events in Ukraine and the Middle East highlight the difficulty of churches and ecumenical organizations to express themselves in effective terms, both on an ethical level and on the level of mutual understanding between Christianities, on the North-South axis and on the East-West axis. The panel intends to discuss it.

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Theologies and Practices of Religious Pluralism and Interreligious Dialogue

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - MAUROLICO B

Proponent: Alessia Passarelli

Chair: Giancarlo Bosetti, Alberto Melloni, José Casanova, Debora Spini

Speaker: Maayan Raveh, Ilaria Macconi, Alessia Passarelli, Paolo Naso, Kristina Stoeckl, Cyril Hovorun, Aristotle Papanikolaou, Letizia Tomassone, Alberto Melloni, José Casanova, Peter C. Phan, Jocelyne Cesari, Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Debora Spini, Fulvio Ferrario

This panel is part of a larger project “The Theologies and Practices of Religious Pluralism” organised by Reset DOC (Italy), Reset Dialogues (US), the Berkley Center at Georgetown University (US), the University of Birmingham (UK), the Foundation for Religious Sciences in Bologna and Palermo (Italy) and the Haifa Laboratory for Religious Studies (Israel).

The project investigates the ways in which the Abrahamic monotheistic religious traditions are responding or coming to terms with the irremediable reality of religious pluralism in our global age. The proposed panel is composed of four sessions respectively dedicated to Catholicism, Orthodoxy, Protestantism addressing the theologies and practices of intercultural and interreligious encounters within their tradition and towards others; the last session will include also Islam and Judaism and will be dedicated to discuss comparative issues related to gender morality, socio-political polarisation and inner fractures across the religious traditions.

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Discussant

Cesari J.

University of Birmingham / Georgetown University

Constantinopolitan Creed in Early Modern India

Bosetti G.

Reset Dialogue

From the Old Paradigm of True and False Religions to Global Denominationalism

Casanova J.

Georgetown University

Development of Catholic Theologies of Religious Pluralism

Phan Peter C.

Georgetown University

Female Missionaries in Africa: intercultural and interreligious Encounters

Macconi I.

FSCIRE

Cleavages within Global Orthodoxy

Stoeckl K.

LUISS Rome

Cleavages within Ukrainian Orthodoxy

Hovorun C.

University College Stockholm

Theologies and War vs Theologies of War

Papanikolaou A.

Fordham University

Waldensian Faculty of Theology, What is the role of Ecumenism today?

Ferrario F.

Facoltà Valdese di Teologia

The Protestant Fracture. Churches, rights and public spaces

Naso P.

Sapienza University of Rome

The gender factor. Different Protestant approaches

Tomassone L.

Waldensian Faculty of Theology

Between reverse mission and intercultural congregations

Passarelli A.

Confronti Study Center, FSCIRE

WORK, MIGRATION, RELIGIONS

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 09:45 alle 10:45

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Claudio Paravati

Chair: Alessia Passarelli

Speaker: Paolo Naso, Maurizio Ambrosini, Onofrio Rota, Alessandra Sciorba, Claudio Paravati

Starting from recent research on the function of religion on migratory processes, the panel intends to highlight the relevance of migrant work, particularly in the agricultural sector, and the connections with various religious affiliations.

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Death and religious minorities

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 5

Proponent: Giorgio Scalici

Chair: Giorgio Scalici

Speaker: Silvia Omenetto, Emanuele Tumminello, Silvia Di Giovanna, Frederic Strack, Giorgio Scalici

All humans die, this is an inevitable part of our lives. However, how we cope with it and the rituals we created to help us overcoming these painful moments are profoundly influenced by and bound to each individual culture and, especially, religion. Funerals, beyond their role in guiding us through grief, serve as pivotal occasions for community building, fostering connections, and mitigating the risk of complicated grief. However, certain religious communities face obstacles in conducting their traditional funerals, posing significant challenges to the social and psychological fabric of their community.

This panel seeks to address two key questions: Do religious minorities enjoy the same funeral rights as the majority? How have these communities adapted to constraints imposed by local funeral laws and facilities?

Despite the profound significance of funerals for societal well-being, academic attention toward this matter remains insufficient, leaving this terrain relatively unexplored. By illuminating the hurdles and prospects within this domain, our aim is to contribute to the formulation of policies and approaches that safeguard religious liberties and cater to the diverse needs of minority groups.

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"We are just asking for a room". (lack of) religious freedom and funerals in Italy

Scalici G.

Sapienza Università di Roma

The management of Islamic wards in Italian municipal cemeteries. Best practices and critical issues before and during the pandemic by Covid 19.

Omenetto S.

Sapienza Università di Roma

The funeral rites of the Ghanaian Christian community in Palermo (Sicily): The freedom to celebrate one's deceased.

Tumminello E.

Sapienza Università di Roma

The last journey: from funeral processions to funerary epigraphs in the Livorno of Nazioni.

Di Giovanna S.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Religious law vs civil law: the challenges of halakhic burial in France

Strack F.

Sherbrooke University

Paradigm Shifts in Biblical and Second Temple Judaism Scholarship

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 16:30

STERI - SALA MAGNA

Proponent: Andrea Ravasco, Francesco Bonanno, Marco Settembrini, Daniele Pevarello

Chair: Andrea Ravasco, Francesco Bonanno

Speaker: Andrea Ravasco, Francesco Bonanno, Marida Nicolaci, Ignacio Pizarro, Marco Settembrini, Andrea Albertin, Alexander-Maximilian Gialousis, Donatella Scaiola, Sebastiano Pinto

The aim of this panel is to investigate the application of the notion of 'paradigm shift' to religious texts and contexts, and their interpretation, in Biblical and Second Temple Judaism studies. We shall consider questions such as: have there been 'paradigm shifts' in Biblical and Second Temple scholarship? Is the language of 'paradigm shift' fitting to the study of the Bible and Second Temple Judaism? Is the notion of 'paradigm shift' better suited to describe epochal moments of change in Jewish and Christian biblical past, or should it preferably be used to indicate topical interpretative shifts in scholarship?

The proponents of this panel welcome papers on historical, literary, archaeological and hermeneutic topics that have shifted our understanding of the Bible and Second Temple Judaism. Special emphasis will be given to studies that promise to challenge readings that are perceived as 'traditional' or 'canonical' in contemporary scholarship. Although the panel is open to all interested scholars, members of the Associazione Biblica Italiana are particularly encouraged to submit their work.

Still "Sectarian"? Paradigm Shifts in the Representation of Middle-Jewish Pluralism and Literature

Nicolaci M.

Pontificia Facoltà Teologica di Sicilia

To Avoid Throwing the Baby Out with the Bathwater: A Proposal for a Hermeneutical Framework for Reading the Prophets in a Context of Paradigm Shift

Pizarro I.

Pontificia Università Gregoriana

Paradigm Shifts on Pauline Studies

Albertin A.

Facoltà Teologica del Triveneto, Padova

**Struggling with the Powerless in Authority. Memory
Theory-oriented Exegesis as a Way to Examine Biblical Ambiguity**

Gialousis A.

University of Bonn

A Paradigm Shift in the Study of the Book of the Twelve/Minor Prophets

Scaiola D.

Pontificia Università Urbaniana

Archaic Society and its Complexity in Ezra Book

Pinto S.

Facoltà Teologica Pugliese

New Approaches in the Study of Global Catholicism: Responding to 21st Century Wars

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 13:15

FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Massimo Faggioli, Bryan Froehle

Chair: Bryan Froehle

Speaker: Katharina Kunter, Katharina McLarren, Dirk Ansorge, Massimo Faggioli, Bryan Froehle

The then-reigning global order that cracked in the second decade of the twenty-first century has seen accelerated disruption with the Russian invasion of Ukraine and then the Israel-Hamas war initiated by the October 7, 2023 attack against Israeli civilians.

The Catholic Church has responded diplomatically with Pope Francis' initiatives but above all with contrasting interpretations. Their notable variable and even opposition are an opportunity for understanding emerging fissures in Global Catholicism. We have in mind the contrasts in understanding between Catholic political leaders such as US President Joe Biden and the Brazilian President Lula as well as those between ecclesial leaders such as Ukrainian bishops and Italian bishops.

What does all this say about Global Catholicism? What does it suggest about relations between Global Catholicism and Orthodoxy, whether in Eastern Europe or the Middle East? What do these wars and responses to these wars suggest about shifts in the reading of Jewish-Catholic dialogue, the space of inter-religious dialogue that was so critical in the second half of the twentieth century? What do these developments suggest for Global Catholicism in the emerging realities of the twenty-first? What are the key power dynamics under which Global Catholicism functions now and how will that affect the next several decades of Global Catholicism? What different views of global history are at play here and how do they affect emerging ecclesiologies?

When arms speak, do religions fall silent? The Roman Catholic Church and the Ukraine War

Mclarren K.

Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg

"The crisis we face transcends politics" (Letter to Pope Francis, 12 November 2023): Catholic statements on the Gaza war between traditional "just war" theory and solidarity with the Jewish people

Ansorge D.

Sankt Georgen Jesuit College of Philosophy and Theology

Addressing Old and New Dilemmas. The Ecumenical Movement and the Russian War in Ukraine

Kunter K.

University of Helsinki

Author Meets Critique: Medioevo monastico nello specchio dei libri, Lidia Buono (CISAM, 2023)

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 12:00

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Lidia Buono

Chair: Lidia Buono

Speaker: Massimiliano Proietti, Lidia Buono, francesca Barresi

In the context of the irreversible crisis of the socio-economic and cultural structures on which it was based the Western Roman Empire imposed the decisive role of monasticism in the process of transmission of the textual and book heritage of classical antiquity to the Middle Ages and the modern age.

The volume focuses on the monastic experience in its relationship with books and culture. The introductory chapters are dedicated to the conflict between paganism and Christianity, to the genesis of the movement Western monastic, to the scriptorium and the library, to the Carolingian reform, also in relation to the school experience. The second part illustrates the training program adopted in monasteries, gradually organized according to the epistemological perspective of the artes liberales. The discussion is based on the idea of offering a cross-section of monastic culture through the dialogue between manuscripts and literary sources. The book presents an extensive bibliographical material.

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Buono L.

FROM SECULARISM TO RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 13:15

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Claudio Paravati

Chair: Debora Spini

Speaker: Claudio Paravati, Ilaria Valenzi, Debora Spini, Asia Leofreddi, Pamela Harris, Jenn Lindsay, Michele Nicoletti

The emergence of a new religious pluralism within Western democratic societies has brought the theme of secularism back to the center of the political debate. The panel intends to reflect on the meaning of this term in a condition that has been defined as "post-secular". The challenge is to rethink the relationship between political identity and religious identity in the perspective of a genuine democratic pluralism, between mediation needs and unavailable rights. The emergence of a new religious pluralism within Western democratic societies has brought the theme of secularism back to the center of the political debate. The panel intends to reflect on the meaning of this term in a condition that has been defined as "postsecular". The challenge is to rethink the relationship between political identity and religious identity in the perspective of a genuine democratic pluralism, between mediation needs and unavailable rights.

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Religion-related attitudes, stereotypes and prejudices in mono-, inter- and multi-religious contexts

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - DI GIOVANNI

Proponent: Antje Roggenkamp, Agnes Gmoser, Senol Yagdi

Chair: Antje Roggenkamp, Agnes Gmoser, Senol Yagdi

Speaker: Abdulkerim Senel, Senol Yagdi, Gerard Ryan, Claire Maligot, Ewelina Berdowicz, Antje Roggenkamp, Luisa Wellems, Agnes Gmoser, Micheal Kramer, Georgeta Nazarska

In our panel we deal with prejudices and stereotypes in mono-, inter- and multi-religious contexts. In

various research contexts, we will analyse, reflect on and discuss attitudes and milieu-specific behaviours that lead to stereotypes and prejudices. At the centre is the question of their methodological approaches and description, transmission and pedagogical treatment. One focus of the research is on the institutionalised education system, another on religious communities, cultural associations and other social organisations. The aim was to cover as wide a range of perspectives and

religion-related positions as possible. This approach makes it possible to analyse the (reciprocal) effects between prejudices and stereotypes in different social contexts. In general, it is about the possibility for actors to take responsibility for a more tolerant and peaceful coexistence in an open society.

From hero to (zero)? Polish leading revivalists under scrutiny

Berdowicz E.

Catholics at the ICCJ Fribourg conference of 1948 and beyond. Failed attempts to promote a common frame for interfaith education between Catholics, Protestants and Jews

Maligot C.

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Overcoming Ethno-Religious Stereotypes through Non-Denominational Education in Higher Education: Examples from Bulgaria (2000s-2020s)

Nazarska G.

University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (SULSIT)

Narrative as a Catalyst for Recognition: Cultivating Peaceful Coexistence through Embracing Cultural Diversity and Adaptability

Ryan G.

University of Toronto

Stereotypes and prejudices of students and teachers in the context of religious education: evidence from an interreligious cooperation project in Germany

Wellems L., Roggenkamp A.

University of Münster

Interreligious Habitus of Islamic Religious Teachers in Austria – Acceptance and Tolerance between Orientation towards the Common Good and Selfishness

Yagdi S.

University of Vienna

Panpsychism and Religion

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - CUSMANO

Proponent: Harvey Cawdron

Chair: Harvey Cawdron

**Speaker: Joanna Leidenhag, Harvey Cawdron, Anand Vaidya, David Leech, King-Ho Leung,
Lina Langby, Tammy Weise, Roy Tzohar**

This panel will focus on the topic of panpsychism and religion. Panpsychism is the idea that consciousness is ubiquitous in the universe, and it is currently experiencing a resurgence in contemporary philosophy of mind as an explanation of consciousness. Panpsychism is often developed in an atomistic fashion in which the fundamental building blocks of reality, such as quarks and protons, are seen as conscious. However, there are numerous other forms. These include, but are not limited to, cosmopsychism, which construes the universe as conscious; panprotopsychism, which replaces phenomenal properties with proto-conscious properties (properties that are not conscious themselves, but that give rise to consciousness when combined) at the fundamental level; and panexperientialism, in which conscious experience exists at the fundamental level. This panel will contribute to the dialogue between panpsychism and religion through considering the applications of panpsychism to certain religious concepts or doctrines, outlining the implications of panpsychism for debates related to religion, and highlighting parallels between panpsychism and the thought of particular religious scholars or traditions.

Omnipersonalpresence: Cosmopsychism and the Metaphysics of Divine Location

Cawdron H.

University of St. Andrews

Panpsychism and Divine Embodiment

Leidenhag J.

University of Leeds

Does Advaita Vedanta Concern the Hard Problem of Consciousness?

Vaidya A.

San Jose State University

Panpsychism and the value of nature

Langby L.

Uppsala University

Consciousness and Complexity

Weise T.

University of St. Andrews

Is love a property of the cosmic mind?

Leech D.

University of Bristol

Transcendental Unity and the 'Psych' in Panpsychism

Leung K.

University of St. Andrews

Is the Yogacara a Variant of Panpsychism?

Tzohar R.

Tel Aviv University

Author Meets Critique: Per sempre giovane. La laicità nel dibattito culturale francese: scrittori e politica ecclesiastica da Victor Hugo a Annie Ernaux, Vincenzo Pacillo (Mucchi, 2024)

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Vincenzo Pacillo

Chair: Vincenzo Pacillo

Speaker: Maria D'Arienzo, Vincenzo Pacillo, François Régis Ducros, Daniele Ferrari

The fundamental purpose of this book is to investigate the genetic moment of the concept of secularism and to examine the role of non-legal intellectual debate in the process of formation and development of this concept, with particular reference to a specific cultural context - the French one - in a determined period of time - the analysis spans from 1850 to 2023 - in order to verify whether and how literary components have contributed to determining its meaning and playing a role in its evolution in the French national legal system and in the process of overflowing into other legal systems in which it has been a protagonist.

The underlying idea of this investigation is that a legal tradition is not composed only of a set of laws and regulations, but also of a set of deeply rooted attitudes and beliefs, which are influenced by history and intellectual debate: this perspective places a legal system as an integral part of the culture to which it belongs, and also underlines the importance of the socio-cultural context in understanding the definition, nature, and function of legal concepts within a given normative system.

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Pacillo V.

The Renaissance Papacy's Projects of Religious Reform between Early Christianity and "Catholic Orientalism": New Approaches to the Study of a Key Moment in the Genesis of Modernity

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Andrea Annese, Cristiana Facchini, Antonio Gerace

Chair: Andrea Annese

Speaker: Andrea Annese, Cristiana Facchini, Antonio Gerace, Guido Bartolucci, Nikolaos Kouremenos, Virginia Lauria

The panel addresses the topic "Paradigm Shift" in a twofold way, a) by focusing on a crucial historical period, i.e. the years 1431-1549, when changes in politics, society, and religion took place, and b) by investigating such period from a new perspective. Within the framework of a research project aimed at a systematic reconstruction of the ideology of the Roman papacy in that period (PRIN 2022 – 2022BXT33X, funded by the EU – Next Generation EU), the panelists take the Renaissance, pre- Tridentine Roman Church as an institution promoting an ambivalent and complex project of religious reform, where the ideal of the affirmation of a new political power, nourished by classical and Roman cultural models, coexists – in dialectic tension – with the attempt to absorb and channel claims for the spiritual renewal of the Church, based on Biblical and apocalyptic motifs. In line with the activity of the Bologna Research Unit of the PRIN project, this panel explores 1) the influence of texts and motifs from early Christianity on the literature produced in the years 1431- 1549 (e.g., the use of Patristic heresiological categories during the confessional debates; the reception of Biblical motifs in the ideology of reform); 2) the rise of the so-called "Catholic orientalism" in Renaissance Rome (biblical scholarship, interpretation of Hebrew texts, Christian Kabbalah), which influenced the conceptualization of different types of Christianity.

The Renaissance Papacy's Projects of Religious Reform between Early Christianity and "Catholic Orientalism": An Introduction

Annese A.

University of Bologna

Christian and Catholic Orientalism in the Early Modern Period: Some Preliminary Reflections

Facchini C.

University of Bologna

The study of Hebrew and the aspirations of Church reform in 16th century Rome

Bartolucci G.

University of Bologna

The Significance of the Greek Fathers in the Entourage of the Pope Nicholas V

Kouremenos N.

Volos Academy

Allegorical Images: Art and Eucharist in Erasmus

Lauria V.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

Ambrogio Catarino Politi's Exegesis of Rm 13: A New Interpretation of the Pope's Temporal Power?

Gerace A.

University of Bologna

PARADIGM SHIFT IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY VS JEWISH PEOPLE AND VS RELIGIONS

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 13:15

FATESI - CAMPO

Proponent: Patrice Chocholski

Chair: Ana Petrache

Speaker: Patrice Chocholski, Marie-Laure Durand, Joseph Sene, Ana Petrache

Christian theology has been tempted for a long time by supersessionism considering the Church substituting the Jewish People. As the Christians have recognized in Jesus the messiah and so far the accomplishment of the promises, the Church would have become the place par excellence of the fulfillment of the promises. Since Council Vatican II, the theology of the catholic Church has become aware of the unbrokenness of God's covenant with Israel : the call and the gifts of God are irrevocable. The Jewish People is still beloved by his God. Thus christian theology is involved in eliminating the tracks of replacement theory out of itself. This is the deep wish of the Holy See (see Document of 2015).. Henceforth, theologians need to design a new framework to think about the place of the Jewish People in God's plans. How to articulate the accomplishment perspective with this new paradigm we are looking for ? Meanwhile the renewal of christian theology may have an impact on how muslim theologians consider "abrogation". What shift christian theologians, working on islamology, may identify, at the crossway with the theology of the relation of the Church to the Jewish people? And how to articulate any concept of accomplishment with the theological priority of the relation of God to the elected People?

From Supersessionism theory to a new Paradigm for Theology of Relation to Jewish People, Nations, Religions, Church and Creation

Chocholski P.

Institut Catholique de la Méditerranée

What does Accomplishment mean in the New Paradigm?

Durand M.

Institut Catholique de la Méditerranée

How the renunciation to "replacement theory" questions the matter of "falsification »?

Sene J.

Institut de Sciences et Théologie des Religions

Queering Liberation - Towards a Materialist Paradigm Shift

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 5

Proponent: Charlotte Jacobs, Luke Larner

Chair: Brigitte Kahl

Speaker: Luke Larner, Charlotte Jacobs, Brigitte Kahl, Karoline Ritter, Sonja Thomaier, Dörte Mohme

How does theology include (queer-)materialist perspectives into its debates on liberation? This question is to be raised and interrogated in light of the “material turn” that has stimulated a paradigm shift within various social sciences. In theology and religious studies, the hard lines of conventional mind/matter and spirit/body dichotomies are getting “queered” towards a new recognition of materiality as essential part of religious experience. With this aim the interdisciplinary, open panel seeks to encourage (queer-)materialist research within the broader framework of liberation and religion. It thereby seeks to extend the (theological) notion of liberation by asking for its material facets: What are the roles of bodies and matter in the struggle for liberation? How can religious reflections on liberation incorporate the diversity of bodily experiences? How do they approach everyday realities in their concrete materiality, such as questions of reproduction, gender transitioning, care work and labour? What are the challenges a materialist biblical hermeneutics is facing? What do theories of embodiment contribute to the study of religion?

Body Paradigm in Queer Theologies

Thomaier S.

Universität Hildesheim

The Emperor's Ideal Body and Pauline Reimagination. A Queer Materialist Analysis

Mohme D.

Union Theological Seminary

Transbinary Body-images and Liberating Community Practices in Galatians

Kahl B.

Union Theological Seminary

The (Im-)Possibility of Liberation

Ritter K.

University of Greifswald

Bodies that Trespass: land, labour, and liberation

Larner L.

University of Roehampton

Footpaths of Liberation. Theses on Queering Theology with Materialist Perspectives

Jacobs C.

University of Jena

Author Meets Critique: La secularización en España by Rafael Ruiz Andrés (Cátedra, 2022)

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - TRIPPODO

Proponent: Ole Jakob Loland

Chair: Ole Jakob Loland

Speaker: Ole Jakob Loland, Carmen Callizo-Romero, Catalina Darraidou, Sturla Stålsett, Rafael Ruiz Andrés, Javier Recio Huetos

Rafael Ruiz Andrés is the author of *La secularización en España. Rupturas y cambios religiosos desde la sociología histórica*. The publication from 2022 is arguably the most thorough and comprehensive book on secularization processes in modern Spain since Alfonso Pérez-Agote's *Cambio religioso en España. Los avatares de la secularización* (Madrid: Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas) from 2012. Ruiz Andrés covers the period from 1898 until 2011 and constitutes a major contribution to the understanding of one of the most fascinating cases of European secularization. In this panel we invite scholars with critical and constructive perspectives on Ruiz Andrés' book, both from comparative angles situated in other national contexts of Europe as well as from viewpoints within Spain.

Religious Communities and Disruptive Technologies

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - D'ACQUISTO

Proponent: Edward Epsen, Harris Bor

Chair: Edward Epsen

Speaker: Harris Bor, Edward Epsen, Harris Wiseman, Giustina Baron

Disruptive innovation can be helpful in analyzing patterns of activity among religious communities. Technologies can disrupt interpersonal relations, rituals, institutions, religious values, concepts, and experiences. Socially disruptive innovation is characteristically deep, wide-ranging, rapid, and not easily reversed. At the same time, such innovation often affects religious communities in distinct ways. Consider technologies such as automated decision-making, machine learning, robotics, generative AI, surveillance, digital finance, blockchain, CRISPR and genomic editing, the artificial womb and others. These technologies intensify uncertainties, confusion, conflict and ethical quandaries. Do religious communities, among other diverse publics, stand to be disproportionately affected by emerging innovation? And if so, is this sensitivity ambivalent, so that it may be both for the better and for the worse, presenting opportunities as well as threats? The study of 'digital religion' has contributed to reflection on the way digital media catalyzes changes in the way traditional religions perform and understand themselves. This panel seeks to contribute to knowledge and reflection on the way religious communities stand to be disruptively shaped by emerging technologies. We invite papers that share this goal, especially those that present case studies or motivate their analysis through concrete examples of technologies and communities.

Transparency, as an AI and religious virtue

Bor H.

Twenty Essex; London School of Jewish Studies

Generative AI, Spiritual Advice and Slow Knowing

Wiseman H.

International Society of Science and Religion

Fëdorov's Wager: The Influence of Russian Cosmism on Transhumanist Thought

Baron G.

University of Turin

A Universal Horror? Shifts in Catholic Clergy Sexual Abuse and Global Catholicism Five Years After the 2019 Vatican Summit on Child Protection

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Bryan Froehle, Massimo Faggioli

Chair: Bryan Froehle

Speaker: Alana Harris, Taylor J. Ott, Massimo Faggioli, Bryan Froehle, Marianne Servaas, Dries Bosschaert, Leen Deflem

The dynamic of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy has played out in globally recognizable and highly damaging ways through repeated cycles of denials, cover-ups, revelations, feeble responses, and (at times) stronger responses. This is a unique kind of crisis: not singular but on-going. In this way it lends itself to a deeper interrogation of Global Catholicism itself, simultaneously centralized and decentralized. Revelations of abuse continue to emerge in different parts of the world under different legal and cultural pressures. This marks a very different religious reality than one characterized by an historic pattern of hyper-concentration and hyper-centralization in Europe. The February 2019 summit of the presidents of national bishops' conferences in Rome illustrated this shift, but what are its fruits? How has the contours of global Catholicism shifted in terms of safeguarding and reporting policies, investigations, and scholarship on the subject? This is a local and global question all at once, and this is part of what makes Global Catholicism a unique field of scholarship. The churches in different countries and continents react differently, following different theological, ecclesiological, and legal-cultural frames. What kinds of comparisons may be drawn? How effective have the responses been? What are the deeper theological, ecclesiological, and comparative religious implications? What can we learn about Global Catholicism from this reality?

Listening in Stereo and Communicating in Semaphore: CSA Survivor-led Strategies for Culture Change in the Catholic Church

Harris A.

King's College London

Silent Complicity Within and Beyond Catholic Contexts? Integrating 'Bystandership' into the Historiographical Approach

Bosschaert D., Deflem L.

KU Leuven

Cultural and Legal Complicities in the Clergy Sex Abuse Crisis

Ott Taylor J.

KU Leuven

Hearing the Global Cry for Pro-Active Prevention and Transformation: Authentic Suffering and Radical Vulnerability as Forms of Power.

Servaas M.

KU Leuven

Synodality and the mission of the Church ad intra and ad extra (Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network)

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Jason Welle

Chair: Jason Welle

Speaker: Wolfgang Palaver, Peter De Mey, Jason Welle, Tihomir Lazic

In conjunction with a session of Ecclesiological Investigations at the AAR 2024 we invite papers that consider how particular church communities (especially, but by no means exclusively, the historical “peace churches” of Friends, Mennonites, and Brethren) concretely enact their philosophies and theologies of nonviolence and principles of peacemaking in situations of violent conflict. Are the church’s doctrines on war and peace changing in light of the realities of war in e.g. Ukraine? In particular, we hope to consider how the varieties of Christian commitments to peace come to render lived or practical ecclesiologies that equip individuals and communities for civil resistance, intercommunal solidarity, or indeed martyrdom.

A different session invites papers reflecting on aspects of the synthesis report ‘A Synodal Church in Mission’ (October 2023) launched at the end of the first phase of the recent synod of the Roman Catholic Church. Reflections from the perspectives of other Christian churches or in connection to the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Lumen Gentium are particularly welcome.

Why the Concept of Just Peace Requires the Distinction Between the Role of the Church and the Role of the State

Palaver W.

University of Innsbruck

The Evolution of the Theology of the Laity in the Work of Yves Congar, Karl Rahner, Hans Küng and Edward Schillebeeckx: Implications for Co-Responsibility in a Synodal Church

De Mey P.

KU Leuven

Towards a Listening Church: Reimagining the Structures of Communal Discernment

Lazic T.

Newbold College

Daisaku Ikeda, Soka Gakkai, and Italy: A Chapter in the Globalization of Buddhism

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - STURZO

Proponent: Massimo Introvigne

Chair: Bernadette Rigal-Cellard

Speaker: Massimo Introvigne, Rosita Soryte, Pierluigi Zoccatelli, Antonio La Spina, Bernadette Rigal-Cellard

Daisaku Ikeda (1928–2023), the third president and charismatic leader of Soka Gakkai, died on November 15, 2023 at age 95. He left at his death a globalized Buddhist religious movement, which in the West had obtained a considerable success in Italy. With some 96,000 members, Italy is the country with the highest percentage of Soka Gakkai practitioners outside Asia. The panel will explore the reasons of its success and focus on the personal role of Ikeda, his trips to Italy, and his interest for Italian culture and art. While no figure contributed as much as Ikeda to the globalization of Buddhism in the 20th century, his special relationship with Italy deserves to be explored.

Numbers and Aspects of Soka Gakkai in Turin (Italy): The CESNUR Research Project of 2008–2010 and Its Relevance Today

Zoccatelli P.

Pontifical Salesian University

Ikeda's Rinascimento: Daisaku Ikeda's Trips to Italy and Soka Gakkai's Globalization of the Italian Renaissance

Introvigne M.

CESNUR

Daisaku Ikeda, Italy and the Italian Soka Gakkai

La Spina A.

LUISS Rome, retired

**Globalizing Sugihara: Daisaku Ikeda's and Soka Gakkai's Role in
Commemorating Chiune Sugihara**

Soryte R.

FOB (European Federation for Freedom of Belief)

Religious Diversity in Europe: Young People and Learning with History

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - CAMPO

Proponent: John Maiden

Chair: John Wolffe

Speaker: John Maiden, Patrick Pasture, Riho Altnurme, John Wolffe

This panel presents the paradigm changing results of the Horizon 2020-funded project Religious Toleration and Peace (RETOPEA) and its applied 'learning with history' approach to engaging young people with historical and contemporary religious diversity. In 'Learning with history: How to create a meaningful dialogue between history and the present', Patrick Pasture explores some ways to make history meaningful for the present, discussing examples from European history, considered in a broad perspective and including its Islamic past. In 'Between mobilization and a dialogue of the deaf?', Riho Altnurme presents research on contemporary representations of religious diversity. Information affecting young people's perceptions reaches them more and more through various applications of newer media, and there you can find a historical narrative with which historians must engage. In paper 3, 'Learning with history: new practices', John Maiden, Stefanie Sinclair and John Wolffe present RETOPEA's pedagogical approach to challenging the 'presentism' of young people. Specifically, this involves engaging them with accessible and curated primary sources and making 'Docutubes' which creatively bring together past, present, and the young peoples' personal experiences of religious diversity.

**Learning with history: How to create a meaningful dialogue between history
and the present**

Pasture P.

KU Leuven

Between mobilization and a dialogue of the deaf?

Altnurme R.

University of Tartu

Learning with history: new practices

Wolffe J., Maiden J.

Open University

Paradigm shifts in law and religion through the changes in legislation, case law, and interpretation in the Mediterranean region

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - DUSMET

Proponent: Maria Cristina Ivaldi

Chair: Maria d'Arienzo, Roberto Mazzola

Speaker: Maria D'Arienzo, Marta Tigano, Nikolaos Maghioros, Maria Cristina Ivaldi, Rossella Bottoni, Roberto Mazzola, Enrica Martinelli

Law is an area of knowledge that is always highly influenced by the social and political transformations that characterize the modern multicultural societies, which are put pressure on by conflicting and divergent instances.

Indeed, law and religion is one discipline that is especially suited to report the tensions and the attempts at accommodation and consequently at changes.

The panel aims to investigate some of the paradigm shifts which affect the most sensitive areas (family, school, sports, the treatment of religious minorities) or which more broadly concern the very same attitude of the state towards the religious factor to the point of potentially affecting the same democratic framework.

The new boundaries on the wearing of religious symbols at school and in sports in France. A new paradigm shift in laïcité?

Ivaldi M.C.

University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli

Paradigm shifts in family relationships in Italy: religious education, parental conflicts and jurisdictional protection of the child

Tignano M.

University of Messina

The 2018 law: a paradigm shift on the legal status of the Muslim minority in Western Thrace?

Maghioros N.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

AKP's 'New Turkey' and the paradigm shift in the understanding of the principle of secularism (laiklik)

Bottoni R.

University of Trento

The reform of the Israeli judicial system: an appropriate change of paradigm or a threat to democracy?

Martinelli E.

University of Ferrara

Diasporic Monasticism. Conditions and potentials within (post-)secular societies

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

STERI - CHIESA DI S. ANTONIO ABATE

Proponent: Isabella Bruckner

Chair: Isabella Bruckner

Speaker: Nikita Seminikhin, Lennart Luhmann, Kimberly Mandelkow, Mario Steinwender, Isabella Bruckner

Already in the 1950s, Karl Rahner characterized the Church in the contemporary (post-)secular societies as a "Church of the Diaspora." The paradigmatic shift, from a Church of the majority to a Church of the minority is, according to Rahner, in terms of the history of salvation, a "must" which cannot be ignored, but has to be acknowledged to draw conclusions about the present and future possibilities of a Christian existence. This changing reality has, in fact, impacted European monasticism, which has shaped the spiritual and cultural landscape of Europe since the Early Middle

Ages. While monasteries are sometimes thought of as the last places of religious refuge amidst secularity, or the only remaining functioning structures of a lived ecclesial spirituality, they do, at the same time, often face crucial substantial problems regarding their human and financial resources. This panel reflects the challenges, but also the role and potential of today's diasporic monastic communities within contemporary European society. From a multidisciplinary perspective (philosophical, theological, historical, ecumenical) the panel will examine the genuine resources of the monastic tradition that contribute to the development of the cultural, aesthetical, and spiritual heritage of Europe.

Christian Thought and Spiritual Practice. From Incarnation to the Art of Translation

Bruckner I.

Pontificio Istituto Sant'Anselmo

The Ecumenicity of Diasporic Monasticism. Reevaluation of Benedictine Spirituality in the Lutheran Church

Luhmann L.

University of Goettingen

A Monastic Archetype: Wisdom and Insight for Christian Initiation

Mandelkow K.

Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

From the Top of the Mountain to the Midst of the World. Transcendence and Immanence of Orthodox Monasticism

Seminikhin N.

Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

The Monastery as Intellectual Utopia

Steinwender M.

Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

850 YEARS OF WALDENSANS

Martedi 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 15:15

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Claudio Paravati

Chair: Bruno Gabrielli

Speaker: Bruno Gabrielli, Daniele Palermo, Claudio Paravati, Alberto Melloni, Alessandra Trotta, Paolo Naso

On the occasion of the 850th anniversary of the origins of the Waldensian movement, the panel brings together some of the most qualified scholars of this community of faith which over time has become part of the Calvinist theological translation.

On this occasion, the New History of the Waldensians, published on this anniversary, will be presented.

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Mirrors of Truth: Paradigm Shifts in Indo-Persian Missions and Interreligious Polemics

Martedi 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - MAUROLICO A

Proponent: Norbert Hintersteiner, Haila Manteghi
Chair: Norbert Hintersteiner
Speaker: Norbert Hintersteiner, Javad Taheri, Giuseppe Cappello

While the idea of paradigm shifts is not foreign to Mission Studies and cognate fields in order to describe the history and changes in the understanding of Christian mission (cf. David Bosch, “Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission” [Orbis 1991]), this panel explores such in the context of 17th cent. Indo-Persian Catholic mission as related to a particular cycle of Christian-Muslim apologetics and polemics having evolved therein around the genre of “mirrors of truth”. Here, the paradigm of mirror and “mirror of truth” in Christian mission is met prominently in Spanish Jesuit missionary Jerome Xavier’s opus magnum *Ā’īnā-yi ḥaqq-namā* (Truth-Revealing Mirror, 1609), composed during the so-called third Jesuit Mission to the Mughal court (1595-1617). The lengthy treatise engages Islam – in dialogical format and with high competence of cross-cultural translation and interreligious mirroring throughout the text – on doctrinal and practical levels, paired with apologetic demonstrations of Christian faith (demonstration fidei). While the text did not receive much debate at the Mughal court, when reaching Safavid Persia, it sparked a distinct resistance to the Catholic missionary’s effort of interreligious theological engagement with the Muslim world, most outstanding in a work of the Isfahani Shi’a scholar Sayyid Aḥmad ‘Alavī (d. 1644 or 1650) titled *Miṣqal-i Safā’ dar tajleya va taṣfeya-yi Ā’īnā-yi Ḥaqq-numā* (Polisher of the Truth-revealing Mirror, 1622), confronting Jerome Xavier’s mirror of truth. This triggered in turn a response by Catholic Arabic and Islam scholar Filippo Guadagnoli in Rome, with his work *Apologia pro christiana religione* (1631), and by Jesuit missionary in Isfahan Aimé Chézaud, with his *Māsiḥ Miṣqal-i Safā-i Ā’īnā-yi Ḥaqq-numā* (1656) (Corrector to The Mirror-Polisher of the Truth-Revealing Mirror), reacting on behalf of the Vatican’s Propaganda Fidei to ‘Alavī and in defense of Jerome Xavier, followed by a number of Shia-Catholic apologetic and interreligious controversies over the seventeenth century across these same worlds. Including also an Augustinian missionary in Isfahan, who converted to Islam: ‘Ali-Quli Jadid al-Islam; he again pursued a confronting mirror to the Catholic protagonists of this interreligious controversy towards the end of the 17th century, promoting once more the arguments of Aḥmad ‘Alavī. Recent research on this Indo-Persian mission and the polemical cycle between Jesuits and Muslims in Mughal and Safavid courts by the panelists fruitfully examines the competing mirrors and explores them in view of paradigm shifts evolving from them for the understanding of Indo-Persian missions, the history of (counter)scriptural reasoning and interreligious exchange. How can this cycle of inter-religious and apologetical exchange offer us new understandings in early modern conceptions of mission, cross-cultural translation, revelation, scripture, language, and the religious arts?

Jerónimo Xavier’s *Ā’īnā-yi ḥaqq-namā* in Mughal India: a multifaceted Work of Cultural Transmission and Adaptation

Manteghi H.

University of Muenster

The *Ā’īnā-yi ḥaqq-namā* through the Lens of Missionary Linguistics

Taheri J.

University of Groningen

Resisting Translation: The Ā'īna-yi ḥaqq-namā through the Mirror of its Interreligious Controversy

Hintersteiner N.

University of Muenster

Speaking to a Muslim Adversary: Intertextuality and Polemical Strategies in the Māsiḥ-i Mişqal-i şafā-i Āйна-yi ḥaqq-numā by the Jesuit Aimé Chézaud

Cappello G.

University of Naples L'Orientale

EUARE Religion and Policy Pool Religion and Public Policy - Emerging Trends, Challenges and Opportunities and New Policy Spaces

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 15:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 4

Proponent: Peter Petkoff

Chair: Peter Petkoff

Speaker: Mátyás Bódi, Peter Petkoff, Aleksandra Djuric Milovanovic, Malcolm Evans OBE, Metropolitan Emmanuel Adamakis, Naftali Rothenberg, Mario Ricchi, Pieter Francois, Pasquale Annicchino, Alberto Melloni, Nikolaos Maghioros

Religion remains a major factor of policy formation both domestically and internationally. The EUARE round table on Religion and policy brings annually a pool of policy makers, faith leaders and scholars who engage in a dialogue about the changing nature of the nexus between law and religion, region and foreign policy, relations between religion and the state, religious cultural heritage and religion and sustainable development within the G7 and G20 contexts. The EUARE Dialogues are designed to create an impact environment and knowledge transfer through the creation intellectual spaces and opportunities for policy makers to identify new trends, examine existing challenges and opportunities in the field through an engagement with leading international scholars who currently lead the field of religion and policy and define it. While sessions will navigate the dialogues in a round table format curated by a chair they are aimed at being inclusive with the intention to identify and grow the community of EUARE members who work on Religion and Policy wish to be part of the annual dialogues and shape their future agendas. The dialogues will operate under Chatham House Rules.

Co-organised with Law and Religion Oxford, IF20 Forum for Religion and Sustainable Development, University of Thessaloniki, Brigham Young University Centre for Law and Religion studies, AMAR Foundation, Windsor Dialogues, KAICIID

Ethno-Religious Communities in East-Central and South-Eastern Europe

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:30 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 4

Proponent: István Keul

Chair: István Keul

Speaker: István Keul, Vassiliki Yiakoumaki, Evelyn Reuter

The societies of East-Central and South-Eastern Europe are characterized by a large degree of religious diversity. Some of the communities in the region are not only united by their denominational/religious affiliation, but their members also share a common ethnic background. The panel presentations address topics relevant for the study of ethno-religious communities, such as: the historical origins and formation processes of these groups; the dynamics of the socio-religious landscapes they are embedded in; legal issues concerning their status as intersectional minorities in multi-religious societies; majority-minority relations; questions concerning homogeneity/heterogeneity as well as individual/collective identities; processes of intra-group diversification, and other relevant issues.

Navigating Ethno-Religious Diversification in Post-Socialist South-Eastern Europe: Insights from Macedonia and Albania

Reuter E.

University of Graz

Ethno-Religious Communities in East-Central Europe: Structures and Processes of Minoritization

Keul I.

University of Bergen

Being Jewish and Greek in a Post-Silence Era: Histories of Enabling and Predicament

Yiakoumaki V.

University of Thessaly

Overcoming Reification: Jewish Hermeneutics, Practical Reason and Historical Change

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - TOMASI

Proponent: Itamar Ben Ami

Chair: Itamar Ben Ami

Speaker: Itamar Ben Ami, Leora Batnitzk, Randi Rashkover

In his book *The Sacred Canopy*, Peter Berger argues that the same notion of the 'sacred' that grounds religion's ability to overcome the threat of anomie, also prohibits religious traditions from exercising the reflective ability to adapt their traditions to changing times. Unfortunately, this view overlooks the role of hermeneutics as a this-worldly form of practical knowledge production. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, a good deal of modern Jewish thought also perpetuated this neglect of the practical and this-worldly character of hermeneutics by either reifying Jewish law or Jewish history as the singular objects of Jewish text analysis or by neglecting the objective contents of revelation altogether and collapsing hermeneutical activities into the subjective desires of the reading community. In this panel, scholars will by contrast, demonstrate how Jewish hermeneutical activity sustains Judaism's ability to change over time. In her paper, Leora Batnitzky will examine how the relationship between narrative and law within Jewish hermeneutical activity is a vital component of how Jewish communities engage with their environments. In her paper, Randi Rashkover will draw from Rahel Jaeggi's account of forms of life to demonstrate how the hermeneutical relationship between Jewish communal subjectivity and its pragmatic apprehension of the world interacts with Judaism as a normative tradition to determine Jewish practical social coordination in history.

Hermeneutics, Jewish Law and the Process of Change

Batnitzky L.

Princeton University

Judaism as a Form of Life: Hermeneutics, Social Coordination and Continuity

Rashkover R.

William & Mary

**Author Meets Critique: FE, MODERNIDAD Y
POLÍTICA: LOS CONGRESOS EUCARÍSTICOS
INTERNACIONALES (MADRID, 1911 Y
BARCELONA 1952), Natalia Núñez-Bargueño
(Editorial Comares 2024)**

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Natalia Núñez-Bargueño

Speaker: Petra Kuivala, Natalia Núñez-Bargueño, Julio de la Cueva Merino

The International Eucharistic Congresses (IEC) are one of the largest mass events organized by Catholicism in the contemporary world. Despite being similar to other major events, such as world exhibitions or even olympic games, we know very little about this particular phenomenon (Sorrel, Langlois: 2010). Except for two brief periods (which coincide with the two great world conflicts) the congress has been held uninterruptedly since 1881 in major cities around the world. In spite of the advance of secularization, the success of its celebration (the incredible masses of faithful it gathers; the religious, political, economic impact of its celebration) reveals the symbolic power that Catholicism has maintained in the contemporary world. The lack of scholarship on the IEC is particularly surprising for the Spanish case, mainly because, along with Germany and Italy, Spain is one of the countries that has most frequently hosted this world Catholic assembly: Madrid 1911; Barcelona 1952; Seville 1993. Each of these three congresses took place at a key moment both for the history of the city and the country, as well as for the particular circumstances of the universal Church and the international political, social and cultural panorama. All of this makes the IEC an excellent field of study that allows us to better understand hitherto less explored aspects of the complex evolution that religion, and in particular Catholicism, has had in late modern societies.

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Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 17:30 alle 18:30

STERI - SALA MAGNA

Keynote Lecture: Naming God and Other Challenges of Transcultural Monotheism

Martedì 21 Maggio 2024 dalle 18:30 alle 19:30

STERI - SALA MAGNA

The most pivotal shift in the evolution of Abrahamic religions occurred when the Hebrew faith was transplanted onto Greek soil, giving rise to what may be termed “transcultural monotheism.” This linguo-theological transformation aligned with other important shifts—not only political developments that led to internationalization of the Greek language but also more profound cultural processes that replaced myth with speculative thought. In other words, Moses’ spiritual message had to await Alexander’s political infrastructure and Athenian intellectual tools to enable Judeo-Greek creativity. Intended to meet the inner needs of the Hellenistic Jewish community, it eventually became a factor of universal impact.

This expansion of Second Temple Judaism, including its Christian variation, beyond the Semitic realm presented new challenges. Unique theological constructs anchored in specific linguistic forms and structures faced the necessity of adaptation. This was particularly evident with respect to the core concept of Jewish thought—the one and only “God,” the sole creator and ruler of the universe. It proved no easy task to pick a name for such a referent that essentially lays beyond any taxonomy—i.e., unknowable and, therefore, unnamable.

The introduction of Greek terms for this concept, as well as their equivalents in other languages, proceeded not without deliberation or resistance. The inherent inadequacy of any term for the concept of the monotheistic God led and continues to lead to unceasing attempts to explore alternative terminology.

This paper aims to reconstruct previously overlooked considerations behind a Judeo-Greek innovation in religious terminology, with a focus on its key element—Hellenization of the Hebrew name of God. The suggested reconstruction may affect our perspective on several fields of knowledge and shed light on some unresolved questions, including the problems of biblical isopsephism, early Jewish and Christian numeric symbolism, the history of nomina sacra (including the question of their Jewish vs. Christian origins), and early binitarian theology.

Naming God and Other Challenges of Transcultural Monotheism

Kulik A.*

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Controversy and Perception: Jews and Christians Amidst Dialogue and Dispute

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - TOMASI

Proponent: Miriam Benfatto

Chair: Miriam Benfatto, Angela Cimino

Speaker: Miriam Benfatto, Angela Cimino, Margherita Pepoli, Piotr Sawczynski, Eunata Mirones Lozano, Fabio Caruso, Andres Frischeisen, Daniel Lasker, Petros Toulis, Sara Britti, Francesco Testa, Federico Dal Bo, Birgit Klein, Jonathan Elukin, Emma Polyakov, Fred Lazin, Silvana Kandel, Magdalena Dziaczkowska, Monica Merutiu, Cristiana Facchini

Jewish-Christian interaction has existed since the inception of Christianity. Jews and Christians encountered and responded to one another over the centuries in a variety of contexts and fashions. These encounters had a significant impact on the experiences and cultures of both the Jewish and the Christian communities.

This panel aims to explore the diverse cultural, religious, and social dynamics that have shaped the Jewish experience and its cross-cultural connections within the Christian world, and vice versa. Specifically, it will focus on the disputes and perceptions that have characterized the interactions between these communities, whether through polemics and controversy or dialogues.

The goal of this panel is to delve into the intricate interplay between Judaism and Christianity, examining their views towards each other and attempting to identify cases where there have been paradigm shifts across a wide range of historical eras and various methodological approaches. The aim of this panel is to delve into how these religious systems interacted with and responded to their proximity from the early period onwards.

The panel accepts topics on the following themes: Jewish-Christian relations, Jewish anti-Christian polemic, Christian anti-Jewish polemic, Christian perceptions of Jews and Judaism, Jewish perceptions of Christians and Christianity, and related topics without limitation of historical period.

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The Big Fish of Jerome's Commentary on Jonah: the Haggadah in the writings of the Church Fathers

Mirones Lozano E.

University of Salamanca

Pontius Pilate in Black and White: Between Jerusalem and Rome

Caruso F.

Loyola University Chicago

Baptism Within its Second Temple Context: Ablution Rituals, Purity-Defilement Dynamics, and Collective Obligation

Frischeisen A.

Harvard Divinity School

How the Study of the Medieval Jewish-Christian Debate Has Changed in the Last Half Century

Lasker D.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Gender, Space, and Religious Confrontation in Late Renaissance Venice

Facchini C.

University of Bologna

Dialoguing with Judaism during Palamite controversy

Toulis P.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

A «Paradigm Shift»: Christian Controversies on the Conversion of Jews between Nuances and Homogenisation

Britti S.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

"You shall surely die". Elijah Montalto's Tratado and the Exegesis of Genesis 2:17

Testa F.

University of Lisbon, University of Potsdam

Philology, Typography, and Theology. Christological Issues in the early 16th-century editions of Psalms

Dal Bo F.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Trinitas hic aperte. How Christianizing interpretation of kabbalistic texts shaped humanist translations from Hebrew

Pepoli M.

University of Rome – La Sapienza

Jewish and Christian recipes in early modern Europe: reciprocal adoption without polemics

Klein B.

University of Jewish Studies, Heidelberg

Jews as Christ Figures: Appropriating Judaism and the Theological Universalization of the Holocaust

Elukin J.

Trinity College Connecticut

Jewish-Christian Conversion and Jewish Christianity: A Case Study of Conflicting Interpretations

Polyakov E.

Merrimack College

Judaism and the Twentieth-Century Catholic Renewal in Europe and the Global South

Kandel S.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Christian activists in the American struggle for Soviet Jewry; the case of Sister Ann Gillen and the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry

Lazin F.

Ben-Gurion University Beer Sheva

Vernacular Religion in Oral Histories: Jewish-Catholic Encounters in Interwar Poland

Dziackowska M.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Lund University

Against kenosis? The idea of tsimtsum as an intellectual dialogue of Judaism and Christianity

Sawczynski P.

Jesuit University Ignatianum

Europe's Judeo-Christian Tradition and the Jewish-Christian Dialogue

Merutiu M.

Babes Bolyai University

Modern Philosophy of Religion: Paradigms - Topics - Methods - Concepts

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

FATESI - AULA MAGNA

Proponent: Hans-Peter Grosshans

Chair: Hans-Peter Grosshans, Brandon Watson

Speaker: Alina Therese Lettner, Yiftach Fehige, Tugay Tasci, Amber Griffioen, Alberto Cavallarin

Contemporary approaches and contributions to the field of philosophy of religion can be presented. The issue of "paradigm shifts" can be addressed regarding its relevance in and for philosophical study of religion. Of particular interest are contributions which attempt to reconstruct and reorient philosophy of religion considering contemporarily relevant philosophical challenges. The panel also welcomes papers that propose new methodological approaches and studies in the field of philosophy of religion broadly construed. This panel is organized in cooperation with the European Society for Philosophy of Religion (ESPR).

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On Philosophizing in the “Purely Intellectual” Mode: Toward a More Radical “Public-Facing” Analytic Philosophy of Religion

Griffioen A.

Duke Kunshan University

The Kuhnian Paradigm in the Pluralist Perspective of Talmudic Theology

Fehige Y.

University of Toronto

Deep Religious Disagreement: A Unique Kind of Disagreement?

Cavallarin A.

Tilburg University

Semiotics as a paradigm for reconstructing religious forms of thought and being: Reading St. Augustine’s theory of signs and cognitional triads in light of Peirce

Lettner A.T.

University of Kassel

Should we give up certainty in theology? A Bayesian Probabilistic case and personal explanation of the universe

Tasci T.

Istanbul University

Towards a history of post-Vatican II: concurrent periodisations and turning points

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - TEATRO

Proponent: Massimiliano Proietti, Samuele Adorno

Chair: Luca Ferracci, Massimiliano Proietti, Samuele Adorno

Speaker: Alberto Melloni, Simon Beentjes, Emmett O'Regan, Ole Jakob Loland, Monica Merutiu, Francesco Corvo, Irene Iarocci, Laura De Gregorio, Shaji George Kochutara, Ihor Rantsya, Samuel Dolbeau, Vincenzo Cassarà

Assuming that it is not possible to establish a priori an undisputed periodization for a “global” history of the post-Vatican II period, it is necessary to consider the topic on a large scale to sift through every possibility. This means that the different issues involved (such as: liturgy, ecumenism, social or political issues, theologies...) may have different chronological extremes of investigation; in fact, one cannot ignore that many post-conciliar dynamics started during the council itself and last until nowadays. At the same time, a large-scale investigation cannot fail to take into account the diversity of geo-ecclesial contexts, which are often difficult to trace back to common instances and chronologies.

For this reason, contributions are sought to identify or propose significant historiographical turning points in the perspective of a historicization of the post-Vatican II and identification of concurrent periodisations. The panel is open to any kind of contribution, without thematic or chronological limitations. Papers may involve one or more of these categories or points of view:

- Rome: the papacy, the Roman curia and related structures;
- Local churches: episcopal conferences, diocesan experiences of special interest, local archives;
- People of God: “bottom-up” instances, ecclesial movements, experiences of small communities, socio-political dynamics.

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Opening Speech

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The Officina Bolognese and its Archive between Council and Post-Council

Iarocci I.

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia

Post-Vatican II as Seen by Historians: a Comparison between Periodizations

Adorno S.

FSCIRE

The Papacy of Pope Francis: a New Turn in the post-Vatican II history? The reception of the gospels in Pope Francis’ Theology

Loland O.J.

University of South-Eastern Norway

The Via Negativa in Ecclesiology. The Debate on Church and Democracy in the late 1960s

Beentjes S.

KU Leuven

The Use of the Doctrinal Safety and Religious Obedience in post-Vatican II Criticisms to Pontifical Ordinary Magisterium

O'Regan E.

Loyola Institute - Trinity College Dublin

The subjection of the Synod of Bishops to the Roman Pontiff (EC 1; ICAS 1 § 1)

Corvo F.

FSCIRE

What model for the conferences of bishops? A comparison between italian (CEI) and canadian (CCCC) conferences

De Gregorio L.

University of Florence

Albert-Marie de Monléon and the Formation of a New Ecclesial Movements Milieu in France: Family Trajectory and Reconfigurations of Catholic Militancy

Dolbeau S.

UCLouvain

Post-Modern Geo-Ecclesiology: Turning Points in the Evolution of Church Territoriality after the Second Vatican Council

Rantsya I.

Institut Catholique - Paris

Dynamics of Transformation: The Post-Vatican II Evolution of the Church in Palermo (1976-1993)

Cassarà V.

University of Florence

Europe's Judeo-Christian Tradition and the Jewish-Christian Dialogue in light of the Vatican II Council

Merutiu M.

Babes Bolyai University

On Awe

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - MULTIMEDIALE

Proponent: Massimo Leone

Chair: Massimo Leone

Speaker: Paolo Costa, Lucia Galvagni, Boris Raehme, John Ritzema, Accursio Graffeo, Debora Tonelli, Giulio Mariotti, Bagaria Swayam, Rossana Salerno, Seinenu Thein-Lemelson, Nicholas Buck, Chattopadhyay Arkaprava, Richard Hall-Wilton, Sara Hejazi, Luis Neiva, Anna Tashchenko, Auli Viidalepp, Stefano Montes, Massimo Leone, Joy Clarkson, Carmen Callizo-Romero, Leena Taneja

Based on the Bruno Kessler Foundation's 2024 research theme, "(Dis)Enchantment in Religion and Ethics", the panel invites to a transdisciplinary engagement with the idea, the concept, the phenomenology, and the semiotics of awe, meant as a complex emotion that is typically characterized by a mixture of reverence, respect, and wonder. It is often experienced in response to something perceived as vast, overwhelming, or extraordinary, and can be triggered by natural phenomena, artistic or scientific achievements, or acts of great skill or virtuosity. Awe can lead to a feeling of being small or insignificant in the face of something much larger or more powerful, yet this feeling is often coupled with a sense of connection or unity with something greater than oneself. This emotion can have profound psychological effects, such as shifting one's perspective, increasing openness to new experiences, and fostering a sense of connection with others and the world. But awe can also trigger overwhelm and disorientation, fear and anxiety, a decreased sense of self, manipulation and control, unrealistic expectations and disappointment, inaction or passivity, and even alienation. The panel particularly welcomes papers on awe-inspiring new technologies, such as generative AI, immersive realities, humanoid robots, and the like.

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Surrender and the Experience of Awe

Swayam B.

Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, USA

Being on the Receiving End: Awe, Alterity, and Abundance

Buck N.

American University Washington

Revealing the Secrets behind Feeling Awe in Cathedrals? The Role of Construal Level

Callizo--Romero C.

University of Navarra

Virtual Sanctums and Religious Grandeur: Celebrating the Durga Puja Hindu Festival of India, via Digital Applications

Arkaprava C.

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication SRM University, Sikkim, India

The Sun in the Machine: The Possibility of Awe and Religious Impulse through AI in Kazuo Ishiguro's Klara and the Sun

Clarkson J.

King's College London

Sublime Comedy: Can Laughter Be an Expression of Awe?

Costa P.

Bruno Kessler Foundation

The spiritual dimension in global health: A return of Enchantment in medicine?

Galvagni L.

Bruno Kessler Foundation

Awesome! Give me that (B)Old Time Religion.

Graffeo A.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Awe of Displacement: 'Recentering' Humans in a Post-Quantum Era – Part 02

Hall--Wilton R.

Bruno Kessler Foundation

Awe of Displacement: 'Recentering' Humans in a Post-Quantum Era – Part 01

Hejazi S.

Bruno Kessler Foundation

On Computational Awe

Leone M.

Bruno Kessler Foundation

The Root פלא (pl') in the Shirot 'Olat HaShabbat from Qumran: Awe in Liturgical Communion with the Angels

Mariotti G.

Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Centrale

Dangerous Pleasures: The Sublime as Corruption in Renaissance Catholicism

Neiva L.

NOVA University of Lisbon

Strong Values and Non-spiritual Awe

Raehme B.

Bruno Kessler Foundation

The Poetics of Awe in Greek and Hebrew Epiphanies

Ritzema J.

University of Oxford

A Transdisciplinary Approach to Pilgrimage and Awe I

Salerno R.

Università di Palermo

A Transdisciplinary Approach to Pilgrimage and Awe II

Montes S.

University of Palermo

Ancient Gods in Transmedia Narratives: From Awe to Agency

Tashchenko A.

V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine / University of Bordeaux, France

**Awe and Revolution:
Contemplating Technologies of Violence and Nonviolence in Burma/Myanmar**

Thein--Lemelson S.

UCLA

The Colors of the Souls: The Immersive Experience As a New Awareness

Tonelli D.

Bruno Kessler Foundation, Pontificio Ateneo S. Anselmo di Roma

The Politics of θαῦμα ἰδέσθαι from Ancient Greece to Contemporary Technologies

Viidalepp A.

University of Tartu, Estonia

Scripture, Theology, and Their Future

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

FONDAZIONE SICILIA - SALA DEI 99

Proponent: Jacob Astudillo, David Stuart

Chair: Jacob Astudillo, David Stuart, Nikolaos Asproulis, Henk van den Belt

Speaker: Michael Borowski, Stefan Lindholm, Hanoch Ben Pazi, Tomas Bokedal, Markus Mühling, Lluís Oviedo, Markus Iff, Arnold Huijgen, Friederike Nüssel, Henk van den Belt, Cyril Hovorun

Biblical Studies and Christian Theology have had productive and tense relationships throughout their shared history. They are ultimately predicated on Scripture which provides the possibility for mutual understanding and cooperation, even though they approach the biblical text with different purposes, questions and presuppositions. Whether or not their future is a shared one, however, is far from clear – at least one beyond sharing a space in an institution. There can be quite often a regionalizing of each discipline so that their insights are rarely engaged with by thinkers in other disciplines. This call for papers looks to identify some of the current trajectories these studies are on, consider how (if at all) they can have a shared future that might be mutually beneficial, and what some of the barriers might be to that future together. It also looks more broadly at insights that have recently been developed within the respective fields that may have yet to be engaged with by their counterparts. Along these lines, S&T maintains a robust commitment to dialogue between various fields and areas of research as a means of spurring constructive and critical engagement for mutually beneficial development.

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Scripture as Principium of Theology: The Work of Spirit and Soft Foundationalism

Van Den Belt H.

Faculty of Religion & Theology - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Hermeneutics, Metaphysics and Scripture

Lindholm S.

Johannelund School of Theology

The Future of The Spirit and the Relative Openness of Scripture

Mühling M.

Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal

Narrativity, Singularity and Resonance: Paradigms

Nüssel F.

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

Does The Dialogue between Science and Theology Influence Biblical Studies?

Oviedo L.

Pontificia Università Antonianum

Experience of Faith and Revelation- Points of Reference and Perspectives for Scripture and Theology from the Point of View of Free Church Theologies

Iff M.

Theologische Hochschule Ewersbach

A Religious Journey Towards the Future: The Role of Abrahamic Religious Scriptures and Interfaith Dialogue in Addressing Challenges of Sustainability

Ben Pazi H.

Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan

The Bible in the “Russian World” Quasi-theology

Hovorun C.

University College Stockholm

Scripture and Theology in the Nature of Christian Doctrine: A Response

Huijgen A.

Protestantse Theologische Universiteit

Holocaust: A Real Turning Point in Jewish-Catholic Relations?

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - DI GIOVANNI

Proponent: Angela Cimino

Chair: Angela Cimino, Chiara Solazzo, Claire Maligot

Speaker: Silvia De Marchi, Dorota Choinska, Claire Maligot, Michele Dillon, Chiara Solazzo, Roland Cerny-Werner, Angela Cimino

This panel aims to critically examine key paradigm shifts in the history and theology of Jewish-Catholic dialogue, with a specific focus on the decades following WWII up to the present day. The panel will be divided into several sub-sessions covering different topics. The first segment will explore Holocaust memory and awareness (1940s-1960s), delving into how Catholics perceived the Holocaust in the immediate post-war decades. The session will also address how individuals in the pews and Church leadership interpreted the Holocaust and whether Holocaust awareness influenced the Vatican II attempts to draft a declaration on Jews, ultimately rejecting anti-Judaism. The second part will examine the Anti-Jewish complex and mindset from the 1950s to Vatican II and beyond, questioning why the Roman Catholic Church remained cautious in condemning antisemitism in the aftermath of the war. The third part will explore shifts, constants, and inventions regarding anti-Judaism within the Catholic tradition, both contemporary and historical. The fourth part will focus on the European context, addressing the major actions undertaken by the European Union from its foundation up to the most recent strategy on combating antisemitism. This panel will accept papers concerning these topics related to Jewish-Catholic relations, and based on Historical, Theological and Juridical sources.

Catholic-Jewish relations among Polish refugees in Spain during the Second World War

Choinska D.

Pro-Zionist Stances Among Catholics in the Immediate Post-War Period

Cimino A.

Deutsches Historisches Institut in Rom / FSCIRE

The Catholic Press and Jewish Religion after World War II (1945-1958)

Solazzo C.

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia / FSCIRE

Congar and the other reform. Strenuous efforts, internal limitations, and path dependency to long-standing tradition in reassessing the “Mystery of Israel”.

Maligot C.

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Assessing the impact of Vatican II on Jewish-Catholic relations in the United States

Dillon M.

University of New Hampshire

Antisemitism in the Post Holocaust Era: continuities and changes

De Marchi S.

Deocide – origins and antisemitic fundament of Christian theology”

Cerny--Werner R.

Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg

The Holy Spirit as a Paradigm Shifter

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

FATESI - CUSMANO

Proponent: Haddy Bello

Chair: Haddy Bello, Haddy Bello

Speaker: Haddy Bello, Catalina Vial, Christof Betschart, Pablo Arteaga, Henrique Mata de Vasconcelos

Regarding Paradigm Shifts, the panel will deal with the impact of pneumatology on other theological treatises, it seems that the shifting power of the Holy Spirit has not been sufficiently developed in nowadays theology. This will lead us to encourage a reflection that revives the thought about the Paraclete and His starring role in theology. This panel proposes to highlight some important movements that the Holy Spirit provokes in crucial areas such as anthropology, patristics, eschatology, and religious experience, thus reactivating the academic dialogue through the dynamism of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

«Lived theologies» of the Holy Spirit

Henze L.

Universität Bern

Trinitariophany: Christian Religious Experience Beyond Christomonism and the Christology-Pneumatology Dialogue

Mata De Vasconcelos H.

Doctorate in Theology, Faculdade Jesuíta de Filosofia e Teologia (FAJE), Belo Horizonte

The Holy Spirit as a paradigm shifter in eschatology, a study in Yves Congar's theology

Arteaga P.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

The God Who is Love in History: The Holy Spirit and the Grace of Christ according to Thomas Aquinas

Vial C.

Pontificia Università della Santa Croce

The Filial Interpretation of the imago Dei. Towards a Pneumatological Shift in Theological Anthropology

Betschart C.

Pontificia Facoltà Teologica Teresianum

Unity in the endliche Sein as the essence of the paradigm of human freedom, according to Edith Stein. Actual challenges

Bello H.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

(Transforming) Visions of Empire: Documenting Politics and Religion in the Twentieth Century

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 15:15

FATESI - DUSMET

Proponent: Marina Xiaojing Wang, Hugo Gonçalves Does

Chair: Kirsten Ruether

Speaker: Marina Xiaojing Wang, Hugo Gonçalves Does, Frieder Ludwig, Miguel Bandeira Jeronimo, Kirsten Ruether, Ellen Veia Rosnes, Retief Muller, Ana Guardiao

This panel investigates the transformation of the structures and realities of imperial spaces through the agency of religious entities (both individual and institutions) by focusing on the issue of visual culture. It emphasises not only the relationship between state(s) and church(es) (religious entities) but also their impact on local dynamics, from the consolidation of colonial repertoires and structures to the emergence of criticism towards the imperial *modi operandi*. Key topics include material and human development, critical scrutiny of colonialism, local agency, production of scientific knowledge (anthropological, sociological, cultural and historical) and interaction between religious bodies and international organisations.

The focus is on how visual practices, especially photography, were used by religious actors to advance their agendas – defending or criticising imperial strategies, propagating civilisational values among locals and promoting their work internally and externally. The panel explores the importance of these visual sources, analysing their historical context, original intention and lasting impact in order to understand the role of religious actors beyond merely the transmission of religious ideals, concepts and practices. Additionally, it considers how these visual sources have been integrated into archival structures, resonating with religious and global public perceptions.

World Christianity and World War: Visual Practices, Imperial Strategies and Contested Loyalties Between 1914 and 1918

Ludwig F.

VID Specialized University

The ‘incorruptible Kodak’: Photography and (Portuguese) colonialism in the early twentieth-century

Jeronimo M.B.

University of Coimbra

Apartheid’s Emptiness. The Norwegian Mission Society’s Photographs of Land- and Cityscapes Devoid of African People’s Presence

Ruether K.

University of Vienna

Lenses of Compassion? Norwegian Missionary Photography and Social Welfare in Early Twentieth-Century China

Wang M.X.

VID Specialized University

Images of a ‘sparkling’ cooperation: Spiritans, the Diamang and the ‘civilising mission’ in colonial Angola (c. 1940s-1960s)

Dores H.G.

University of Coimbra

Picturing transformations through Lutheran Education in the South-Western region of Madagascar during the 1920s to 1950s

Rosnes E.V.

VID Specialized University

Missionary ‘imperialism’ in transformation? Perspectives on the ‘Nordic Apostle’, Ansgar, the medieval saint who became a 20th-century airplane

Muller R.

VID Specialized University

A ‘model’ to save the Biafran children? Imperial and religious cooperation and the other pictures of the Nigeria-Biafran war (1968-1969)

Guardiao A.

University of Florence

The Rise and Crisis of Interfaith Dialogue

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 4

Proponent: Thomas Albert Howard

Chair: John Fahy

Speaker: Thomas Albert Howard, Miriam Schneider, Peter Boros, Martina Narman

In recent decades, organizations committed to interreligious or interfaith dialogue have proliferated, both in the Western and non-Western worlds. Why? How so? And what exactly is interreligious dialogue? These are the touchstone questions of this panel. It draws its inspiration from one of the panelists' book: *The Faiths of Others: A History of Interreligious Dialogue* (Yale University Press, 2021); this is the first major history of interreligious dialogue in the modern age. The University of Bristol's Gavin D'Costa, a leading scholar of interfaith dialogue, has called it "a scholarly, finely crafted and fascinating book."

While many have theorized about and practiced interreligious dialogue, few have attended carefully to its past, connecting its emergence and spread with broader developments in modern history. Interreligious dialogue—grasped in light of careful, critical attention to its past—holds promise for helping people of diverse faith backgrounds to foster cooperation and knowledge of one another while contributing insight into contemporary, global religious pluralism.

However, as recent events in the Middle East and elsewhere have, shown, interreligious dialogue faces numerous challenges. Some have even argued that its payoff has not lived up to its promise and it is in a "state of crisis." This panel will explore aspects of the history of interfaith dialogue and some of its contemporary challenges before speculating on promising ways forward

The Rise of Interfaith Dialogue in the Life of Buddhist Master Taixu

Boros P.

Eötvös Loránd University Budapest

Historicizing 'Interreligious Dialogue

Howard T.A.

Valparaiso University

Emilie Loyson-Meriman's (1833-1909) contribution to interreligious understanding. Successes and limits.

Narman M.

University of Berne

Declarations – A Neglected Form of Interreligious Communication

Schneider M.

PhD-candidate VU University Amsterdam / Representative for interreligious issues, Old Catholic Church of Switzerland

Reading Literature as Theology in Islam

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 1

Proponent: Claire Gallien, Easa Saad

Chair: Besnik Sinani

Speaker: Claire Gallien, Easa Saad, Oludamini Ogunnaike, Ula Aweida, Badr Tachouche, Imran Visram, Sarali Gintsburg, Hina Khalid, Muhammad Sami

On the contemporary academic scene, whether one looks into seminar programmes or handbooks, the discourse on Islamic theology is reduced to 'ilm al-kalām, due in part to the dissociation of literary productions from an underlying theological and ethical framework in the modern European episteme. This partition is alien to the Islamic tradition, in which the discipline of speculative theology and dogmatics not just coexisted but was consubstantial with other rich forms of inquiry into the divine and into human relations with the divine.

Our panel aims to address Islamic theology beyond the specific discipline of ilm al-kalām, enquiring into the translation of theological discourse between genres and forms, the role of poetics in the formulation of specific theological points and debates. A key concern for this panel is to locate theological engagement beyond the intellect, by considering how poetry brings the other human faculties, such as imagination, intuition, emotion, and sense perception, into play when approaching the Divine.

Reading Literature as Theology in Islam

Gallien C.^[1], Saad E.^[2]

^[1]University of Tübingen, Cambridge Muslim College, ^[2]Oxford University

Curls of the Night

Ogunnaike O.

University of Virginia

The Role of Poetry in the Formulation of Islamic Religious Ideas: The Mufaḍḍaliyāt as a Case Study

Aweida U.

European Research Council

Exploring the Significance of Andalusian Muwashshahat and Azjaal in the Study of Islamic Theology. A Case Study of 'Jadaka al-Ghayth' by Lisan al-Din ibn al-Khatib (1313 – 1374)

Tachouche B.

Anglo-American University

Against Reductionism: Jami and the Need for Poetical Theology

Sami M.

University of Oxford; Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

Regional and vernacular expressions of Shī'ī theology: The Satpanth Ismā'īlī Pīrs and their oral poetic knowledge

Visram I.

Oxford University

Religious motifs in the oral poetic tradition of the Jbala (northern Morocco) from a cognitive perspective

Gintsburg S.

University of Navarra

Seeing Through the Lens of Love: The Theological Aesthetics of Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938) and Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

Khalid H.

Woolf Institute, Cambridge University

Unraveling the Complexities of “Non-Religion”: Global Perspectives and Societal Implications

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Rafael Ruiz Andrés, Zakaria Sajir

Chair: Rafael Ruiz Andrés, Zakaria Sajir, Zakaria Sajir, Francisco Javier Fernández Vallina

Speaker: Claudia Gialousis, Carmen Callizo-Romero, Tihomir Lazic, Zakaria Sajir, Francisco Javier Fernández Vallina, Rafael Ruiz Andrés

The concept of non-religion presents a unique and intricate landscape within the study of contemporary religious dynamics (Lee 2015; Bullivant 2022). Spanning various aspects from personal identity formation to societal shifts, the exploration of this phenomenon offers critical insights into the evolving patterns of secularisation. In this vein, our panel seeks to dissect and analyse the multifarious dimensions of non-religion (Wilkins-Laflamme 2023), informed by seminal research and contemporary findings in the field. We therefore propose a series of debates to unravel the complexities and nuances of non-religion, examining its global context, sociocultural dynamics, intersectionality, and its interplay with education and post-secular trends.

Defining “No Religion” Globally: Exploring how cultures interpret non-religious identities, focusing on the impact of religious literacy on these definitions.

Sociocultural and Generational Dynamics: Analyzing how globalization, technology, and educational changes affect non-religious identities, with a focus on generational differences and broader sociocultural elements.

Intersectionality and Demographics: Discussing how factors like age, gender, race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status shape non-religion experiences and identities, aiming to understand the diversity within these groups.

Post-Secularity and Non-Religious Pluralism: Investigating “no religion” in a post-secular context

“Thinking Too Modern? Religious Belief in its Transforming Nature in European Societies”

Gialousis C.

University of Erfurt

Beyond Non-Religion: Exploring Meaning-Making and Identity Formation Among SBNRs

Lazic T.

Newbold College

Non-Religion: An Exploration in Plural and Secular Spain

Sajir Z.^[1], Ruiz Andrés R.^[2]

^[1]University of Salamanca, ^[2]University Complutense of Madrid

Once a Muslim, always a Muslim?

Richter .

Radboud University

Social crises, religious identity, and temporal thought in young individuals across cultures and religions

Callizo--Romero C.

University of Navarra

A global approach to religion, spirituality and non-religion

Fernández Vallina F.J.

Complutense University of Madrid

Author Meets critique: Etica islamica contemporanea, Ignazio de Francesco (Carocci, 2024)

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 09:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 5

Proponent: Francesca Cadeddu

Chair: Francesca Cadeddu

Speaker: Jason Welle, Francesca Cadeddu, Ignazio De Francesco, Abdelhafid Kheit

The need to teach believers in Islam “how to do what,” in all spheres of life, runs through the history of Islamic societies from its beginnings, but is now experiencing an unprecedented critical phase. In the face of the increasing amount of monographic studies, the book offers an overview and is aimed not only at specialists but also at anyone interested, by profession or otherwise, in better understanding Islam. As pointed out in the preface, “in the Italian panorama there is still no similar study capable of restoring the range of discussions on the ethical, religious and legal nodes that run through the contemporary Islamic universe.” Starting from the theological and legal premises of the human act, the volume proceeds by dealing with the etiquette of relations with God, angels, the Quran and the Prophet. This is followed by family, sexual, medical, economic and environmental ethics, the relationship with non-Muslims, and the transmission of Islam to the young.

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De Francesco I.

The Silent Revolution. Literary and Religious Conversations on What Can(not) Be Said

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Lucia Battistel

Chair: Lucia Battistel

Speaker: Enaie Maire Azambuja, Matteo Zupancic, Pierangelo Bianco, Lucia Battistel

Especially during the 20th century, the role of ineffability in Western literature and philosophy shifted from a peril to discursive rationality to an act of resistance against metaphysical normativity, totalitarianism and crystallization of cultural forms. This panel gathers four early-career religious and literary studies scholars to unveil how this "revolution of silence" is indebted to the non-canonical stances of Western apophaticism and the Eastern spirituality's nondualism. Firstly, a parallel reading (Pierangelo Bianco – Lucia Battistel) of theological passages by Karl Barth and poems by two Italian contemporary poets and literary critics (Mario Luzi and Piero Bigongiari) of Hermetic tradition will help to discover, through a two-way dialogue, the symmetries of the theological and poetic text and the construction of a common discourse around the insufficiency of the human attempt to talk about God within the Judeo-Christian tradition. The next conversation (Enaiê Mairê Azambuja – Matteo Zupancic) will explore the ineffable in Zen and Taoism, and its impact on American modernist poetics, focusing on the significance of negation and absence to environmental discourse. This will be paired with evaluating the political re-use of kenotic (Rhineland Mysticism, eastern Orthodoxy) and non-dualistic silence (Buddhism, Taoism) within German anarchist literature of the early 20th century.

«Dove (non) finiscono le tracce». Apo- and cataphaticism in Modern Italian poets Mario Luzi and Piero Bigongiari

Battistel L.

Università LUMSA di Roma - KU Leuven

The God that we cannot speak: the "intratextual" theology of Barth and Lindbeck

Bianco P.

Università LUMSA di Roma - Universidade Católica Portuguesa

«Ich will kein Knecht mehr sein von Götterworten, Priesterworten, Buddhaworten, Menschenworten». Theological-political Praxis of Silence in the Early 20th Century Anarchist German Literature

Zupancic M.

IISG (Rome) - SRCTS (Stuttgart)

The Ineffable Word: Silence and Negation in 20th-Century American Ecopoetics

Azambuja E.M.

School of Advanced Study, University of London

Shifting Perspectives on Otherness: Representations (and Uses) of Enemies in the Ancient World

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - TRIPPODO

Proponent: Gaetano Spampinato, Gianmarco Chiari

Chair: Gaetano Spampinato, Gianmarco Chiari, Anthony Ellis

Speaker: Margherita Pepoli, Gaetano Spampinato, Gianmarco Chiari, Anthony Ellis, Alessandro Magnani, Silvia Geraci, Francesco Reali, Bettina Reese, Gianmarco Grantaliano, Lewis Read

This panel investigates how political, social, and religious “enemies” are represented and stigmatized within (not only) polemical discourses from the Hellenistic era to Late Antiquity. The focus of the various papers, however, is not only on the “representation of otherness” – a theme that has found widespread diffusion in recent decades. Rather, our goal is primarily to observe how the portrayal of the enemy, especially in religious contexts, is functional to other controversies and conveys different messages. In other words, the identification of an external enemy is often used by ancient authors to reflect on themselves, on developments in their own society and on internal struggles. The enemy can therefore also take on a positive value and sometimes prove to be a “necessary otherness”. This panel proposes a heterogeneous series of contributions, on a temporal and geographical level: from the representation of enemy kings in the Septuagint to the stigmatization of the Zoroastrians in 6th-century Armenian texts. This broad panorama permits us to trace the endurance and reuse of themes and images in the representation and use of the enemy across different periods. At the same time, it should reveal shifts in the “paradigm of otherness”, not only on diachronic level, but also, on the synchronic one, exploring the social and cultural milieus of contemporaneous authors, as well as, of course, their different polemical or apologetic intentions.

From Enemy to Co-Religionist. Images of Kings in the Book(s) of Daniel between Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek

Pepoli M.

University of Rome – La Sapienza

“Rogues in the House”. Barbarians on the Borders in the Graeco-Bactrian Kingdom

Magnani A.

University of Bologna

Enemies, Religion, and Politics: The Bacchanalia Scandal of 186 BC

Geraci S.

University of Verona

Constructing Enemies in Josephus and Philo: Comparing Hellenistic Jewish Authors on Egyptians, Greeks, Pseudo-Prophets, Novel Philosophies, and Zealots

Ellis A.

University of Bern

The Diseases of the Community: Some Remarks on Religion and Ethics Regarding the Social Conflict in Early Imperial Alexandria

Reali F.

University of Bologna

Struck by Their Own Weapons. The Role and the Use of Religious “Enemies” in Apologetic Texts

Reese B.

Centre for Classical Studies, Lisbon

Translating Religious Enemies: Notes on the Relationship between Hellen and Paganus

Grantalio G.

University of Cantabria / La Sapienza University of Rome

Constructing and Reconciling the ‘Enemy’ in the Polemical Letters of the Armenian Bishops and the Zoroastrian Magi

Read L.

University of Vienna

Historical and Theological Lexicon of the Septuagint, Resilient Septuagint, uBIQUity: Transdisciplinary and Interrelated Research Projects on Sacred Texts and their Heritages

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - MAUROLICO A

Proponent: Anna Mambelli

Chair: Daniela Scialabba

Speaker: Davide Dainese, Arianna Rotondo, Luca Arcari, Laura Carnevale, Marco Zanella, Laura Bigoni, Gianluca Scatigno, Giorgia Sampò, Anna Mambelli, Eberhard Bons, Daniela Scialabba, Sara Abram, Marcello Costa, Chiara Palillo, Fabio Tutrone

The Historical and Theological Lexicon of the Septuagint (HTLS), Resilient Septuagint, and uBIQUity are transdisciplinary research projects linked by common methodologies and aims. HTLS is a multi-volume dictionary (4 vols., Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, 2020-) that explores meanings, usages, and possible semantic evolutions of the most significant terms or word groups attested in the Septuagint Bible, from Classical Greek to early Christian literature. Two years ago, the HTLS idea and methodology gave birth to two innovative projects, and this panel aims at keeping all these branches together for the very first time. Resilient Septuagint, an Italian Research Project of Relevant National Interest (PRIN 2022), focuses on the semantics of “killing” and “healing” in the Septuagint (Qo/Eccl 3:3) and its reception in Patristic and Late Antique sources (3rd cent. BCE – 5th cent. CE). uBIQUity, which incorporates the “BI” of the Bible(s) and the “QU” of the Qur’ān in its title and is part of the larger PNRR project ITSEER – Italian Strengthening of the ESFRI RI RESILIENCE funded by the European Union – NextGenerationEU (CUP: B53C22001770006), aims at investigating the sacred texts of the Abrahamic religions and their heritages in different environments and historical periods through two huge corpora: Christian commentaries on the Bible(s) written from the Patristic age until the Late Byzantine period, both in Greek and Latin, and classical commentaries on the Qur’ān written in Arabic (tafāsīr) from the rise of Islam until the 15th century. In terms of Digital Humanities, uBIQUity aims to develop and provide the scientific community of Religious Studies with a new research tool that can identify, with a higher degree of accuracy than pre-existing resources, quotations/allusions to the Bible(s) and the Qur’ān in Christian and Islamic commentaries. Intertextual references, whether consciously or unconsciously made by ancient commentators, work as invisible “places of memory”, thus making the sacred texts “ubiquitous”. For the development of this semantic search engine, uBIQUity closely cooperates with Resilient Septuagint for the Greek Bible(s) and Patristic section and includes an investigation into new strategies of Data Visualization and Interaction Design to generate new knowledge through the consultation, archiving, and use of data in the Digital Humanities.

The Greek Vocabulary of the Bible and the Challenge of Jewish Identity in the Hellenistic Period: Research and Working Results of the HTLS Volume II

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For a History of the LXX Lexicons: Between History of Theology, History of Culture and Cultural Politics of the Ancient World

Arcari L.

University of Naples Federico II

Illuminating the uBIQUity of Sacred Texts: Between Tradition and Innovation in the Ancient and Digital Worlds

Mambelli A.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE

Resilient Septuagint between Borges and Asimov: A State-of-the-Art Case of Ubiquity

Dainese D.

University of Bologna / FSCIRE

The Semantics of Killing in the Greek Bible: Some Exemplary Vocabulary

Bigoni L.

University of Bologna / FSCIRE

Ubiquitous Hostilities: God as an Enemy, the Enemy of God. Explorations on the Term *echtros* in the LXX

Carnevale L.

University of Bari

Hugging Septuagint: LLM for Semantic Analysis of Biblical Texts

Zanella M.

University of Bologna

Modeling Biblical Topics: A Proposal for a Semantic Benchmark

Sampò G.

University of Odense / University of Bologna

Synsets Refinement for Biblical Text Reuse: The Lexicon of Killing and Healing, Dreams and Visions

Scatigno G.

University of Bologna

Open Questions about Context and Audience in Nonnus of Panopolis: Answers from the Scriptural Filigree

Rotondo A.

University of Catania

Dreams, Texts, and Truths: Augustine on Hermeneutics and Oneirocriticism

Tutrone F.

University of Palermo

The Words of The Prophet in Quranic Exegesis: New Paths in the Digital Era

Abram S.

University of Palermo

Digital Humanities Research Tools: Reshaping the Information Space

Costa M., Palillo C.

University of Palermo

Changing religious narratives, discourses and practices in Africa

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - D'ACQUISTO

Proponent: Ilaria Macconi, Felix J. Phiri

Chair: Ilaria Macconi, Felix J. Phiri

According to a prominent scholar, religious changes are the most significant and revolutionary in the world today. In order to understand where we are heading, we cannot overlook them or the continent from which they originate. This is why the Foundation for Religious Studies (FSCIRE) reached out to Africa and together with the Institute for Interreligious Dialogue and Islamic Studies (IRDIS) initiated a collaboration between African and European Institutions. One of the initiatives undertaken is this panel, which aims to broaden the reflection on the contemporary role of Religion, to bring more of the Global South into the picture, and to bridge the gap between academia and the community. Many of the challenges facing our societies, such as pandemics, climate change, food security, gender discrimination, globalization, radicalization and religious violence have profoundly influenced the responses of religious leaders, researchers and practitioners. Focusing on specific projects and case studies, the speakers want to encourage a transnational and interdisciplinary discussion on the significant changes (and paradigm shifts) in the study and teaching of Religion in Africa. This encompasses changes in the African religious landscape as well as in the approaches to emerging cultural and socio-economic issues.

THE NICENE CONSTANTINOPOLITAN SYMBOL IN ITS ARABIC VERSION: BETWEEN CHRISTIAN APOLOGIA AND ISLAMIC CONTROVERSY

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Anna Canton, Patrizia Spallino

Chair: Ivana Panzeca

Speaker: Ivana Panzeca, Anna Canton, Patrizia Spallino, Bishara Ebeid, Diego Sarriò Cucarella, Thomas Blanquart

The geographical extent of the Christian presence in the Middle East ranges from Egypt to Iraq and even beyond. Being far from the main centers of Christendom, such as Rome and Constantinople, and also as a result of Islamic expansion, the successful reception of the decisions of the ecumenical councils, as well as of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed itself, has been difficult and at times fragmented. The Symbol is a text that emerged from the need of the Council Fathers to provide an answer to the controversies about the nature of Christ that had arisen in the fourth century. The text of the Creed has certainly been commented on by Christians of the various denominations in the Middle East, but as a result of Muslim expansion, it has also become a text that has needed to be defended (apologetic aspect) or has been attacked (polemical aspect). Christians have had to justify this text in the Muslim context where Qur'ānic quotations and Muslim traditions have been used by Christian authors to support the veracity of the statements of the Symbol of Faith. In contrast, on the Muslim side, several Muslim authors have given an account of this text sometimes only by quoting it and sometimes by commenting on it polemically to demonstrate the errors professed by Christians in their Creed.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed in Shahrastānī's Kitāb al-Milal wa-'l-Niḥal

Spallino P.

University of Palermo

**Among the oldest evidence of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Symbol in Arabic:
The Manuscripts of St. Catherine's Monastery at Sinai**

Canton A.

University of Palermo

**Nicaea and its Creed according to the Copt Bishop Sāwīrūs Ibn al-Muqaffa'
(active 10th century CE)**

Ebeid B.

University Ca' foscari Venezia

Nestorius' interpretation of the Nicene Creed in the Book of Heraclides

Blanquart T.

Pontificio Istituto Orientale

The Christian Creed in 12th-century Islamic anti-Christian Controversy

Sarriò Cucarella D.

PISAI Pontificio Istituto di Studi Arabi e d'Islamistica

RELIGIOUS MARRIAGE, LAW AND SECULARIZATION BETWEEN NEW AND OLD PARADIGMS

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 12:00

FATESI - MAUROLICO B

Proponent: Mario Ferrante

Chair: Maria d'Arienzo

Speaker: Maria D'Arienzo, Fabiano Di Prima, Fabio Balsamo, Vasco Fronzoni, Stefano Testa Bappenheim, Caterina Gagliardi, Odilia Daniele, Anna Sammassimo, Mario Ferrante

One prominent sign of the processes of secularization that have occurred since the 18th century has been the gradual detachment of positive law and legal institutions from the religious models to which they originally referred. Perhaps the most striking example, for Western societies, is that of the discipline of marriage, where an enduring process has progressively distanced the institution from its original (canonical) paradigm, increasingly mitigating its specificities, in the name of an “integral” application of the principle of equality and deference to the autonomy of the individual and his choices. But there is no shortage of examples elsewhere to be found that tell of an intervening distance between the civil model and the marriage archetypes proposed by other confessional orders, which provide models of great interest to jurists interested in how a ‘law that precedes man’ comes to bind personal relationships in the matter.

In particular, those who study the interweaving between law and religions look not only at the unfolding of these disciplines, and the enduring of the relevant paradigms; but also at the “bridges” that may allow for technical civil relevance to them, in defense of inalienable identities and instances, not least because of a changed framing of the paradigm of state neutrality (as a synthesis not of ideals to which reality can be adapted but of principles to be reshaped, for the sake of practical needs for pacification and respect for rights)

Matrimonial nullities, dispensations super rato and (potential) exequatur between religious freedom and role of the State: what space for new paradigms?

Di Prima F.

University of Palermo

Voluntariness of the civil effects of religious marriage and protection of public order

Balsamo F.

University of Naples Federico II

Musulmani e matrimoni misti nell'Italia dei social/Muslims and mixed marriages in social media Italy

Fronzoni V.

Pegaso University

Civil relevance in the patrimonial sphere of inalienable demands in certain phenotypes of religious marriage

Testa Bappenheim S.

University of Camerino

Marital consent between religious rights and state rights

Gagliardi C.

University of Naples Federico II

Marriage and Religious Pluralism in Europe: Towards Personal Statutes Codes?

Sammassimo A.

University of Padova

The value of the indissolubility of canonical marriage in today's secularised society (also in the light of the Italian legislature's latest regulatory interventions on divorce)

Daniele O.

University of Palermo

War, peace and religions

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 13:15

FATESI - CAMPO

Proponent: DREST - Curriculum Law and Religion

Chair: Fedor Arkhipov, Giulia Kakavas

Speaker: Fedor Arkhipov, Gaia Federica Tarabiono, Giulia Kakavas, Ignazio Barbetta, Klein Marvin Mendiola, Maria Letizia Cavuoto, Rosangela Micciché, Simone Lonati, Perparim Uxhi

It seems as if one cannot exist without the other. The aspiration, obviously, is to live in a world without wars, where religious affiliation is not a reason for hatred. Unfortunately, however, this is not the reality and wars "in the name of God" - or, more simply, conflicts in which the religious factor becomes a causal ordriving element - are still present and concern the entire planet. Secularization, which led – at least in Western societies -- towards a gradual reduction of religious power and to a privatization of belief systems, had meant for religions to play a merely spiritual role in the public sphere. Yet, it is enough to look at current geopolitical events to understand that this omen, however, has been abundantly refuted and that a world without battles still seems very far from emerging today. Historically, the Treaties of Westphalia has been the paradigm in the managing of religious conflicts, by confirming the principle of cuius regio, eius religio, established in the Peace of Augsburg. The subsequent conflicts essentially concerned political reasons, but the religious reasons underlying them re-emerged with frequency and vigor. The current examples are illuminating: it is enough to focus on the considerations of the Patriarch of Moscow Kirill, who expressed his support for all those who defend the Russian homeland, asking the faithful to pray so that the army could have the necessary spiritual strength to be able to continue to carryout its task during military operations in Ukraine, to think of religion as a propulsive and/or legitimizing tool. Still, the terrorist attack by Hamas and Israel's brutal response it's a perfect example of the religious factor as a causal element of the conflict. On the one hand, therefore, a terrorist group which according to many authors is nothing other than the collateral effect of phenomena of secularization and/or evangelization, forcibly imported into Islamic communities; on the other hand, a State that, also making use of religion motivations – sometimes basing them on certain precepts contained in the Torah – is acting with the further purpose to take possession of the so-called "promised land". The religious factor, however, does not only has a relevant function in war. On the contrary, we could think about the requests for peace expressed by Pope Francis and the pastoral commitment of a large part of the Catholic world in favor of Nonviolence, if we want to consider the religious factor as a useful tool for building peace. A commitment, the latter, which demonstrated a strong adherence to the axiological content of the encyclical *Pacem in terris* by Pope John XXIII, issued in April 1963, that is not just a mere "cryfor peace", but a real invitation to build it by making use of interreligious dialogue. From this point of view,the "peace studies" represent an interesting example for understanding so. In short, religious has a role both in the sad world of war and in the desirable hope of peace and, it is precisely from this bilateral value that the themes of this research work have developed.

Printed products in the Venetian Interdict (1606-1607): right, religion and culture as informational tools.

Lonati S.

University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli

The role of religions in peacebuilding: the enduring legacy of encyclical "Pacem in Terris".

Cavuoto M.L.

University of Pisa

The doctrine of the "just war": a paradigm shift with the encyclical "Fratelli tutti".

Micciché R.

University of Pisa

The Westphalian system between paradigm shifts and status quo.

Mendiola K.M.

University of Cagliari

Unraveling the complex threads: analyzing the Russian-Ukrainian conflict and its religious implications.

Kakavas G.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Peace and war in the Russian orthodoxy. The militarization of ecclesiastical law from the Russian Orthodox Church after the Ukrainian war.

Arkipov F.

University of Insubria

The religious shift in peace studies: from “integrated presence” to “objectified variable”.

Tarabiono G.F.

University of Insubria

The religious shift in peace studies: the use of Religious Rhetoric.

Barbetta I.

University of Naples Federico II

The religious shift in peace studies: tools of “religious diplomacy”.

Uxhi P.

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia / FSCIRE

Mirrors of Truth: Paradigm Shifts in Indo-Persian Missions and Interreligious Polemics

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

FATESI - STURZO

Proponent: Norbert Hintersteiner, Haila Manteghi

Chair: Haila Manteghi

Speaker: Haila Manteghi, Francesco Gusella, Dennis Halft, William E. B. Sherman

While the idea of paradigm shifts is not foreign to Mission Studies and cognate fields in order to describe the history and changes in the understanding of Christian mission (cf. David Bosch, “Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission” [Orbis 1991]), this panel explores such in the context of 17th cent. Indo-Persian Catholic mission as related to a particular cycle of Christian-Muslim apologetics and polemics having evolved therein around the genre of “mirrors of truth”. Here, the paradigm of mirror and “mirror of truth” in Christian mission is met prominently in Spanish Jesuit missionary Jerome Xavier’s opus magnum *Ā’īnā-yi ḥaqq-namā* (Truth-Revealing Mirror, 1609), composed during the so-called third Jesuit Mission to the Mughal court (1595-1617). The lengthy treatise engages Islam – in dialogical format and with high competence of cross-cultural translation and interreligious mirroring throughout the text – on doctrinal and practical levels, paired with apologetic demonstrations of Christian faith (demonstration fidei). While the text did not receive much debate at the Mughal court, when reaching Safavid Persia, it sparked a distinct resistance to the Catholic missionary’s effort of interreligious theological engagement with the Muslim world, most outstanding in a work of the Isfahani Shi’a scholar Sayyid Aḥmad ‘Alavī (d. 1644 or 1650) titled *Miṣqal-i Safā’ dar tajleya va taṣfeya-yi Ā’īnā-yi Ḥaqq-numā* (Polisher of the Truth-revealing Mirror, 1622), confronting Jerome Xavier’s mirror of truth. This triggered in turn a response by Catholic Arabic and Islam scholar Filippo Guadagnoli in Rome, with his work *Apologia pro christiana religione* (1631), and by Jesuit missionary in Isfahan Aimé Chézaud, with his *Māsiḥ Miṣqal-i Safā-i Ā’īnā-yi Ḥaqq-numā* (1656) (Corrector to The Mirror-Polisher of the Truth-Revealing Mirror), reacting on behalf of the Vatican’s Propaganda Fidei to ‘Alavī and in defense of Jerome Xavier, followed by a number of Shia-Catholic apologetic and interreligious controversies over the seventeenth century across these same worlds. Including also an Augustinian missionary in Isfahan, who converted to Islam: ‘Ali-Quli Jadid al-Islam; he again pursued a confronting mirror to the Catholic protagonists of this interreligious controversy towards the end of the 17th century, promoting once more the arguments of Aḥmad ‘Alavī. Recent research on this Indo-Persian mission and the polemical cycle between Jesuits and Muslims in Mughal and Safavid courts by the panelists fruitfully examines the competing mirrors and explores them in view of paradigm shifts evolving from them for the understanding of Indo-Persian missions, the history of (counter)scriptural reasoning and interreligious exchange. How can this cycle of inter-religious and apologetical exchange offer us new understandings in early modern conceptions of mission, cross-cultural translation, revelation, scripture, language, and the religious arts?

Discussing the Bible and the Quran: A Hitherto Unknown Persian Missionary Work from Early Modern Times

Halft D.

University of Trier

The Suras of the Torah: Experiments with the Voice of God as a Consequence of Muslim-Christian Polemical Cycles in Mughal- Safavid Courts

Sherman William E. B.

University of North Carolina

Mirroring images and visual translations: Ivories of the Good Shepherd and their relation to Nasrāṇi art (Persia/India, 1590s-1630s)

Gusella F.

University of Muenster

Islam and Pluralism: Between Diversity and Relativism

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 08:30 alle 10:45

FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Jocelyne Cesari

Chair: Jocelyne Cesari

Speaker: Jocelyne Cesari, Saida Mirsadri, Pegah Zohouri, Mohamed Hashas

Since its inception, the Islamic theology has acknowledged religious difference. The Medina constitution is a unique example of “pluralistic theocracy” where the Prophet Mohammed and the nascent Islamic community acknowledged in their midst, the People of the previous monotheistic revelations (Ahl Al Kitab). This acknowledgement should not be mistaken with the secular understanding of pluralism: it was hierarchical, with limited/little recognition for the space of non-monotheistic religions within the nascent Islamic community. Nevertheless, throughout history, Islam has had lengthy encounters with other religions such as Hinduism and Buddhism, given that two-thirds of Muslims live in South and Southeast Asia. The concept of Ahl al-Kitab, and the related ahl al-Dhimma, has therefore been extended to include other groups besides those mentioned. Another historic feature of Islamic pluralism is the internal diversity of religious opinions for example within the Sunni tradition with the continued existence of four major schools of jurisprudence and their recognition of acceptable differences or ikhtilaf. At the same time, Sunni-Shia dynamics have always been a sensitive political issue impacting theologies and practices of negotiating the diversity and plurality inherent within Islam. Nonetheless, most of the scholarly attention has been to consider how reflection within the Islamic tradition deals with inter-religious diversity, rather than its intra-religious diversity. Given this background and lacunae, the panel focuses on the following categories and topics associated with the question of plurality both within and outside the boundaries of the religious community: Sunni/Shia relations, women, Kafir and Dhimmi.

Ideological trends in the recent (and not so recent) historiography of ancient religions of the Mediterranean and Near East

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 09:45 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 5

Proponent: Robert Hawley

Chair: Robert Hawley, Ivan Guermeur, Robert Hawley, Francesca Prescendi Morresi

Speaker: Robert Hawley, Ivan Guermeur, Silvia Roman, Ginevra Benedetti, Aurelie Jouvenel, Francesca Prescendi Morresi

Over the last thirty years, those studying the ancient religions of the Mediterranean and Near East, working in various fields such as Egyptology, cuneiform studies, Greek and Roman culture, or biblical studies, have all confronted a host of “paradigm changes”, affecting not only the tools and methods of their respective disciplines, but also the attitudes and expectations of their students, colleagues, and wider scholarly public. Some of these shifts in perspective concerned theory and methodology, while others have touched on more sensitive societal issues such as postcolonialism and the broader question of cultural hegemonies in scholarship. All societies, global and academic communities included, inevitably change over time. One generation’s reigning consensus regarding methodology give way to a new generation of students and scholars whose theoretical and methodological preoccupations have moved beyond, sometimes far beyond, those of their predecessors. This panel proposes a series of “state of the art” assessments or case studies of how our respective disciplines have changed methodologically over the course of the last generation. Particularly encouraged are treatments which engage sincerely with post-colonial theory applied to the historiography of the ancient religions of the Mediterranean and Near East.

Ancient Mesopotamian religions today: The dark side of polytheism

Roman S.

Musée de Versailles

Beyond religious “mutation”: Revisiting the historiographical perspective on Greco-Roman polytheisms in the Imperial era

Benedetti G.

University of Siena

From biblical archeology to decolonial archeology: Shifting paradigms in Iron Age studies of Israel-Palestine

Jouvenel A.

EPHE, PSL

The perception of ancient Egyptian religion in the context of paradigm shifts

Guermeur I.

Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes

Jesus and the king of Saturnalia: reflections on the Golden Bough of James George Frazer

Prescendi Morresi F.

EPHE, PSL

Biblical studies and the study of ancient Ugaritic religion

Hawley R.

Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes

The transnational politics of religious movements: Europe, Turkey, Russia, Africa, United States

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 13:15

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Kristina Stoeckl

Chair: Kristina Stoeckl

Speaker: Hüseyin Cicek, Micheal Driessen, Kristina Stoeckl, Andrew Bunnell

This open panel invites contributions on the topic of transnational religious movements with a special focus on Europe, Turkey, Russia and the United States. The panel especially invites contributions that expand research on religious actors as transnational norm entrepreneurs beyond Russia and/or beyond the European Christian context. The panel is open to 3 more submissions.

Accepted panelists:

Andrew Bunnell (US): “‘The Most Important Thing’: Exploring the missionary origin of Pro-Family Political Linkages between Western Evangelicals and the Russian Orthodox Church”. This paper explores the historical background, political alliances, global agenda, and funding goals of missionary labor by pro-family groups that have successfully brought far right ideas from obscurity to the forefront of a transnational political and cultural battleground.

Hüseyin Çiçek (Austria): “Turkey’s religious geopolitics”. Since 2002, the AKP has strategically employed Islam as a tool for international image cultivation, marking a departure from Kemalism in both ideology and politics. This strategy leverages Turkey’s Islamic history to position the country as a critical junction between East and West. The declaration of 2005 as the “Year of Africa” by the AKP signified a substantial intensification of Turkey’s role as a representative of global Islam and the global Ummah. The paper explores the intricate, hidden, and interconnected factors driving Turkey-Africa relations

‘The Most Important Thing’: Exploring the missionary origin of Pro-Family Political Linkages between Western Evangelicals and the Russian Orthodox Church

Bunnell A.

University of Washington

Turkey’s religious geopolitics

Cicek H.

University of Vienna

Interreligious Dialogue, Religious Humanism and Christian Nationalism: On the Ambivalence of the Concept of Human Dignity in Contemporary Global Politics

Driessen M.

John Cabot University

Paradigms of Transformation in a Time of Rupture and Polarisation: Religious and theological aspects

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 16:30

FATESI - STURZO

Proponent: Martin Kirschner

Chair: Martin Kirschner

Speaker: Martin Kirschner, Markus Riedenauer, Klaus Viertbauer, Mikheil Nebieridze, Justin Veit, Stephan Tautz

Times of crisis are associated with experiences of rupture and the need for an often radical transformation, which affect both the reality of life itself and the cognitive concepts and operational images with which we orientate ourselves in historical reality. This leads to fundamental conflicts and polarisations that affect not only the description and positioning of topics, but also the epistemological assumptions, the methodological approach and the "framing" of facts. Such conflicts come to a head in the religious field in particular, insofar as it is there where things are negotiated and confessed that are fundamental and imperative: the basis and meaning of reality, the understanding of man, the legitimisation of power, ultimate convictions, ideological conflicts and dealing with pluralism.

The panel will discuss "paradigms of transformation" in a threefold sense: 1) looking at paradigm shifts in the context of crises and ruptures; 2) addressing the question in which paradigm and on what paradigmatic events such "transformation" can be conceived and 3) considering what significance the category of "paradigm shift" has in this context.

Shift to the Cybernetic Paradigm

Riedenauer M.

Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, ZRKG

On Spirituality and the Future of Atheism

Viertbauer K.

Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, ZRKG

Beyond rationalism. Rethinking conscience, based on the antique emergence of the term, within a theory of alterity

Veit J.

Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, ZRKG

Theo-loguing beyond the Dominion of the Present. Approaching the Current Post-Postmodern Paradigm Shift in the Theopolitical Discourse

Tautz S.

LMU Munchen

Faith in Flux: The Interplay of Religion, Politics, and Identity in Post-Soviet Georgia

Nebieridze M.

Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, ZRKG

Synodality: a paradigm shift in Catholic ecclesiology in the context of rupture and polarisation

Kirschner M.

Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, ZRKG

New Paradigms of Political Theology

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:00 alle 13:15

FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Tommy Lynch

Chair: Ole Jakob Loland

Speaker: Ragnar Misje Bergem, Marika Rose, Alex Dubilet, Ole Jakob Loland, Tommy Lynch

In recent years, political theology has undergone a renaissance. It is a flourishing interdisciplinary space that engages materials, methods, and perspectives from anthropology to religious studies, from black studies to literary studies. These three papers examine the way that classic themes within political theology (sovereignty, violence and legitimacy) have been reconfigured by this disciplinary shift. In 'Cosmic General Antagonism and Undercommon Gnosis', Dubilet examines sovereignty's constitutive claim of having overcome civil war by reconstructing a perspective that affirms the primacy of civil war.

Through a reading of Augustine's return to Gnosticism, he theorizes Gnostic revolt as a general antagonism on a cosmic scale. Similarly, Lynch argues for a political theology opposed to sovereignty in his 'Destituent Apocalypticism'. Through a reading of Walter Benjamin and recent work in environmental political philosophy, he argues that sovereignty is pervasive in conceptualising autonomy and freedom. In 'A Political Theology of Care', Rose argues that the division of the world into public and private spheres, the division of the political from the theological, and the emergence of forms of sovereignty structured by private property are all gendered transformations. Drawing on recent work on the relationship between religion, the family and reproduction, this paper will suggest that a political theology of care must account for the entanglement of care with violence.

Cosmic General Antagonism and Undercommon Gnosis

Dubilet A.

Vanderbilt University

Destituent Apocalypticism

Lynch T.

University of Chichester

A Political Theology of Care

Rose M.

University of Winchester

Transcendence in the Petrostate: Theological reflections on Fossil Capital

Misje Bergem R.

MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

Imagining another world. Utopia and paradigm shifts

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - AULA MAGNA

Proponent: Christian Schlenker, Cornelia Mügge

Chair: Christian Schlenker, Cornelia Mügge

Speaker: Silvana Kandel, Cornelia Mügge, Christian Schlenker, Hendrik Stoppel, Giustina Baron, Charlotte Jacobs, Dörte Mohme

Within the realm of theology, the nuanced relationship between utopian thinking and paradigm shifts raises pivotal questions. This panel seeks to delve into the multifaceted nature of utopias, exploring whether they serve as catalysts for essential change or pose obstacles by projecting realities too distant from the present. While theological discourse has often viewed utopian concepts with skepticism, a critical examination reveals their integral role. The utopical potential, e.g. regarding the Christian traditions, within biblical narratives, exemplified by the Sermon on the Mount, Neighbourly Love, and the transformative horizon of hope, remains a defining feature. Our proposed panel aims to scrutinize the ambivalences, potentials, and problems inherent in utopian thinking within theology. How do utopian elements in sacred texts shape theological thought? In what ways do utopian ideals influence theological traditions? How have utopias contributed to historical and contemporary paradigm shifts, such as in feminism, queer theology, and ecology? What is the relevance of utopian ideals in addressing imminent paradigm shifts, especially in response to ecological crises and the Anthropocene, within theological discourse? By exploring the intersections of biblical narratives, theological traditions, societal movements, and pressing global challenges, our endeavour is to unravel the complex tapestry of utopias and their impact on theological paradigms.

Introduction

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U-Topology of the Eschaton

Stoppel H.

University of Bochum

Paul of Tarsus and Odo of Parheo. Rereading Pauline contradictions with utopian lenses

Mohme D.

Union Theological Seminary

‘King or Kingdom?’ Shifting Paradigms between Secularism and Religion in Modern Utopia

Kandel S.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Rethinking Russian Cosmism: utopian and speculative futures in post-soviet Russia

Baron G.

University of Turin

Seeking for a better world? The challenge of utopian thinking in Christian Ethics

Mügge C.

University of Münster

Utopia and the Gift of Grace. Critical Normative Theory and the Eco-Theological Imagination

Schlenker C.

University of Tübingen

Beyond the System? Utopian Thinking as Source of Social Transformation

Jacobs C.

University of Jena

Russia-Ukraine Information Warfare

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - CUSMANO

Proponent: Marianna Napolitano

Chair: Marianna Napolitano

Speaker: Marianna Napolitano, Sara Riccardi-Swartz, Fiete Stegers, Vera Tolz-Zilitinkevic, Greg Simons, Nadia Zasanka, Selma Marthedal, Noemi Mena Montes

Russia's war in Ukraine isn't just being fought on the ground and in the air but also in the information space. The extent to which this war is being waged and shared online appeared to be notable also compared to previous wars: both traditional and new media are being used as instrument of propaganda, news, manipulated narratives. The aim of the panel is investigating and discussing these information warfare strategies from a religious, political and social perspective. Therefore, papers from a wide range of disciplines (political science, religious studies, media studies) are welcomed. The following topics are particularly encouraged:

- sources of state and church information strategies: how they changed in the years (for instance in comparison to the conflict of Majdan)?
 - how traditional and new media helps in connecting (or not) people living in Russia, in Ukraine and in the diaspora?
 - do traditional and new media show to be reliable instrument of information during the Russia-Ukraine conflict? Are they reliable in telling the reality of the conflict (roots, causes, story of people involved in it)?
- use and role of social media: how the war is fought on social media?; how social media support the religious experience in a time of church splits?

The War in Ukraine and Russia's contradictory Discourse of Imperial Identity

Tolz--Zilitinkevic V.

University of Manchester

Russia-Ukraine War: Information Warfare in the Culture War and Vision of Orthodoxy in Ukraine

Simons G.

Turiba University

Communicator of dignity: Greek Catholic Church during the Russo-Ukrainian war

Zasanka N.

Interdisciplinary Center for European Studies, Flensburg University

A paradigm shift in (dis)information warfare: How TikTok content and deepfakes become threatening weapons in the Russia-Ukraine war

Marthedal S.

Digital Democracy Centre, University of Southern Denmark

Reactive Imaginaries Abroad: Ukraine and American Far-Right Media Worlds

Riccardi--Swartz S.

Northeastern University

#Bioloabs: The spread of a Russian disinformation campaign to the German social media and public sphere

Stegers F.

Hamburg University of Applied Sciences

Navigating Social Media in the Digital Diaspora: Insights from Ukrainian Women Refugees in the Netherlands Amidst the Russia-Ukraine Conflict

Mena Montes N.

Radboud University

The Council of Nicaea, Synodality, and the Prospect of Orthodox-Catholic Unity

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Paul Gavrilyuk

Chair: Paul Gavrilyuk, Hyacinthe Destivelle

Speaker: Young Richard Kim, Paul Gavrilyuk, Amphilochios Miltos, Hyacinte Destivelle, Cyril Hovorun

The purpose of the panel is to discuss the legacy of the Council of Nicaea (325) as a basis for Christian unity. The panel will feature select presentations from the speakers invited to the conference “Nicaea and the Church of the Third Millennium: Towards Orthodox-Catholic Unity,” to be held at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas and co-organized by the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA) and the Institute for the Ecumenical Studies in Rome (June 2025). The panel will feature papers from four scholars: Paul Gavrilyuk will introduce the panel and speak about Nicaea’s implications for Orthodox-Catholic unity; Cyril Hovorun (Sweden/ Ukraine) will shed new light on the Filioque Controversy, construing it as a clash of Byzantine and Latin exegetical approaches to Nicaea and its Creed; Katerina Pekridou (Belgium/ Greece) will speak about communion ecclesiology as developed in contemporary ecumenical theology with the focus on bilateral dialogues; Young Richard Kim (USA) will discuss the Protestant receptions of Nicaea and their ecumenical implications. In addition, papers are invited to this open panel on the following topics: 1) the significance of the First Ecumenical Council for the understanding and practice of synodality and primacy; 2) the importance of the Council’s dogmatic and canonical decisions for ecumenical dialogue.

The Faith of Nicaea, the Hierarchy of Truths, and Orthodox-Catholic Unity

Gavrilyuk P.

University of St. Thomas

Filioque as a Post-Nicaean Aftershock

Hovorun C.

University College Stockholm

"All, Some, One". Synodal Dynamics and Orthodox-Catholic Unity

Destivelle H.

Institute for Ecumenical Studies, Angelicum, Rome

The Report “A Synodal Church in Mission”: an Orthodox point of view on its implications for Orthodox-Catholic unity

Miltos A.

Volos Academy of Theological Studies

Protestant Receptions of Nicaea: Wisdom for Ecumenical Dialogue

Kim Y.R.

University of Illinois

Nature's Dance of the Seven Veils: an Analysis of Shifts in Understanding

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 13:15

FATESI - MAUROLICO B

Proponent: Anne Marie Reijnen

Chair: Anne Marie Reijnen

Speaker: Anne Marie Reijnen, William Krisel, Lejla Demiri, Ivana Noble

What is the most adequate name for the non-built environment? In this panel we argue that it matters whether we suppose ourselves to be looking at “Nature” as a separate dimension, or conceive of ourselves as children of Gaia, as stakeholders of the “common household”, or as parts of the “Web of life”. We analyse the background of these different conceptions and assess the implications for anthropology and ecology.

The panel draws upon religious teachings from Jewish, Christian and Muslim as well as life sciences.

The Earth as Common Home: Dumitru Stăniloae and Jürgen Moltmann in Conversation

Noble I.

Charles University

Islamic Contributions to Green Theology

Demiri L.

Tübingen University

Beyond Genesis 1: Alternative Creation Narratives in the Hebrew Bible. The Potential of Exegetical Resources to Deflect Habitual Anthropocentrism

Krisel W.

Catholic University Paris/ Institut Catholique de Paris

Author meets critique: L'uomo del dialogo. Mario Gozzini oltre gli steccati tra cristianesimo e comunismo, Gimbattista Scirè (Marietti 1820, 2024)

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 12:15 alle 13:15

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Giambattista Scirè

Speaker: Giambattista Scirè, Tommaso Baris, Alberto Melloni

Ripercorrere oggi la storia di Mario Gozzini significa andare al cuore della storia italiana del XX secolo: ricostruire quel «dialogo alla prova» tra mondo cattolico e comunista di cui si fece promotore, vuol dire affrontare una delle vicende più complesse e meno studiate della storia dell'Italia repubblicana. La storia di un paese «mancato», di una nazione che avrebbe potuto esserci ma che non c'è stata. Vuol dire anche recuperare un «filo rosso» che va dall'antifascismo alla Costituzione fino alla fine della guerra fredda per costruire prospettive che hanno unito uomini e donne schierati ideologicamente in campi diversi, cattolici e comunisti, ma con la condivisione di valori fondanti. Mario Gozzini ha partecipato, da protagonista indiscusso, a quella storia: fu uno dei principali sostenitori della candidatura della «pattuglia cattolica» nelle liste elettorali del Pci; fu un pioniere, sul fronte dei credenti, di alcune tra le più importanti battaglie sui diritti in Italia, dal divorzio alla regolamentazione dell'interruzione di gravidanza, alla obiezione di coscienza al servizio militare fino alla riforma carceraria in funzione umanitaria e garantista; fu un severo critico del comunismo ateista, ma anche un riformatore nel mondo religioso. Ricordare la sua vita è recuperare un pezzo fondamentale del Novecento italiano.

Feminist Epistemologies and Theology

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - DI GIOVANNI

Proponent: Peter Jonsescu

Chair: Peter Jonsescu

Speaker: Pilira Zapita, Peter Jonsescu, Andreas Krebs, Taylor J. Ott

Feminist Epistemologies not only critique but shift the paradigms framing our theologies. While Feminist thought initially critiqued how gender influences our knowledge; today, it also reimagines our theologies. This panel seeks to expand the collaboration between Feminist Epistemologies and theology.

As the second word of this proposal says, there is not only one feminist epistemology but many. In the wake of 2nd Wave Feminism, which highlights the importance of recognizing gender and social location, we now have come to recognize the many Feminist Epistemologies in the world (e.g. Womanist, Asian-feminist, Mujerista, African-feminist, Disability and feminism, Queer, etc.). Although some criticize Feminist thought in theology as being too particular, this panel recognizes this particularity as a strength for exploring universal concepts (evil, divinity, humanity, etc.). While these various Epistemologies bear rightful critiques of current and past theology, they also contain new standpoints from where we can re-discuss and re-imagine our theology. Papers for this panel will explore theology through these Feminist Epistemologies, either placing different viewpoints together or from a singular approach.

Of Slumber Parties and Ladies' Nights: Toward a Feminist Theology of Friendship

Ott Taylor J.

KU Leuven

Of Earth: Exploring the Womanist Vision of Embodied and Experiential Spirituality

Zapita P.

King's College London

Creation Beyond Binarity, Stability, and Identity

Krebs A.

Rheinischen Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität

Sin with(out) Definition: Re-Thinking of Sin through Gender-Queer Insights

Jonescu P.

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

Interreligious Perspectives on Death and Dying

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - CAMPO

Proponent: Zeyneb Sayilgan

Chair: Zeyneb Sayilgan, Davide Tacchini

Speaker: Davide Tacchini, Mojtaba Shamsavariavijeh, Hiroaki Kawanishi, Zeyneb Sayilgan, Salih Sayilgan

Death and Dying are universal human experiences. Yet, the religious meanings, responses, and rituals concerning the reality of death are diverse. As the religious landscape around the globe is changing, the interreligious study of death and dying requires academic and pastoral attention. To equip those who care for and serve the dying and bereaved, interreligious knowledge, competency, and skills are needed. This panel will bring into conversation scholars for an interreligious reflection on the broad area of Death and Dying. We are interested in papers that demonstrate how the interreligious study of Death and Dying results in a paradigm shift in thinking about how to care for a religiously diverse population.

Topics can include but are not limited to:

- Death Awareness and Death Anxiety
- Theologies of Death and Dying
- Theologies of Afterlife
- Religion and Politics around Euthanasia and Assisted-Dying/Suicide
- Rituals around Death and Dying
- Religious Understandings of a Good Death
- Bereavement and Grief

Death Awareness in Islam: Challenging Modern Death Anxiety

Sayilgan Z.

Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies, Baltimore MD - USA

Death - A Creation of God: Muslim Views on Mortality

Sayilgan S.

Georgetown University

Christian and Muslim Eschatology: A Comparative Overview

Tacchini D.

Friedrich-Schiller University

**Tracing an Esoteric Allegory on the Religious Concept of a Good Death -
Skinning the Serpent: Annihilation of Self-hood according to Najm al-Din al-
Razi's (d. 654/1256) Sufi commentary on the Qur'an**

Shahsavariavijeh M.

University of Toronto

Beyond Bodily Death: A Theological Reflection on Q 3:169

Kawanishi H.

University of Tuebingen

Engaging religious heritage in higher education: opportunities and challenges for pluralisation of knowledge and praxis

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - D'ACQUISTO

Proponent: Mariz Tadros, James Baker

Chair: James Baker, Mariz Tadros, Rund Hammoudi

Speaker: James Baker, Shivan Toma, Zubeida AbdulKhalik, Wafaa Khedr, Juwan Mahdi, Saaed Adris, Rund Hammoudi, Mariz Tadros

Popular religion and heritage can overlap significantly, creating a space for academics to teach lived religion in people's lives in highly innovative ways. This panel shares and critically reflects on the experiences of faculty from six different disciplines (development studies, sociology, linguistics, Arabic studies, translation, digital archiving) in engaging with religious heritage at the University of Duhok (UoD) in Iraq, the Institute of Development Studies, UK & the University of Southampton (UoS). Panellists from UoD share their experiences of using unconventional methods of pedagogy in learning, mediating and sharing religious heritage of (in alphabetical order): the Armenians, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Kakais, Sabean-Mandeans, Shabak, Syriacs, Turkmen and Yazidis. Panellists from IDS and UoS discuss the application of participatory methodologies in the generation and safeguarding of communities' religious heritage. The panel will also discuss challenges in ensuring multivocality, recognition and inclusive representation in and outside the classroom.

Digital documents are surprisingly fragile: engaging communities with preserving their intangible cultural heritage

Baker J.

University of Southampton

Opportunities and pitfalls for heritage studies in engaging with minority religions

Tadros M.

Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

In the Cradle of Civilization: Navigating Challenges and Celebrating Triumphs in the Preservation of Assyrian and Chaldean Heritage Amidst Kurdish Diversity

Toma S.

University of Duhok

The role of Heritage in Preserving the Social Fabric and Cohesion of the Turkmen of Tal Afar in Nineveh after ISIS

Adris S.

University of Duhok

Kaka'i Religion and Environmental Ethics: Spiritual Response to Climate Change

Abdulkhalik Z.

University of Duhok

Armenians in Kurdish and Iraqi Society: Between co-existence and identity preservation

Mahdi J.

University of Duhok

The Role of the Yazidi Community in Preserving Cultural Heritage in the Town of Bashiqa - Nineveh Governorate

Khedr W.

University of Duhok

Re-interpreting Secularism in the Age of Illiberalism

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 4

Proponent: Ivo Gruev, Dorjana Bojanovska Popovska

Chair: Elizabeth Orrego Torres

Speaker: Ivo Gruev, Dorjana Bojanovska Popovska, Francesca Raimondo, Elizabeth Orrego Torres, Esra Unal, Catherine Van De Graaf

The rise of illiberal democracy across the world has recently attracted vast scholarship. The burgeoning literature in this field has primarily focused on the intersection between illiberalism and populism, as well as illiberalism and the erosion of the rule of law and judicial independence. The relationship between illiberalism and religion has received less attention and has been mainly explored in relation to the role of religion in populist discourse, the return of “God” in the constitution, and the (re)emergence of ethno-religious nationalism. This blind spot is somewhat surprising, considering the wealth of older scholarship on the role of religion in the evolution of modern constitutions and liberal democracy, and more recent anxieties about the rise of strong religion. The panel addresses this gap by inquiring into the correlation between the erosion of liberalism and secularism with a particular emphasis on the ways in which constitutional secularism is (re)interpreted in illiberal and backsliding democracies. It sheds light on the broader political goals and judicial mechanisms of said (re)interpretation and the consequences it produces in the legal universe, especially with regard to the changing regulation of state-church relations and the restriction of fundamental rights on religion-based grounds.

(Re)Interpreting Rights through Religion: A New Challenge to Secularism in Illiberal Contexts

Gruev I.

Academy for European Human Rights Protection, University of Cologne

Reversed Secularization as part of the Illiberal Toolkit

Bojanovska Popovska D.

Central European University

The Religion of Citizenship: Illiberalism in Context

Raimondo F.

Université Catholique de Louvain

Legal Entity Status of Religious Minorities under Turkish Law: Challenges and Perspectives

Unal E.

Khadir Has University

Illiberal Laïcité in Sports: Imposing Cultural Homogeneity onto French Olympians

Van De Graaf C.

Academy for European Human Rights Protection, University of Cologne

Religion and Cold War, from the Helsinki Agreement and beyond (1975-1990s)

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 5

Proponent: Katharina Kunter, Stéphanie Roulin

Chair: Katharina Kunter

Speaker: Massimo Faggioli, Stéphanie Roulin, Nazedha Beliakova, Roland Cerny-Werner, Bent Boel, Katharina Kunter

In 2025, the international community will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE; 1973-1975). This milestone is often lauded as a significant diplomatic achievement during the détente era, a pivotal moment in the cessation of the Cold War. However, the integrity of the Helsinki Final Act faces formidable challenges in the wake of Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine. Should the Helsinki process therefore be seen as a policy based on false premises? Or, for this very reason, analysed even more carefully from a historical perspective? What about the emergence of new forms and models of cooperation aimed at bridging the East-West divide, spearheaded in this period by civil society organisations of various kinds – humanitarian agencies, churches and religious organisations, groups of human rights activists? Drawing on recent research (e.g. Tyszkiewicz, *Human Rights and Political Dissident in Central Europe – Between the Helsinki Accords and the Fall of the Berlin Wall*, 2021; Badalassi and Snyder, *The CSCE and the End of the Cold War: Diplomacy, Societies and Human Rights*, 2019; Thomas, *The Helsinki Effect: International Norms, Human Rights, and the Demise of Communism*, 2001) this panel will present new research on the topic, discuss its historical relevance and current political instrumentalisation in Europe.

Bible smuggling during the Cold War: Narratives, Issues, Puzzles

Boel B.

University of Aalborg

**The Helsinki Agreement's Influence on Religious Freedom in the Eastern Bloc:
A Transnational Examination through the Case of Georgi Vins**

Beliakova N.

University of Bielefeld

**The Vatican in International Space and the epistemological turn of papal
diplomacy in the Cold War**

Cerny--Werner R.

Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg

**Post-Cold War Narratives in the US Catholic Culture Wars: "The Fateful
Nineties"**

Faggioli M.

Villanova University

Varieties of Catholicity: Theological Trajectories and Paradigms

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Philip McCosker

Chair: Philip McCosker, Stephan Van Erp

Speaker: Simon Hewitt, Philip McCosker, Stephan Van Erp, Wilibaldus Gaut, Florian Klug

Most Christians profess a belief in the church's catholicity (from the Greek kath'holou: according to the whole). But what actually is catholicity and what is the 'whole' to which it points? Some of the ressourcement theologians of the 20th century started rethinking catholicity. They pushed back against quantitative understandings (whether geo-spatial, sociological, or temporal) in favour of more qualitative understandings, going as far as to suggest that catholicity is ultimately a quality of God, or Christ, of the Spirit. They started to pick out varieties of catholicities: quantitative/extensive, qualitative/intensive, counterfeit, actual, partial, virtual, secular, performative, diachronic, synchronic, creational, apophatic, amongst others. Within the context of a 5 year international research project based at the ACU, this panel invites papers which consider the variety of ways of conceiving catholicity, whether from the perspective of theological doctrines, different traditions, or any time period or geographical location. The panel is particularly interested in paper proposals which focus on soteriology and eschatology. It is also interested in papers which explore the history and politics of different paradigms for construing catholicity.

Catholicity: Between Political Performance and Eschatology

Gaut W.

KU Leuven

The Catholic Kingdom and the Catholic Church

Hewitt S.

University of Leeds

The Catholicity of Truth: Socrates in Hans Urs von Balthasar as a Christian Martyr in Disguise

Klug F.

Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, University of Vienna

ATLAS

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Alessia Passarelli

Chair: Rossella Bottoni

Speaker: Anna Parrilli, Perparim Uxhi, Cristiana Cianitto, Alessia Passarelli, Ilaria Valenzi

The Atlas is an ongoing project that aims to map and measure the rights of religious or belief minorities (RBMs) in the EU countries. Mapping will illuminate what rights RBMs have in each country, and measuring is essential for developing evidencebased policy making. To this end, the Atlas makes use of three indices that measure the promotion of RBM rights (P-index), equal treatment (E-index) and the distance between religious majority and minorities (G-index). The indices have been constructed on the basis of the answers given by the national legal experts. In this panel the proponents will present the latest developments, including the new index (P&D Index) measuring the level of satisfaction and perceived discrimination of the RBMs in the EU countries and the introduction of new countries into the analysis.

The early Irish church: new approaches.

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - MAUROLICO B

Proponent: Alexander Cupples

Chair: Alexander Cupples, Catherine Swift

Speaker: Alexander Cupples, Catherine Swift, Daniel Watson, Jiachun Xu

Throughout history, the early Irish church has often been perceived as heterodox or idiosyncratic to a degree e.g. the ecclesiastical historian Kathleen Hughes summarises medieval Ireland as 'odd'. Its idiosyncrasies have often been seized upon by historians and other academics with political agendas, or biases. Meanwhile there remains a desideratum in the study of the early Irish church from all disciplines, particularly its theology. Furthermore, Thomas O'Loughlin bemoans that they are mostly written from a narrow disciplinary field. This panel aims to address these desiderata by presenting papers from multiple disciplines and institutions to promote the theological study of the early Irish church considering recent innovations, identifying paradigm shifts in its study and within its historical theology itself. One such recent innovation is the edition and translation of the largest collection of early medieval Irish canonical law which will be addressed by one of the papers arguing that Ireland was more orthodox than previously thought. Another paper will attempt to recreate arguably the oldest depiction of an Irish Eucharist to determine if there was a theological shift introduced by the Carolingian Renaissance. Early Irish theology is of present significance, e.g. its potential to be a unifying force in the peace process in Northern Ireland, its foundational role in the formation of European identity and Ireland's place on the world stage.

The Collectio Canonum Hibernensis and Pope Gregory's Pastoral Rule; evidence for early Irish ecclesiology

Swift C.

Mary Immaculate College

The pre-Carolingian Renaissance Eucharist in the Antiphonary of Bangor: an attempt to reconstruct.

Cupples A.

Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin

Natural Revelation and Philosophical Theology in Early Medieval Ireland

Watson D.

Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies

The Days of Creation According to the Isidorian Computists and the Augustinian Theologians in Seventh-Century Ireland

Xu J.

Trinity College Dublin

EUARE Religion and Policy Pool Religion and Public Policy - Emerging Trends, Challenges and Opportunities and New Policy Spaces

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:15 alle 16:30

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Peter Petkoff

Chair: Peter Petkoff

Speaker: Mátyás Bódi, Peter Petkoff, Aleksandra Djuric Milovanovic, Malcolm Evans OBE, Metropolitan Emmanuel Adamakis, Naftali Rothenberg, Mario Ricchi, Pieter Francois, Pasquale Annicchino, Alberto Melloni, Nikolaos Maghioros

Religion remains a major factor of policy formation both domestically and internationally. The EUARE round table on Religion and policy brings annually a pool of policy makers, faith leaders and scholars who engage in a dialogue about the changing nature of the nexus between law and religion, region and foreign policy, relations between religion and the state, religious cultural heritage and religion and sustainable development within the G7 and G20 contexts. The EUARE Dialogues are designed to create an impact environment and knowledge transfer through the creation intellectual spaces and opportunities for policy makers to identify new trends, examine existing challenges and opportunities in the field through an engagement with leading international scholars who currently lead the field of religion and policy and define it. While sessions will navigate the dialogues in a round table format curated by a chair they are aimed at being inclusive with the intention to identify and grow the community of EUARE members who work on Religion and Policy wish to be part of the annual dialogues and shape their future agendas. The dialogues will operate under Chatham House Rules.

Co-organised with Law and Religion Oxford, IF20 Forum for Religion and Sustainable Development, University of Thessaloniki, Brigham Young University Centre for Law and Religion studies, AMAR Foundation, Windsor Dialogues, KAICIID

Discussant

Metropolitan Emmanuel Adamakis ^[8], Evans Obe M. ^[7], Annicchino P. ^[1], Djuric Milovanovic A. ^[9], Petkoff P. ^[6], Maghioros N. ^[5], Rothenberg N. ^[4], Melloni A. ^[3], Ricchi M. ^[2], Bódi M., Francois P.

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Author Meets Critique: A Political Theology of Vulnerability, Sturla Stålsett (Brill 2023)

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:30 alle 16:30

FATESI - DUSMET

Proponent: Ulrich Schmiedel

Speaker: Daniela Lucia Rapisarda, Tommy Lynch, Ulrich Schmiedel, Annette Langner-Pitschmann

Claims to vulnerability stir up controversies in ethics and politics. In his groundbreaking A “Political Theology of Vulnerability” (Leiden: Brill, 2023), Sturla J. Stålsett (MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion, and Society) contends that vulnerability is central to political practices. He combines political theory and political theology with reflections on lived religion that draw on his own experiences with liberation movements from around the globe to capture how people gain motivation and meaning in struggles for liberation. Ritualizations of the founding narratives of the Christian faith, Stålsett argues, create a continuous and contextual re-imagination of divine vulnerability that unfolds a powerful political dynamic. In this paradoxical appraisal of power emerges a possible resurgence of agency and community in precarity.

Featuring speakers from across Europe, this panel discusses “A Political Theology of Vulnerability” in a conversation that blurs the disciplinary boundaries between theology, philosophy, sociology, and social work in order to explore the problems and potentials of vulnerability in contemporary politics.

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Stålsett S.

Keynote Lecture: The Anthropological Turn of Religion - On the Paradigm Shift in the Theoretical Function of Transcendence in Secularized Modernity

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 17:30 alle 18:30

FONDAZIONE SICILIA - SALA DEI 99

Adhering to religion in secularized modernity does not imply a regression to pre-modernity. Rather, religion must be incorporated into the paradigm shift that signifies the departure from traditional substance metaphysics or ontology, a shift that Habermas refers to as the post-metaphysical age. Such adherence to religion does not forsake the achievements of secularization; instead, it obliges religion to adopt a new soberness and clarity, one that expresses the Enlightenment's idea of “man's emergence from his self-imposed immaturity”(Immanuel Kant) and serves as a testament to humanity's freedom and capacity for reason. The guarantor of religion's significance lies in its function of recalling and representing humanity's transcendental reference. However, this function is itself entangled in the paradigm shift of the anthropological turn of religion. The article explores how this function can demonstrate and prove its normative shape and role in the establishment of a concept of religion in modernity.

The Anthropological Turn of Religion – On the Paradigm Shift in the Theoretical Function of Transcendence in Secularized Modernity

Gräb--Schmidt E.*

University of Tübingen

Gala dinner

Mercoledì 22 Maggio 2024 dalle 20:30 alle 21:30

GRAND HOTEL PIAZZA BORSA

Keynote Lecture: Living in the Society of the Gods. A Chinese Contribution to the Comparative Study of Religions

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 09:00 alle 10:00

FONDAZIONE SICILIA - SALA DEI 99

This paper is based on my ongoing work on Chinese gods and processes of subjectification whereby such gods affirm unique personas and engage humans in person-to-person interactions. I propose that the vast array of ritual techniques developed over the very longue durée in China to allow the gods to “talk back” to humans have allowed these gods to affirm themselves as persons and subjects – even though there was also resistance against such developments. I then wish to open a comparison with other religious cultures and explore the reasons why the presence of gods as subjects varies considerably between different cultural contexts: in some places, gods can engage humans as persons in ways comparable to the Chinese case, and in others they do not. My working hypothesis is that the availability and social acceptance of ritual techniques to allow the gods to talk is a crucial factor in such differences.

Living in the Society of the Gods. A Chinese Contribution to the Comparative Study of Religions

Goossaert V.*

EPHE, PSL, Paris

Towards a history of post-Vatican II: concurrent periodisations and turning points

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 12:45

LA PIRA - TEATRO

Proponent: Massimiliano Proietti, Samuele Adorno

Chair: Federico Ruozzi

Speaker: Alberto Melloni, Massimiliano Proietti, Ilaria Macconi, Massimiliano Palmesano, Ottone Ovidi, Laura Ballestrazzi

Assuming that it is not possible to establish a priori an undisputed periodization for a “global” history of the post-Vatican II period, it is necessary to consider the topic on a large scale to sift through every possibility. This means that the different issues involved (such as: liturgy, ecumenism, social or political issues, theologies...) may have different chronological extremes of investigation; in fact, one cannot ignore that many post-conciliar dynamics started during the council itself and last until nowadays. At the same time, a large-scale investigation cannot fail to take into account the diversity of geo-ecclesial contexts, which are often difficult to trace back to common instances and chronologies.

For this reason, contributions are sought to identify or propose significant historiographical turning points in the perspective of a historicization of the post-Vatican II and identification of concurrent periodisations. The panel is open to any kind of contribution, without thematic or chronological limitations. Papers may involve one or more of these categories or points of view:

- Rome: the papacy, the Roman curia and related structures;
- Local churches: episcopal conferences, diocesan experiences of special interest, local archives;
- People of God: “bottom-up” instances, ecclesial movements, experiences of small communities, socio-political dynamics.

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Liturgical Renewal and Reform between the Council and post-Vatican II: Elements for a Periodization

Proietti M.

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE

1968 in advance: editorial lines and themes of European post-conciliar social Catholicism magazines (1965-1967)

Palmesano M.

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE

The Bitter Pill. Humanae Vitae and its reception: some case studies

Ballestrazzi L.

DREST - Università di Bari

Urban transformation and religious renewal: the case of the San Paolo Basic Christian Community in Rome (1964-1976)

Ovidi O.

Sapienza Università di Roma - Université Grenoble Alpes

Inculturation and Decolonisation of Mission in Africa: for a New Narrative on Evangelisation

Macconi I.

FSCIRE

Conclusions

Melloni A.

FSCIRE

Models in Theology – Methodical and theological paradigm shifts through model-building

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 17:30

FONDAZIONE SICILIA - SALA DEI 99

Proponent: Dominik Baumgartner

Chair: Dominik Baumgartner

Speaker: Dominik Baumgartner, Angelika Wimmer, Linto Francis Kallukulangara, Lukas Metz, Matthias Rufs, Andrea Strickmann, Marjolaine Legros

Models play a crucial role in acquiring scientific knowledge, spanning disciplines from physics to virology, sociology, philosophy, and theology. The historical tradition of model-building in theology dates back to scholastics like Thomas Aquinas. This panel delves into the evolving nature of theological model-building, emphasizing two paradigm shifts. Firstly, it examines changes in the method and content of model-building, posing questions about the unique scientific-theoretical significance of theological models. The need for a distinct theological model theory is highlighted. Secondly, the shift towards innovative approaches in theological models is explored, influenced by encounters with secular philosophical problems and analytical philosophy. The panel aims to address these shifts by investigating the philosophy of science related to theological models and exploring theological peculiarities, using examples like Eucharistic theology and the belief in the resurrection of the body.

The Model Muddle – Epistemological Refinements and Inquiries into a Theological Method

Baumgartner D.

LMU Munich

Revelation as an Interpretative Category of Faith?

Model-theoretical Explorations of the Relation between Creation, General and Special Revelation in the Middle Ground between Realism and Anti-realism

Metz L.

LMU Munich

Modelling the Debate about Divine Action

Rufs M.

Tübingen University

Ontological Models of the Eucharist: Scopes and Limits

Wimmer A.

LMU Munich

Resurrection Models and their variables: Body, Mind, Time – An Overview

Strickmann A.

Archdiocese of Munich and Freising

Reconciling Hylomorphism and Soft-dualism: A New Model for the Personal Identity in the Afterlife

Kallukulangara L.F.

KU Leuven

Defying Theological Overreach of Suffering: Moving Beyond Opposed Eschatological Models

Legros M.

KU Leuven

Religion in the Anthropocene: New Paradigm Shifts in the Study of Contemporary Religious History (19th–21st centuries)

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 17:30

FATESI - AULA MAGNA

Proponent: Natalia Núñez-Bargueño, Petra Kuivala

Chair: Natalia Núñez-Bargueño, Petra Kuivala

Speaker: Javier Recio Huetos, Daniel Rocha, Magdalena Dziackowska, Ivy Helman, Isabel Baltazar, Helena Guerra Pratas, Anja Mlakar, Vega Torres Sastrus, Petra Kuivala, Natalia Núñez-Bargueño, Maite De Beukeleer, Giulia Macario

This panel will explore the new currents for research (ideas, sources, archives, approaches) in the study of contemporary religious history across geographies, denominations, and cultures. We encourage scholars to share their latest findings as well as their ongoing projects. Some of the themes that we propose to discuss are the following: -recent history of religious diversity and ecumenical dialogue;-the political uses of religion and violence;-ecology;-gender (femininities, masculinities, non-binary, LGBTQ+, and queer religion);-material religion (including the body, sensory religion, devotions, space, and emotions);-the interactions between the global, the local, and the national, the transnational as well as the post/de-colonial;-the post/secular;-theology and religious intellectuals;-and the new methodologies and interdisciplinarity at, for example, the intersections of theology and/or religious studies and history, media studies, anthropology, sociology, medicine, economy, and the humanities. NB: Please bear in mind that while we welcome new and unexpected perspectives, the panel's central approach is historiographical, which means that your case study should be historically analyzed and contextualized.

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Critical Reflections on Structuralism in Intersectional Approaches at the Crossroads of Religious Studies, History and Memory Studies.

Dziaczkowska M.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Lund University

A PARADIGM SHIFT: FROM THE RELIGIOUS ROOTS OF THE EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION TO ITS DENIAL ?

Guerra Pratas H.^[1], Baltazar I.^[2]

^[1]Sociedade Científica da Universidade Católica Portuguesa (SCUCP) / Instituto Superior de Educação e Ciências,, ^[2]Universidade de Coimbra; Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Dynamic Intersections: Museum Exhibitions, Scholarly Shifts, and Vernacular Religion in Slovenia

Mlakar A.

Institute IRRIS Faculty of Tourism, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Is it possible to embody the past? Reflections from fieldwork in Jordan on new opportunities in rendering history

Macario G.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Caring for Nature? An Ecofeminist's Inquiry into the History of Jewish Environmentalism

Helman I.

**The many histories of the auxiliaires de l'Apostolat: a plea for
multiperspectivity in historiography**

De Beukeleer M.

KU Leuven

**Social Network Analysis in the Context of the Spanish Transition: Exploring
Religious Dynamics within Social Movements**

Recio Huetos J.

UCLM

Eschatology and Political Engagement: A Study of Brazilian Pentecostalism

Rocha D.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

**Religion in the Second Spanish Republic Cultural Landscape: Approaches
from Art History and Visual Culture**

Torres Sastrus V.

Universitat de València

“Rest” in Ancient Religious Thought: Literary, Historical, and Cultural

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 12:45

FATESI - MAUROLICO A

Proponent: Seth Bledsoe, Eric F. Mason

Chair: Seth Bledsoe, Eric F. Mason

Speaker: Seth Bledsoe, Rodrigo F. de Sousa, Bernard Łukasz Sawicki

How is “rest” understood in the ancient religious thought of various communities? How can one attain “rest”? Is it even something that can or should be sought? How has “rest” been situated within their social and theological frameworks? Who gets to “rest” and when? Are “rest” and “leisure” available to all, or are they a function of elite, privileged imaginaries? This session aims to explore conceptual varieties of “rest” among a diverse group of texts and cultures, especially (but not exclusively) with focus on ancient Jewish and early Christian contexts. Speakers may reflect on the concept of “rest” as it pertains to any number of literary, historical, and cultural settings, including (but not limited to) its metaphorical usage; its manifestations (physical, emotional, social, etc.); its relation with labor, leisure, and also rituals/festivals; and how it functions in, for, or against the empires.

**Between Contemplation and Liberation: Revisiting the Sabbath Law in
Deuteronomy’s Version of the Decalogue**

De Sousa Rodrigo F.

Institut Protestant de Théologie – Faculté de Montpellier

The Rest(lessness) of Sleep in Ben Sira and Early Jewish Discourse

Bledsoe S.

Radboud University

The Two Faces of Mystical Rest in Ancient Christian Spirituality

Łukasz Sawicki B.

Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

Intercultural theological perspectives on God in lived religion

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 15:00

FATESI - D'ACQUISTO

Proponent: Benno van den Toren

Chair: Benno van den Toren

Speaker: Benno van den Toren, Jos Colijn, Heleen Joziassse, Elise Alberts, Iris Nikanne, Matthijs J.C. Blok, Jose Raul Febus Paris

The growing interest in 'lived religion', 'lived theologies' and 'lived faith' in Religious Studies and Theology in recent decades has presented an important renewal in theological studies as an expression of a broader paradigm shift. In Religious Studies, it reflects an awareness of place and embodiment. In Intercultural theology, it permits close attention to how beliefs and practices are contextualized and appropriated at grassroots level. In systematic and practical theology, it reflects the awareness that theology is not only a reflection on a rich tradition of witness to the God of Israel and Jesus of Nazareth, but that this tradition is embodied in the life of a community guided by the Holy Spirit. This panel is triggered by an intuition that models developed for the study of lived religion in the North Atlantic world deeply shaped by the social sciences developed in a secular context may miss crucial dimensions of the way lived theologies function in contexts in the Global South (but not exclusively in the Global South), particularly with respect to the place of God, authority and the source of meaning in such lived theologies. In this panel, we want to test this intuition by looking at case studies of lived theologies from a theological perspective, exploring the place of God and authority and the source of meaning in these theologies and how these insights might test, challenge and deepen existing North-Atlantic frameworks for the study of lived faith.

Jesus, my provider and protector. Lived Christologies of women in the African Israel Nineveh Church, Kenya

Joziassse H.

Independent Researcher

Language(s) as a Window into Lived Theology

Alberts E.

Protestant Theological University, Amsterdam

Refuge in Jesus Christ: What the case of Iraqi forced migrants in Finland who have converted from Islam to Christianity can teach the study of lived faith

Nikanne I.

University of Helsinki

Divine provision in personal crises: A perspective of emerging adults in the Reformed Church in Zambia

J.c. Blok M.

Protestant Theological University, Groningen

Lived theology of Latino Pentecostals in the USA as expression a theology of integration by the Spirit

Febus Paris J.R.

Protestant Theological University, Groningen

Divine Presence in Infant Baptism? An Intercultural Perspective

Colijn J.

Theological University Utrecht

Exploring Transnational Religion: Dynamics, Intersections, and Knowledge Production between the Global North and South

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 12:45

FATESI - CAMPO

Proponent: Elizabeth Orrego Torres, Davide Bertelli

Chair: Natalia Núñez-Bargueño

Speaker: Elizabeth Orrego Torres, Davide Bertelli, Charlie Bell, Caterina Bandini, Natalia Núñez-Bargueño

In today's interconnected world, the concept of transnational religion has gained prominence, reflecting how religious beliefs and spiritualities, activism, practices, and identities traverse borders, affecting change both at the individual and the community levels. This panel seeks to delve into the multifaceted dimensions of transnational religion, examining its various aspects, influences, and implications in the contemporary global context with a focus on the knowledge production between the Global North and the Global South. We welcome theoretical papers, ethnographies, case studies, and other relevant contributions that interrogate the multifaceted nature of transnational religion. Submissions should explore actors, spaces, levels, and temporalities in the relationship between the Global North and the Global South within the context of transnational religion.

We encourage contributors to explore transnational religious concerns, including but not limited to the following:

- Transnational LGBTQ+ activism within religious and non-religious contexts.
- The role of transnational religious networks in shaping global politics.
- Impact of technology and media on transnational religious connectivity.
- Interfaith dialogue and its significance in transcultural and transnational contexts.
- Examination of international solidarity within transnational religious organizations.
- Exploring gender dynamics and power structures within the realm of transnational religion.

Conversations 'here' don't reach 'there' – or do they? How belonging impacts participation in transnational LGBTQ+ activism among religious and non-religious migrants

Bertelli D.

VID Specialized University

The Rise of Transnational Religious Networks at the Organization of American States (OAS)

Orrego Torres E.

Northwestern University / Sciences Po Paris

The Anglican Communion, culture, colonialism, and koinonia: LGBTQIA lives as lightning rod for disunity in a fragmenting transnational ecclesial community

Bell C.

Girton College Cambridge

Transcolonial Judaism: Reframing Jewish Identity through Solidarity Activism

Bandini C.

CHOICE research collective. CNRS/University of Nantes

Mediatization of religion in post-Communist countries: paradigm shifts

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 11:30

FATESI - CUSMANO

Proponent: Victor Khroul
Chair: Victor Khroul
Speaker: Victor Khroul, Terezia Rončáková

The mediatization of religion in post-Communist countries refers to the ways in which religion interacts with and is influenced by the media after the fall of Communist regimes. This interplay reflects a complex and multifaceted relationship between religion and media in the post-Communist context.

Key aspects (open to other ideas widening the subject):

1. Religious Revival and Visibility. The end of Communist rule often led to a revival of religious practices that were suppressed or restricted during the Communist era triggered the increased visibility of religious practices and institutions in the media.
2. Media as a Platform for Religious Expression. Religious groups and individuals increasingly use media platforms (TV, radio, internet, social media) to express their beliefs, share information, and connect with their communities.
3. Pluralism and Diversity in Religious Representation. The breakdown of state-controlled media allows for a more diverse representation of religious beliefs and practices.
4. Interfaith Dialogue and Understanding. Increased media exposure allows for greater interfaith dialogue and understanding as different religious perspectives are presented and discussed in media.
5. Challenges to Secularism. Discussions around religion in the media can lead to debates about the role of religion in public life, challenging the previous emphasis on atheism and secularism.

Religion as a "dividing point" between conservatives and liberals

Rončáková T.

Catholic University in Ružomberok

Marginalization of religious minorities in Russian media

Khroul V.

Catholic University in Ružomberok

Italian Missionaries in China: Presence and Legacy Through the Centuries

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 12:45

FATESI - STURZO

Proponent: Antonio De Caro, Raissa De Gruttola
Chair: Antonio De Caro, Raissa De Gruttola
Speaker: Antonio De Caro, Raissa De Gruttola, Arianna Magnani, Alessandro Tosco, Wendan Li

In the second half of the thirteenth century, European Franciscan Friars arrived in China, firstly as papal representatives, and later as missionaries. This marked the beginning of the Catholic presence in China and the evangelization process. The seventeenth century was a distinctive phase marked by the presence of the Jesuits first, and other Catholic religious orders later. European missionaries between the nineteenth and twentieth centuries reached even larger areas of the Chinese territory and had a more stable presence amongst different local communities. Among these European missionaries, many were Italian, and they stood up for their ideas, bringing their formation, culture, and knowledge to China. This panel welcomes interdisciplinary presentations on the missionary activities of Italians who reached China over the centuries and became pivotal intermediaries in the dialogue between Christian and Chinese cultures, providing new and insightful ways of exploring Sino-Italian contacts.

The Commerce of Beauty: Italian Jesuit Missionaries as Promoters of Chinese Christian Art

De Caro A.

University of Zurich

From Giovanni da Montecorvino to Gabriele Allegra: the Role of Italian Franciscans in Chinese Bible Translation

De Gruttola R.

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Chinese books beyond Missionary Territory: Italian Jesuits' Translation efforts and the Genoese Collection

Magnani A.

Kore University of Enna

An Italian Jesuit depicting an 'ante litteram Christian': Prospero Intorcetta and his biographies on Confucius

Tosco A.

Kore University of Enna

Discussant

Li W.

Peking University

Discerning Divine Presence: in nature

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 15:00

FATESI - TOMASI

Chair: Brett Blackman, Theo Van Willigenburg

Speaker: Henk van den Belt, Brett Blackman, Dion Forster, Bernard Łukasz Sawicki, Theo Van Willigenburg

The groundbreaking changes in climate-circumstances that humanity currently experiences and will experience in the near future cannot but lead to a paradigm shift in theological reflection about God's presence in creation and our role and responsibility with regard to the protection of the earth's environment.

Examples of shifting paradigms to be explored:

Providence: How may the governance of God by which He, with wisdom and love, cares for all things in the universe, be understood in light of growing natural disasters?

Eco-theology: From stewardship of nature (humans are responsible for the world, and the resources that have been entrusted to us by God) to partnership: what does that involve in practice?

Sacredness and holiness: How is sacredness of nature related to and distinct from the holiness of a divine Creator.

Biodiversity and spirituality: What does the loss of biodiversity mean for religious experiences related to nature (traditionally: "the theater of God's glory", recently: eco-spirituality celebrating humanity's connection to the natural world).

Climate justice: The current environmental crisis (causing many social and economic injustices) cannot be understood without reference to the commercialization and commodification of creation (including human bodies) by Western colonizers. How does that affect theological reflection now?

Collective and individual responsibility for ecological (non-)deterioration: how are these related?

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Collective causal responsibility and individual moral responsibility for ecological (non-)deterioration: a virtue-ethical approach (theologically informed)

Van Willigenburg T.

Faculty of Religion & Theology - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

The Spirit in Creation and History: Rethinking Providence from the Perspective of the Extra-Calvinisticum.

Van Den Belt H.

Faculty of Religion & Theology - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Through A Glass Darkly: Herman Bavinck, General Revelation, and Natural Disasters.

Blackman B.

Faculty of Religion & Theology - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Peace between our souls and the soil? Exploring the tension between political populism and ecological justice in Southern African Methodism

Forster D.

Vrije University

Monastic landscape: towards a creative collaboration with God in nature

Łukasz Sawicki B.

Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

The Understanding of Light in the Religious Traditions of 14th and 15th Century Balkans

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 17:30

FATESI - TRIPPODO

Proponent: Vladimir Cvetković

Chair: Vladimir Cvetković

Speaker: Vladimir Cvetković, Maja Kalezic, Tamara Plecas, Jelena Rosic, Aleksandar Romilo Knezevic, Nikola Piperski, Nebojsa Stankovic, Dionysios Skliris, Danijela Tesic Radovanovic

The panel aims to explore the impact of Neoplatonic metaphysical concept of light on the Christian, both Orthodox and Catholic, and Islamic traditions in the 14th and 15th the Balkans, exploring their influence on theological and philosophical doctrines, religious rituals, artistic and architectural creations, as well as medical practices. Particular emphasis will be dedicated to the Neoplatonic concept of light, specifically examining its manifestation in two mystical and monastic movements of the era: Christian Hesychasm, originating with the monks of Mount Athos, and Islamic Sufism, embraced by the Ottoman military during their Balkan campaigns. The panel also scrutinises the Italian Renaissance's adoption of Neoplatonic concept of light by investigating the introduction of medical practices into the Balkans during the 15th century.

Re-raised into the Light: Researches on the traces of the Neoplatonic Ladder of Being in Balkan medical praxis during the 14th and 15th century

Kalezic M.

Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Exploring the Concepts of Light and Darkness: A Philosophical and Religious Perspective

Plecas T.

University of Belgrade

Gregory Palamas and the Concept of Uncreated Light: Similarities and Differences with Neoplatonism

Knezevic A.R.

University of Niš

The Holy Spirit as Light and as Love in the thought of Saint Gregory Palamas

Skliris D.

Hellenic Open University

From the light of creation to the light of contemplation: The Neoplatonic understanding of light in the 14th and 15th century Slavonic translations of hexaemeral literature

Cvetković V.

University of Belgrade

Bektashis between fağr and mağrib: The Neoplatonic concept of light in the religious practices of Bektashi Islam

Rosic J., Cvetković V.

University of Belgrade

Mandorla and Halo on the Frescoes from the Visoki Dečani Monastery (1338–1348): Form, Context and Meaning

Tesic Radovanovic D.

University of Priština, Kosovska Mitrovica

Hesychasm and Light in the Late Byzantine Churches

Piperski N.

University of Belgrade

A (Painted) Light in the Darkness: The Depiction of the Feast of the Wisdom of God in the Narthex of Markov Manastir

Stankovic N.

University of Priština, Kosovska Mitrovica

Migration, religion, and border-work in context

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 12:45

FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Daniela Lucia Rapisarda

Chair: Tomas Sundnes Drønen

Speaker: Sturla Stålsett, Kari Storsein Haug, Tomas Sundnes Drønen, Ingrid Loland, Daniela Lucia Rapisarda

Migration is about crossing borders, physical as well as cultural, religious, and social. Migratory processes have led to discussions on how to contextualize border-work in a globalized world, and how to address mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion. Migration challenges assumptions on socially and culturally homogeneous contexts and destabilizes the idea of fixed borders. Borders are liminal spaces of challenges and opportunities where cultures, languages and identities are negotiated, thus unfolding complex dynamics of power, privilege, and inclusion/exclusion. This panel discusses the intersection of migration, religion and border-work from different theoretical perspectives and in a variety of contexts through the following topics: 1. How the Mediterranean Sea works as hermeneutical site for a postcolonial theology of migration and how such process in turn symbolically reconfigures the Mediterranean border; 2. How postcolonial theological reflection challenges traditional notions of hospitality and dominant discourses on borders and border-work; 3. How transnational repression shapes cultural and religious boundary-making among Eritrean refugees in exile and gives rise to multiple hegemonic, non-hegemonic, and counter-hegemonic discourses and practices; 4. How forcibly displaced persons in Central-Africa challenge local communities over scarce resources, and how local churches develop theological and societal approaches to foster dialogue and peaceful cohabitation.

The Mediterranean Sea as hermeneutical site for a postcolonial theology of migration

Rapisarda D.L.

VID Specialized University

Gang violence, state of exception and migration as theological challenges - the case of El Salvador

Stålsett S.

MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

Reclaiming Refuge whilst Countering Transnational Repression: Religious and Political Boundary Work among the Eritrean Diaspora of Norway

Loland I.

VID Specialized University

Migration and theology in Northern Cameroon

Drønen T.S.

VID Specialized University

Postcolonial theological challenges to discourses of hospitality and borders

Haug K.S.

VID Specialized University

Dealing with paradigm shifts: the role of women in religions between traditions and law

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 17:30

STERI - CHIESA DI S. ANTONIO ABATE

Proponent: Adelaide Madera, Daniela Tarantino

Chair: Adelaide Madera, Daniela Tarantino, Pierluigi Consorti, Maria Luisa Lo Giacco

Speaker: Guy Ben Porat, Alessandra Viani, Mario Ferrante, Cristina Dalla Villa, Rosa Geraci, Rozaliya Garipova, Maria Luisa Lo Giacco, Enrica Martinelli, Sofia Osnato, Fabio Franceschi, Adelaide Madera, Daniela Tarantino, Federica Botti

This panel aims to investigate the roles, responsibilities and rights of women within faith communities. Recently, there has been increasing academic and political debate on whether and to what extent religious laws affect a woman's status.

Traditionally women's role has been marginalized in many religious settings. Leadership has been reserved to men, women experienced gender inequality with regard to marriage and its termination and religious texts and traditions have been interpreted through male-centered lens to empower men's voices. However women have traditionally given a significant contribution to perpetuate religious values and traditions (Ruspini, 2018). Nowadays, many systems of beliefs are undergoing processes of revisitation of their theologies, with a view to restoring the original meaning of the scripture and its genuine message. Furthermore, religious courts provided legal mechanism to reinterpret religious laws with a view to rebalancing and re-negotiating female roles, rights and expectations. The aim of the panel is to examine the approach of various systems of belief to gender equality and inclusion, the evolution of the status of women in religious traditions and its impact on religious laws, the interplay between religious and secular law, with a view to dealing with the challenging issue of whether, and to what extent, religion can act as a paradigm shift in the empowerment (or disempowerment) processes of women in modern post-secular society

The complex interplay between gender, law and religion: tensions and transitions

Madera A.

University of Messina

The Populist Turn: Religion, Nationalism and Gender in Israel

Ben Porat G.

Ben Gurion University

Religious dress laws and the role of women in their enforcement/disenforcement

Lo Giacco M.L.

University of Bari

The role of women in the magisterium of Pope Francis

Ferrante M.

University of Palermo

The mission of the laity in the magistry of the Church: the vocation of women

Dalla Villa C.

University of Teramo

Christian feminism as a point of convergence between women's rights and religious rights

Botti F.

University of Bologna

The figure of woman in the Islamic tradition

Geraci R.

University of Palermo

Law, Religion, and Gender: Financial Rights of Muslim Women in the Nineteenth-Century Russian Empire

Garipova R.

Nazabayev University

Women's priestly ordination in the Protestant Churches. Limited or Extensible Model

Franceschi F., Viani A.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

Women and Orthodoxy. The role of the Presbyteria in the parish community

Osnato S., Martinelli E.

University of Ferrara

The limits and the contradictions of the ban on women priesthood in the law of the Roman Catholic Church

Guzzo L.M.

University of Pisa

Law, religions, and the digital sphere. A shifting paradigm in the history of human evolution?

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 12:45

FATESI - DUSMET

Proponent: FRANCESCO SORVILLO

Chair: FRANCESCO SORVILLO

Speaker: Francesco Sorvillo, Antonio Fuccillo, Miriam Abu Salem, Livia Saporito, Veronica Caporrino, Paolo Palumbo, Federico Gravino

Digital revolution and artificial intelligence are epoch-making innovations capable of changing human history. New technologies have become an extension of the mind, they intersect with the real world and influence people's lives.

These innovations carry the serious risk of technological development disconnected from respect for human dignity and fundamental rights.

To understand how disruptive the problems could be, it is suffice to note that in the near future researchers predict that there will be an extension of life far beyond its normal physiological limit.

All these predictions undermines the foundations of religions by upsetting the representations of man, life and death that they have developed throughout history, or those of certain dogmas of faith such as the existence of a God or the afterlife after death.

These technologies are reshaping the places of politics, breaking down boundaries and offering people unprecedented possibilities for knowledge and participation.

This makes a paradigm shift necessary.

Indeed, a digital universe without rules can be dominated not only by "angels" but also by "demons". For this reason, religious laws, which impose rules on their adherents, provide an extraordinary opportunity for effective good governance of the web and artificial intelligence, while promoting effective religious freedom even in the domain of the present digital revolution.

Law and religions as tools to managing the revolution of human beings in the digital sphere

Sorvillo F.

University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli

The digital Paradise

Fuccillo A.

University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli

Digitalization of religions: Problems and Prospects

Abu Salem M.

University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli

Digital twins, personalized medicine and patients' faith

Saporito L.

University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli

Bodies, consciousness, creation: immensity in a divine perspective

Caporrino V.

University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli

Celebrations, marriage and canonical process in the digital era

Palumbo P.

Università Telematica Giustino Fortunato

Catholic Church and digital reality: new perspectives in the exercise of *triumph*

Gravino F.

University of Firenze

Islamic institutions, practices and beliefs: views from Eastern Europe and Central Eurasia

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 15:00

LA PIRA - ROOM 2

Proponent: Antonio Carluccio

Chair: Antonio Carluccio, Andrea Amato

Speaker: Elmira Muratova, Antonio Carluccio, Egdunas Račius, Oleg Yarosh, Altay Goyushov, Achille Rajola Pescarini

Islam is the main religion in Central Eurasia and its presence and influence is growing in Eastern Europe as well. Islamic studies have often been criticized for being Arabic-centric, whereas Islam encompasses a much wider part of the map beyond the Arabic- and Persian-speaking countries. This panel aims to explore Islamic reality in peripheral areas of the Islamic world such as Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, where since modern times one of the main languages of interethnic communication has not been Arabic, but Russian. Proposals on institutions, practices and beliefs related to Islam in different historical periods in the study area are welcome.

Imam Shamil and Muridism in Runovskii's works.

Carluccio A.

DREST/FSCIRE

Revival of Islam in Azerbaijan after collapse of the USSR

Goyushov A.

Baku Research Institute

Muslim Solidarity and Humanitarianism from below in War-Torn Ukraine: The Case of Hizb ut-Tahrir in Crimea

Muratova E.

European Centre for Minority Issues

National Muslim Churches? Churchification of Muslim Religious Organizations in Central Asia

Račius E.

Vytautas Magnus University

Qazaq dını: an approach to the study of Islam in Kazakhstan

Rajola Pescarini A.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia/DREST

Contemporary Islamic activism in Ukraine

Yarosh O.

Ruhr University Bochum/ National Academy of Science of Ukraine

Paradigm Shifts in Christian Missions

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 12:45

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Mátyás Bódi, Johanna Bokedal

Chair: Mátyás Bódi, Johanna Bokedal

Speaker: Johanna Bokedal, Mátyás Bódi, Tomas Bokedal, Erik Waaler, Tihomir Lazic, Peter Boros

In the spirit of David Bosch's seminal work, 'Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission' this panel aims to further the discourse on the evolving paradigms in Christian missionary activities. Drawing inspiration from Bosch's analysis, we endeavor to explore the multifaceted and dynamic nature of missionary work across various historical, cultural, and social contexts. This panel extends an open invitation for scholarly papers that delve into any aspect of Christian missions, be it historical, theological, sociological, or beyond. We encourage contributions that challenge traditional narratives, introduce new methodologies, or offer fresh perspectives on longstanding debates. Our goal is to create a rich tapestry of scholarship, pushing the boundaries of our understanding of Christian missions in an ever-changing world.

Pentecostalism and the Shift from Communism in Hungary

Bódi M.

Regent's Park College, University of Oxford

Christian Missionary History Out of Context? A Case Study of a 1930s Mission Poster from China in St. Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and Art

Bokedal J.

University of Oslo; NLA University College

Text and Mission: Visual Aspects of the Early New Testament Manuscript Tradition

Bokedal T.

NLA University College, University of Aberdeen

Christian Missions through a Buddhist Monk's Eyes

Boros P.

Eötvös Loránd University Budapest

Winds of Change in Christian Mission: The Spirit as the Ultimate Paradigm Shifter

Lazic T.

Newbold College

Harmony or Conflict: The 'Dialogue' between Adherents of Different Religions in Indonesia

Waler E.

NLA University College

Hadith: History, Criticism and Analysis of the Texts

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 10:30 alle 12:45

FATESI - MULTIMEDIALE

Proponent: Rosanna Budelli

Chair: Rosanna Budelli, Antonio Cuciniello

Speaker: Ibrahim Abaddi, Antonio Cuciniello, Amina El Ganadi, Riccardo Vigliermo, Rosanna Budelli

The hadith literature includes numerous works whose number goes far beyond the six canonical collections. This is an important documentation with several implications from a historical, religious, linguistic and hermeneutic point of view. The purpose of the panel is to analyze some aspects of this material in the light of a historical-critical approach and new research carried on through the tools of computer programs and artificial intelligence. The interventions range from hadith examined as documents in relation to the biography of the Prophet and in comparison with other sources (Andreas Goerke); the study of the transmitters in 'ilm al-rijāl, tarāğum and ṭabaqāt (bio-bibliographical repertories) from an onomastic perspective, in the light of AI and librarianship fields (Riccardo Vigliermo); the treatment of some prophetic figures in hadith literature (The Prophet Job, Antonio Cuciniello); the analysis of some hadith in the Kitāb al-samā' by al-Qaysarānī (Rosanna Budelli); AI and hadith analysis in the Ṣaḥīḥ al-Buḥārī (Amina El Ganadi); the study of hadith on the end of times (eschatology) in the al-Nasā'ī collection (Ibrahim Abaddi).

The Mahdī in Sunni Hadith Literature: Apocalyptic Portrayals and Chronologies

Abaddi I.

FSCIRE

The authoritativeness of transmission chains and the role of variants in the Kitāb al-Samā' di Ibn Qaysarānī (d. 1113 C.E.)

Budelli R.

FSCIRE

Extra-Qur'ānic Traces of the Story of the Prophet Job: The Case of the ḥadīth Literature

Cuciniello A.

Catholic University of Milan

Artificial Intelligence as a Tool for Islamic Scholarship: Case Study of Digital Muhammad ibn Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī

El Ganadi A.

FSCIRE / DREST

Onomastic perspective in 'ilm al-rijāl, tarāğum and ṭabaqāt (bio-bibliographical repertories) in the light of AI and librarianship fields

Vigliermo R.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE

Religion in time of crisis

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 11:45 alle 17:30

FATESI - MAUROLICO B

Proponent: AFSR

Chair: Bochra Kammarti, Alexis Artaud De la Ferrière, Camila Areas

Speaker: Aghiad Ghanem, Hamza Esmili, Amelie Faltot, Latsara Crystallia, Nathan Daligault, Miriam Martin Leal, Lluís Oviedo, Giustina Baron

The relationship between religion and “crisis” is a multifaceted phenomenon. Faced with the emergence of social, political, economic and environmental crises, religious actors are both dependent on their consequences and producers of material and conceptual responses. These same religious actors can also play the role of creators of “crisis discourses” the echoes of which resonate throughout society. “Crisis” also often manifests itself within faith communities and institutions, leading to endogenous dynamics of religious transformation, dissolution, and innovation. Observing religions when they respond to external crises, when they produce discourses of crisis, or when they are rapt by an internal crisis, enables the social sciences to deepen their analysis of the religious when it is under stress, and to question the evolution of the very meaning of the concept of “crisis”. This panel proposes to explore Religion in times of crisis through three axes:

- 1) How do external crises affect religions, their institutions and actors (speeches, actions, career paths, etc.)? For example, how have religious actors dealt with ecological and environmental issues? What answers does the religious bring to these crises?
- 2) How do internal crises manifest themselves within religions and what are the characteristics of these internal dynamics? How does the religious become a source of crises (war, terrorism, abuse, pedophilia, etc.)? What are the resulting effects within the religious community?
- 3) How should researchers in the social sciences of religion approach their object of study in time of (multiple) crisis? What are the implications of crisis on the researcher’s positionality, epistemology, and choice of methods?

Ṣalāt al-khawf (prayers of fear) and taqīya (dissimulation). Analysing Alawites’ survival mechanisms facing the Syrian crisis (2011-)

Ghanem A.

CERI - Science Po Paris

Crisis in Religious Education: A Call for Transformation in Greece

Crystallia L.

University College Stockholm

The consequences of affiliating with the Islamic State on the role of Islam in armed conflicts. A Comparative Analysis of the Allied Democratic Forces in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and Ansar al-Sunnah in Northern Mozambique

Faltot A.

University Pantheon Assas

Integral ecology: a concept in crisis

Daligault N.

University of Strasbourg

Spiritual care as a bridge between medicine, psychology and theology

Oviedo L.^[1], Martin Leal M.^[2]

^[1]Pontificia Università Antonianum, ^[2]Medicine Doctor

Messianic ambivalences. Mahdis' memory in contemporary Morocco

Esmili H.

KU Leuven

Rethinking Russian Cosmism: utopian and speculative futures in post-soviet Russia

Baron G.

University of Turin

Renewal, Revival, and Reform: Competing and Coinciding Visions of Intellectual and Societal Vibrancy in Islamic Scholarship

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 16:15

FATESI - CAMPO

Proponent: Yaseen Christian Andrews

Chair: Yaseen Christian Andrews

Speaker: Yaseen Christian Andrews, Marco Di Donato, Moin Nizami, Arash Tawakoli

The concept of 'paradigm shift' might suggest of a significant change of perspective. Typically, paradigms and perspectives change based on the introduction of information that conflicts with what was previously held to be true, resulting in an 'epistemological crisis' that requires resolution. If we are to speak of historical cases of paradigm shifts in Islamic history, we must also develop a framework for their analysis that addresses the tension in Muslim scholarship between falling into condemnable innovation (bida) and fulfilling the commendable duty of renewal (tajdid).

In this panel, the tension between trends of renewal (tajdid) and reform (islah) will be explored in relation to "paradigm shift." The central focus will be the role of scholars' conceptions of their position as guardians of tradition being located between the need for conservation and addressing newly arising issues and information. Within this topic, a number of potential questions arise, including but not limited to: Is the notion of paradigmatic 'shift' articulated within the Islamic episteme, or is it even applicable, with a suggestion of fundamental epistemic changes or source changes? What do scholarly works explicitly addressing the terms tajdid, ihya, islah and their corollaries bring to light?

Reviving Islam and Society in West Africa: Revisiting al-Mukhtār al-Kuntī's (d. 1811) Conception of Tajdīd

Andrewsen Y.C.

Pembroke College, University of Oxford

Towards the Same Goal: Different Trajectories of the revivalist movements in Muslim South Asia

Nizami M.

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

Qur'anic exegesis pathways for a tajdid in contemporary Islamic thought: the perspective of Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah

Di Donato M.

University of Palermo

Ijtihad and Taqlid two Sides of the Same Coin: The approaches of Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī (d. 1505) and Zakariyā al-Anṣārī (d.1520)

Tawakoli A.

University of Hamburg

Religion in the Postmigrant Society

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 17:30

FATESI - FAZELLO

Proponent: Ulrich Schmiedel

Chair: Ulrich Schmiedel

Speaker: Ulrich Schmiedel, Valentina Napolitano, Regina Romhild, Eugenio Giorgianni, Giulia Liberatore, Matthias Ehmann, Gary Slater, Farah Hasan, Somita Sabeti, Berta Alvarez Miranda

Migration has stirred up polarized and politicized controversies. This panel aims to analyze the role of religion in these controversies by approaching the category from a postmigrant rather than a migrant angle. The concept of the postmigrant society connects descriptive and prescriptive approaches to the study of migration that together point to a paradigm shift. The premise of the postmigrant society is not that migration is about to end. Instead, migration is interpreted as the “new normal”, a constitutive characteristic of contemporary societies that renders the dichotomies between migrants and non-migrants untenable. Closely connected to postcolonial scholarship, studies on the postmigrant society critique reinscriptions of these dichotomies by standard approaches. They invite new terminologies and new theories, reflecting on practices that go beyond categories of inclusion or exclusion. Their critique has epistemological and ethical consequences.

This panel brings together accounts of the role of religion in the postmigrant society. It concentrates on the significance of religion as essentializing and de-essentializing migrant/non-migrant dichotomies in the dynamics that are stirred up by migration in contemporary societies. Calling for a conversation across disciplines, the panel invites experimental and explorative interventions – including normative accounts – from scholars who approach the paradigm of the postmigrant society from contextual or conceptual angles

From Migrant to Religious Others: Critical Perspectives from the Postmigrant Society

Romhild R.

Humboldt University

Palermo Spring: Hopes and Frustrations of Young Italian-Born Tamils in a Rebranded City

Liberatore G.^[1], Giorgianni E.^[2]

^[1]University of Edinburgh, ^[2]University of Messina

Intercultural Theology as Postmigrant Theology

Ehmann M.

Theologische Hochschule Ewersbach

Borders and the Postmigrant Society

Slater G.

University of Muenster

Antagonisms and Alliances: How and Why Religion Constitutes an Essential Component of Postmigrant Societies

Hasan F.

Humboldt University

Faith-Based Coping “in Transit”: Mapping the Experiences of Young Afghan Migrants in Istanbul

Sabeti S.

Ca Foscari University Venice

Resisting Polarization over Religion: Muslim Engagement and Belonging in Ceuta

Miranda B.A.

Complutense University of Madrid

Degrowth and Postmigration

Napolitano V.

University of Toronto

Paradigm Shifts in the Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights on FoRB: Impressions and Suggestions for the Future

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 17:30

FATESI - MULTIMEDIALE

Proponent: Vincenzo Pacillo

Chair: Maria d'Arienzo

Speaker: Vincenzo Pacillo, Paolo Vargiu, Tracey Elliott, Fabio Franceschi, Chiara Ruscazio, Szilvia Kobel, Marco Croce, Pasquale Annicchino, Maria D'Arienzo, Gerard van der Schyff

The panel will aim to provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of the ECHR's jurisprudence on FoRB, identify trends and shifts, and offer insights into potential future developments in this critical area of human rights law. It will focus on several key areas:

Evolution in Jurisprudence: The panel would explore how the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has evolved in its interpretation and application of laws related to Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB). This will include landmark cases that have shaped the Court's approach and any noticeable shifts in its judgments over time.

Current Challenges and Controversies: A discussion of current and emerging challenges in FoRB within the European context, especially in light of increasing religious diversity and secularism. The panel will discuss how the ECHR addresses conflicts between religious freedoms and other human rights, such as equality and non-discrimination.

Impact of Sociopolitical Changes: The influence of broader sociopolitical developments in Europe, like migration, rising nationalism, and changing societal attitudes towards religion, on the Court's jurisprudence. These factors might affect how FoRB cases are brought before the Court and the context in which they are adjudicated.

This panel is organized with the support of ICLARS and ORFECT.

The ECHR as the cultural guardian of freedom of religion in Europe

Vargiu P.

University of Leicester

The impotence of the ECHR in resolving disputes between medical opinion and religious beliefs in cases involving the withdrawal of medical treatment

Elliott T.

University of Leicester

One-Dimensional Woman, part I: Țîmpău v Romania. Church authorities, workers' rights and dismissal from employment

Pacillo V.

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia

Religious hatred before the ECtHR

Franceschi F.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

The right to conscientious objection in the ECtHR case-law before and after the Bayatyan case: a paradigm shift?

Ruscazio C.

Università di Torino

The ECtHR's case-law on state interference in the internal affairs of religious communities

Kobel S.

Karoli Gaspar University

Places of worship: paradigms shifts in the ECtHR case-law

Croce M.

University of Florence

Freedom of thought, conscience and religion: a human right for the technological era. The ECtHR context

Annicchino P.

University of Foggia

Freedom of religion and ritual slaughter before the ECtHR: a critical analysis

Van Der Schyff G.

University of Tilburg

Mystical Borders: Reshaping Western Mysticism from Antiquity to the Contemporary World

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 17:30

FATESI - MAUROLICO A

Proponent: Niccolò Brandodoro, Elena Cerqua

Chair: Niccolò Brandodoro, Elena Cerqua

Speaker: Niccolò Brandodoro, Elena Cerqua, Ludovico Battista, Giulia Abbadessa, Francesco Berno, Virginia Lauria, Delia Del Prete, Davide Spanò, Daniele Minisini, Ariel Lafayette

The study of mysticism in its broadness questions the epistemological and methodological framework of the historiographical enquiry. As stated by Michel De Certeau (1925-1986), the mystical phenomenon is far from being a stable historical object. On the contrary, the mystical experience conceals an absent void at its core, an emptiness structuring the relationship between a paradoxical scientific object and multidisciplinary research. This posture leads to redefining the concept of “scientificity” in itself, thus imposing the need to consider the “paradigm shifts”.

This panel aims to focus on the roots and development of western mystical traditions from a diachronic point of view, from antiquity to modern and contemporary world. Among the shifting paradigms, the first to be discussed concerns the opposition between orthodoxy and heterodoxy, that is between institutional powers and elusive forms of heretical resistance. Hence, all traditional partitions can be rethought, and objections rebalanced. As a consequence, humanities must adopt a new posture with respect to the study of mysticism. History of religions, literature, philosophy, history of art and demo-ethno-anthropological studies: these and other disciplines are involved in the reflection on the history of mysticism. Indeed, the very marginality of the latter allows the deconstruction of any boundary.

Kivjakhol, “as to say”. The anthropomorphic shape of Godhead from Shi’ur Qomah to Christian Kabbalah

Del Prete D.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

Ascending Among the Sons of Heaven. Questioning Jewish Mysticism during the Second Temple Period

Minisini D.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

From Heresy to Orthodoxy: The New Testament Sources of a Valentinian Dichotomy and a Patristical Refutation

Spanò D.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

The Effigy of Beatrice: Mystical Traces in Dante’s Paradise XXXI

Lauria V.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

The Disputation over Moses’ Body by Matteo da Lecce: Sources and Theological-Political Backdrop

Berno F.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

Mysticism and Exercise. Juan de Valdés and Ignatius of Loyola

Battista L.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

Mysticism in the Modern Poetry of Leopardi and Baudelaire

Abbadessa G.

University of Naples Federico II

A Structural Account of the Phenomenal “Infinite” in Mystical Experience

Lafayette A.

University of Toronto

Syriac Mysticism and Leopardian “Pan-nihilism”: Unamuno’s Notes on a Flyleaf

Cerqua E.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

The Heresy of Saying. Michel de Certeau reader of Juan de la Cruz

Brandodoro N.

Università di Roma La Sapienza

Theory and Transmission of Knowledge (‘ilm) in the History of Islamic Thought

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 17:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 1

Proponent: Giuseppe Brocato

Chair: Giuseppe Brocato

Speaker: Giuseppe Brocato, Rosalia Schimmenti, Ahmed Tahir Nur, Ivana Panzeca, Riza Tefik Kalyoncu, Ilyass Amharar

Opening his *Knowledge Triumphant*, Franz Rosenthal argues that the concept of ‘ilm enjoyed an “operational dimension” even broader than other *prima facie* more powerful terms such as *tawhīd* or *dīn*, to the extent that no branch of Muslim intellectual, political, and religious life could escape from its influence. Following the spirit of Rosenthal’s observation, this panel employs two different albeit parallel approaches to investigate the development of the notion of ‘ilm throughout the history of Islamic thought. On one hand, three contributions analyze the reception of books, theories, and legacies in a specific time framework. Rosalia Schimmenti addresses the science of letters (‘ilm al-ḥurūf), presenting the history of this discipline in the Classical period. Ahmed Nur analyzes the relative positionality of religious and philosophical knowledge in Tashkoprizade’s Ottoman Arabic Encyclopedia of the Sciences. Ivana Panzeca deals with the transmission of Avicennian texts and their commentaries in the Safavid era. On the other hand, three other proposals pay more attention to specific texts, highlighting certain epistemological features or models. Riza Kalyoncu introduces al-Fārābī’s epistemology, cross-referencing different of his texts. Giuseppe Brocato presents the refutation that Abū Bakr brings forth in his al-‘Awāṣim regarding al-Ġazālī’s epistemology. Ilyass Amharar discusses methods of jurisprudence (uṣūl al-fiqh), referring to Abū Bakr’s *Nukat al-maḥṣūl fī ‘ilm al-uṣūl*.

The Definition of Knowledge and Degrees of Knowing in al-Fārābī’s Philosophy

Kalyoncu R.T.

Ibn Haldun University

Beyond the Occult: The Science of Letters (‘ilm al-ḥurūf) and Sufi Qur’ānic Exegesis in Medieval Islam

Schimmenti R.

FSCIRE/ DREST

Abū Bakr ibn al-‘Arabī’s Refutation of Skepticism (safsaṭa) in the First Position of Al-‘Awāṣim min al-qawāṣim and its Connection with the Criticism against al-Ġazālī

Brocato G.

FSCIRE

The Definition and the Aim of Science in Abū Bakr ibn al-‘Arabī’s *Nukat al-maḥṣūl*

Amharar I.

IREMAM (University of Aix-Marseille) / Centre Jacques Berque

The Relative Positionality of Religious and Philosophical Knowledge in Taṣköprizade’s Ottoman Arabic Encyclopedia of the Sciences

Nur A.T.

Yale University

Reading Avicenna in the Persianate World: commentaries and translations (XVI-XVIII Century)

Panzeca I.

FSCIRE / University of Palermo

Political theologies in European contexts

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 17:30

FATESI - DI GIOVANNI

Proponent: Ole Jakob Loland

Chair: Daniela Lucia Rapisarda

Speaker: Hannah Strømme, Daniela Lucia Rapisarda, Sven Thore Kloster, Cristhian C. Camargo, Tommy Lynch, Cyril Hovorun, Ole Jakob Loland, Sturla Stålsett

Politics and religion are deeply intertwined, also in today's secular Europe. Behind various public and societal institutions, imaginations and practices there can be traced religious ideas or presuppositions – some more explicit than others. For example, religious ideas that undergird conceptions of economy, nature, culture, people, Europe, family, time, violence, war and peace, equality and liberty, authority, foreign vs familiar, to mention a few. What, then, are these political theologies and what are their functions? What kind of interests do they serve, and how do they contribute to legitimize, naturalize, unite, delegitimize or conceal power?

This open panel invites scholars to share analyses of political theologies that undergird, or are produced by, political and public practices or imaginations in contemporary European societies

Political Theology and the Universal

Lynch T.

University of Chichester

Pinning down the evasive "Russian world" ideology

Hovorun C.

University College Stockholm

The Multivalent Fusion of Power and the Sacred – Preliminary Findings from a Norwegian Study

Stålsett S.

MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

Who's religion? Sovereignty and bureaucratization in asylum cases on conversion

Kloster S.T.

University of Oslo

Scriptural Sources for a Secular Europe

Strømme H.

Lund University

The Political Theology of Benedict XVI

C. Camargo C.

Complutense University of Madrid

Making the St Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 17:30

FATESI - MARCATAJO

Proponent: Oliver Langworthy

Chair: Brendan Wolfe

Speaker: Brendan Wolfe, Rebecca Walker, Thomas Pfau, Markus Mühling, Joanna Leidenhag, Lluís Oviedo, Cyril Hovorun, Gijsbert van den Brink

The St Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology is a major multifaith resource, with sections on five religious traditions in various states of development. The Christian section hosts a growing collection of over one hundred published articles, with more than three hundred commissioned.

As the its Christian section enters its second year of publication, this panel reflects on the Encyclopaedia's development in its technical, theological, and intellectual structures, future trajectories for growth, and questions about the challenges facing public platforms of Christian theology today.

Contributions from Encyclopaedia authors and readers are invited in the form of 5-10 minutes discussion points, which will be followed by questions and dialogue, on topics such as the following:

- 1) What challenges face the encyclopaedia's Christianity section as it conceptualizes 'theology' and attempts to map its contours?
- 2) How have Encyclopaedia authors captured the complexity of their topic while still presenting it encyclopaedically?
- 3) What is the audience for theology in today's world?
- 4) How can the Encyclopaedia meet the technical challenges posed by the needs of its readers?
- 5) Should an Encyclopaedia of theology seek to change the field or to describe it?

The relevance of SAET for post-secular literary studies

Walker R.

Trinity College Dublin

The Foundation of the St Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology

Wolfe B.

University of St. Andrews

Medieval Christian visual culture in their context. Theological elaboration, emotions, materiality, and techniques

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 17:30

FATESI - STURZO

Proponent: ANTONIO PIO DI COSMO

Chair: ANTONIO PIO DI COSMO

Speaker: Antonio Pio Di Cosmo, Bernard Łukasz Sawicki, Emanuele Carletti, Ana Maria Raducan, Maria S. Thomas, Tuğrul Kurt

Medieval Christian visual culture in their context. Theological elaboration, emotions, materiality, and techniques"

Panel abstract: "The study of Medieval religious visual culture has experienced a recent new impulse and this panel is designed for the purpose of rethinking and discussing the Medieval visual production in view of new acquisitions concerning theological elaborations, emotions that are stimulated in the faithful, their relation with the human and natural contexts (for example report with the liturgical space or artificial or natural light), materials used, and production techniques.

Theology and Ideology of icons

Icons in Liturgical Context

Icons and Immaterial Culture of the Great Church

Icons and emotion in liturgical praxis

The Father of the Church and their Reflections on Post-iconoclast Era

The icon as an object: materialities and production techniques

Techniques and praxis in the production of Medieval visual culture

Treatises, notebooks, and manuals of iconographers

Circulation of visual products, exchanges, translation, and appropriation

The cult of images: popular festival and anthropological implications

Materiality in visual production

Continuities and breaks in Medieval praxis production during the following centuries

A. Cutler, A. Papaconstantinou (eds.), *The Material and the Ideal. Essays in Medieval Art and Archaeology in Honour of Jean-Michel Spieser, The Medieval Mediterranean Vol. 70*, Brill, 2007.

O. Demus, *Byzantine Art and the West*, New York, 1970.

G. Kordes, *Icon as Communion: The Ideals and Compositional Principles of Icon Painting*, Brookline, 2011.

A successful eastern roman man. The visual production connected to the Vitae Beati Laurentii episcopi Sipontini.

Di Cosmo A.P.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

A Tale of Two Marinas: Lives, Art, and Liturgy in the County of Tripoli

S. Thomas M.

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Q 5:116 in Context: Mary, the Collyridian Controversy, and Intertextual Exegesis

Kurt T.

Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

The monastic practice of Medieval Christian visual culture

Łukasz Sawicki B.

Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

To see and to be seen. Emotions in motion in Byzantium.

Raducan A.M.

ISACCL Bucurest

Conspiracy Theories and Hate Speech Against and Within Religions in European History

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 17:30

FATESI - DUSMET

Proponent: Silvia Cristofori

Chair: Francesca Cadeddu

Speaker: Francesca Cadeddu, Silvia Cristofori, Amina El Ganadi, Marianna Napolitano

The panel presents some of the midterm findings of the European Union-funded Jean Monnet FreeBeRI (Freedom of Belief and Right to Information), which combines research, teaching, and third-mission actions on the connection between freedom of religion and freedom of information. Furthermore, FreeBeRI promotes the critical tools of “the historian’s craft” for recognizing, understanding, and fighting conspiracy theories.

In particular, the panel focuses on conspiracy theories formulated against and/or within religions that, by feeding hate speeches, severely threaten democratic processes in Europe and beyond.

The papers presented in this panel cover the following list of topics:

conspiracy theories, religions, and hate speech;

hate speech and conspiracy theories against and within religions in European history;

historical connections and discontinuities between “old” and new conspiracy theories propagated through digital communication and social media;

historical-critical method as a weapon against conspiracy theories and hate speech;

conspiracy theories as a severe threat to EU democratic processes;

EU policies against misinformation and disinformation as severe threats to freedom of information and/or religion;

EU international relations and post-truth politics.

Conspiracy Theory as a Historiographical Category for European Religious History

Cristofori S.

Link Campus University / FSCIRE

Western Conspiracy to Destroy Russia? The Politics of the Russian Orthodox Church at the European Union

Napolitano M.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia / FSCIRE

From Bytes to Bias: Tracing the Trails of European Cyber Islamophobia on Chinese Social Media

El Ganadi A.

FSCIRE / DREST

**Author meets critique: La persona e la traccia.
Ipotesi sull'esistenza e il suo racconto a partire da
Paul Ricœur, Francesca D'Alessandris (ETS 2023)**

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 14:00 alle 15:00

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Francesca D'Alessandris

Speaker: Francesca D'Alessandris, Pierluigi Valenza, Giorgio Palumbo, Alberto Melloni

La personne est une entité hybride qui entrecroise les plans de l'existence temporelle et sa construction figurative. Enracinée dans le monde concret du soi, dans le domaine pratique et intersubjectif de la vie, elle s'identifie en même temps comme personnage d'un récit vraisemblable qui imite les espaces et les temps du sujet. En raison de cette ambivalence, la personne échappe à une définition philosophique clôturée et se révèle plus clairement dans la description génétique de sa configuration. La philosophie de Paul Ricœur offre un cadre fécond pour la reconstruction phénoménologique et herméneutique de cette genèse, en nous fournissant les outils nécessaires pour rendre visibles les liens et les médiations entre la vie épisodique du moi et sa mimésis rétrospective : la trace, matérielle et signifiante, et son récit métaphorique.

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D'Alessandris F.

Promoting freedom of religion or belief in international development through redressing religious intersectional inequalities

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:15 alle 17:30

FATESI - D'ACQUISTO

Proponent: Mariz Tadros, Jaffer Mirza

Chair: Mariz Tadros, Jaffer Mirza, Mariz Tadros

Speaker: Mariz Tadros, Jaffer Mirza, Philip Mader, Jo Howard

Violations on the basis of freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) have been on the rise yet they remain largely overlooked in the frameworks, policies and programmes of international development such as the SDGs. This panel discusses the opportunities and limitations of framing FoRB in terms of addressing religious-based inequality in its intersections with other axes of exclusion such as gender, class, caste etc. with application to contexts in the Middle East, South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. We will present evidence for FoRB-blind development in areas such as education and health from our recently released book *Poverty and Prejudice* (2023). We will put forward alternative methods of understanding religious inequality epistemically by drawing on examples from *Using Participatory Methods to Explore Freedom of Religion and Belief* (2023). We critically analyse the opportunities for a paradigmatic shift in development to incorporate the realities of individuals and groups experiencing religious discrimination and intersecting inequalities.

What can international development contribute to the promotion of freedom of religion or belief?

Tadros M.

Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

FoRB & Development in Pakistan: key reflections from working with religiously marginalised groups

Mirza J.

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Linking religious freedom to economic empowerment: debt freedom, land rights, and FoRB in an Indian case

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What can participatory methodologies contribute to a FoRB-sensitive intersectional approach to development?

Howard J.

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Dealing with religious diversity in Medieval Sicily (10th-12th)

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 15:15 alle 17:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 3

Proponent: Francesco Cargnelutti

Chair: Clara Pitocchi

Speaker: Giacomo Favaretto, Ksenia Rhyzova, William Granara, Francesco Cargnelutti

Because of its strategic location in the center of the Mediterranean sea, Sicily was affected by the major political shifts that took place in Islamic West between the 10th and 12th centuries. This also impacted the religious landscape of the island that was characterized by the presence of different communities. The panel focuses on this religious context and aims at providing an analysis of the relations and perceptions of the religious Other within and without the geographical borders of the island. This will be done by considering two perspectives: that of the successive dynasties that ruled the island throughout this period and that of the religious communities that had to deal with this changing balance of power. The panel proposes a series of case studies. Firstly, the taxation system of the religious Other during the rule of the Kalbid dynasty (948-1053). Secondly, the Kalbid dynasty's attempt to rule over a Sunni-majority population by extensively re-organising the precedent judicial and administrative apparatus. Thirdly, the conception of the religious other and diversity in the work of Ibn Ẓafar al-Ṣiqillī (1104-1170/2), who lived in Sicily during the Norman period.

The religious other in Ibn Ẓafar al-Şiqillī (1104-1170/2)

Cargnelutti F.

FSCIRE

Kalbid Administration in Sicily between Mālikī and Ismāʿīlī System

Favaretto G.

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Beyond the jizya: Monetizing the Religious 'Other' in Muslim Sicily

Rhyzova K.

Princeton University

Muslim Sicilian Studies: Past Legacies and Future Directions

Granara W.

Harvard University

The Musicality of Theology and the Purposiveness of Nature: a Theological Conversation between Karl Barth and James Cone and the Purposiveness of Nature in Immanuel Kant and Howard Thurman.

Giovedì 23 Maggio 2024 dalle 16:30 alle 17:30

LA PIRA - ROOM 4

Proponent: Aaron Grizzell

Chair: Dwight N. Hopkins

Speaker: Dwight N. Hopkins, Aaron Grizzell, Raymond Carr

This panel focuses on comparatives between two European and two African American Theologians. Systematic theologian Raymond Carr explores the musicality of theology by employing “the aesthetic thinking of the jazz legend Thelonious Monk to reconceptualize, restructure, and advance the theologies” of Swiss theologian Karl Barth and African American theologian James Hal Cone. And historian of religions scholar Aaron Grizzell explores the purposiveness of nature through a comparative investigation of the thought of Immanuel Kant and twentieth century theologian Howard Thurman. By first stabilizing and isolating the meaning of ‘purposiveness’ through Kant’s Critique of Judgment, Grizzell then attempts to bring Kant and Thurman into comparative dialogue through the concept of nature in order to discover possible connections. Dwight N. Hopkins, the Alexander Campbell Professor at the University of Chicago, serves as respondent and then moderates the panel colloquy.

The Dancing Monk: God's Musicality and Its Meaning for Our Moment

Carr R.

Harvard University

The Purposiveness of Nature in Immanuel Kant and Howard Thurman

Grizzell A.

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