

The Future of Theology: Legacy and Envisioning

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Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano, 4 ROME

Monday, December 9, 2024

WELCOME SESSION

09:00 Meeting with His Holiness Pope Francis in the Vatican
12:00 Lunch at the Congress venue
13:30 Opening Prayer
14:00 Introduction to the Congress - **His Eminence Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça**, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education

SESSION I: **WHERE**

14:30 **The Places and the Subjects of Theology. A Narrative Starting Point and the Patrimony of Local Theologies - Part I**

- ✦ Introduction:
 - Prof. Geraldo de Mori, Faculdade Jesuíta de Filosofia e Teologia de Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- ✦ The liturgical *locus* of Theology, S.E.R. Prof. Vittorio Viola, Secretary of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments
- ✦ Insights from the 7 geographical-theological areas
 - **Africa:** Prof. Sr Caroline Mbonu, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria
 - **Asia:** Prof. Ruben Mendoza, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines
 - **Oceania:** Prof. Robyn Horner, Australian Catholic University, Australia
 - **Europe:** Prof. Michel Deneken, University of Strasbourg, France
 - **North America:** Prof. Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Loyola Marymount University, USA
 - **South America:** Prof. Carlos María Galli, Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Argentina
 - **Eastern Churches:** Prof. Prof. Gabriel Hachem, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon
- ✦ Group work: “Conversation in the Spirit Method”

16:50 Tea/Coffee Break
17:20 **The Places and the Subjects of Theology - Part II**
18:30 End of the Session

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SESSION II: HOW

9:00

Opening Prayer

9:20

Listening to non-theological reasoning - Part I

✦ Introduction:

- Prof. Benjamin Akotia, Université Catholique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest, Ivory Coast
- Prof. Juan Chapa, University of Navarra, Spain

✦ Inputs of non-theological voices

Musical Program: Riccardo Ballerini (piano) - Gianluca Persichetti (guitar) - Stefano Rossini (drums and percussion) - Marco Siniscalco (bass).

- **Moderator:** Mons. Carlo Maria Polvani
- **Music:** Prof. Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF, composer and musician, Australian Catholic University, Australia
- **Literature:** Prof. Éric-Emmanuel Schmitt, France
- **Physics:** Prof. Carlo Rovelli, Aix-Marseille Université, France
- **Cinema:** Alice Rohrwacher, director, Italy

11:30

Tea/Coffee Break

12:00

Listening to non-theological reasoning - Part II

✦ Theological reactions:

- Prof. Christoph Theobald SJ, Centre Sèvres, France
- Prof. James Keenan SJ, Boston College, USA
- Prof. Mary Jerome Obiorah, University of Nigeria, Nigeria

13:00

End of the Session and Lunch

SESSION III: **WHY**

- 14:00 Theology within and for Society, the Church and the World - Part I**
- ✦ Introduction:
 - Prof. Andrea Toniolo, Facoltà teologica del Triveneto, Italy
 - Prof. Estela Padilla, CBCP-BEC Committee, Philippines
 - ✦ Insights from the 7 geographical-theological areas
 - **Africa:** Prof. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator SJ Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University"
 - **Asia:** Prof. Stephanie Ann Y. Puen, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines.
 - **Oceania:** Prof. Gerard Kelly, Catholic Institute of Sydney, Australia
 - **Europe:** Prof. Piero Coda, Sophia University Institute, Italy
 - **North and Central America:** Prof. Mark Yenson, King's University College, Canada
 - **South America:** Prof. Waldicir Gonzaga SJ, Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
 - **Eastern Churches:** Prof. Željko Paša SJ, Pontificia Università Gregoriana - Pontificio Istituto Orientale, Rome
 - ✦ Group work: "Conversation in the Spirit Method"
- 17:20 Tea/Coffee Break**
- 17:50 Theology within and for Society, the Church and the World Part II**
- 19:00 Conclusion by His Excellency Giovanni Cesare Pagazzi**
- 19:30 End of the Congress**

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