



INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON RELIGIONS (1st-4th March 2023)

Università Roma Tre, Dipartimento Scienze della Formazione, via del Castro Pretorio 20, Rome

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday 1st March 2023

9:00 - Chair: Enzo Pace (University of Padua)

Introduction by Roberto Cipriani (Roma Tre University)

Opening speech by Patrice Brodeur (University of Montreal)

Coffee break

11:00 - Chair: Paul-André Turcotte (University of Ottawa)

Lecture on “Judaism” by Sergio Della Pergola (Hebrew University-Jerusalem)

Discussants: David Meghnagi (Roma Tre University), Ephraim Tabory (Bar-Ilan University-Ramat Gan)

On-site catering

15:00 - Chair: Paolo Naso (Sapienza-Rome)

Lecture on “Christian Churches” by José Casanova (Georgetown University-Washington)

Discussants: Anthony Blasi (St. Mary's University-San Antonio), Franco Garelli (University of Turin), Siniša Zrinščak (University of Zagreb)

Coffee break

17:00 - Chair: Siniša Zrinščak (University of Zagreb)

Lecture on “Sunni and Shia Islam” by Farhad Khosrokhavar (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales-Paris)

Discussants: Enzo Pace (University of Padua), Roberta Ricucci (University of Turin)

Thursday 2nd March 2023

9:00 - Chair: Massimo Introvigne (CESNUR-Turin)

Lecture on “Shinto” by Mark R. Mullins (University of Auckland)

Discussants: Erica Baffelli (University of Manchester), Massimo Raveri (Ca' Foscari University-Venice)

Coffee break

11:00 - Chair: Vincent Goossaert (École Pratique des Hautes Études-Paris)

Lecture on “Confucianism” by Anna Sun (Duke University-Durham)

Discussants: Ambrogio Selusi (University of Macerata), Fenggang Yang (Purdue University-West Lafayette)

On-site catering

15:00 - Chair: Mark R. Mullins (University of Auckland)

Lecture on “Taoism” by Vincent Goossaert (École Pratique des Hautes Études-Paris)

Discussants: Jacopo Scarin (Ca' Foscari University-Venice), Maurizio Paolillo (L'Orientale University-Naples)

Coffee break

17:00 - Chair: Emma Tomalin (University of Leeds)

Lecture on “Hinduism” by Arvind Sharma (McGill University-Montreal)

Discussants: Prema Kurien (Syracuse University), Federico Squarcini (Ca' Foscari University-Venice)

Friday 3rd March 2023

9:00 - Chair: Erica Baffelli (University of Manchester)

Lecture on “Buddhism” by Emma Tomalin (University of Leeds)

Discussants: Raphaël Liogier (Institut d'Études Politiques-Aix-en-Provence), Lionel Obadia (Université Lumière Lyon 2)

Coffee break

11:00 - Chair: Raphaël Liogier (Institut d'Études Politiques-Aix-en-Provence)

Lecture on “Sikhism” by Gurinder Singh Mann (Global Institute for Sikh Studies-New York)

Discussants: Samuele Davide Molli (University of Milan), Jasjit Singh (University of Leeds)

On-site catering

15:00 - Chair: Philippe Portier (École Pratique des Hautes Études-Paris)

Lecture on “New Spirituality” by Giuseppe Giordan (University of Padua)

Discussants: Stefania Palmisano (University of Turin), Adriana Valente (CNR-IRPPS-Rome), Helena Vilaça (University of Porto), Raquel Weiss (University of Rio Grande do Sul)

Coffee break

17:00 - Chair: Carlo Nardella (University of Milan)

Lecture on “Digital Religion” by Massimo Leone (FBK-Trento, University of Turin)

Discussants: Paolo Peverini (LUISS-Rome), Piero Polidoro (LUMSA-Rome), Alessandra Vitullo (Sapienza-Rome)

Saturday 4th March 2023

9:00 - Chair: Vittorio Cotesta (Roma Tre University)

Lecture on “Atheism” by Lois Lee (University of Kent)

Discussants: Irena Borowik (Jagiellonian University-Krakow), Philippe Portier (École Pratique des Hautes Études-Paris)

Coffee break

11:00 - Concluding discussion and approval of the final document

Conveners: Grace Davie, Irena Borowik, Siniša Zrinščak, Fenggang Yang (chair)

Conclusion by Emanuela C. Del Re, European Union Special Representative

The lectures will be followed by an open discussion

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World religions are no longer the same as in the more or less recent past. They seem to have changed internally, but also to be participating in the processes of globalization. Both, quantitatively (attendance at rituals, participation in activities, and contributions to institutional expenses) and qualitatively (intensity of belief, commitment to militancy, adherence to fundamental principles), there have been significant changes, which cannot be adequately understood with the traditional tools of scientific knowledge, but which require new approaches, for a more in-depth analysis.

The International Forum on Religions is an opportunity to recover and relaunch the supranational debate in the field of social science applied to the religious phenomenon, thanks to the participation of the most accredited and reliable scholars. Particularly worthy of attention is the new reality of knowledge about religions operating in the Asian world, which is

not usually taken into account in the current debate. This is why the Forum represents an almost unique opportunity to revitalise the international debate on religions.



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