



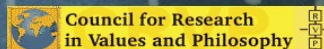
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# The Hermeneutics of Change in the Abrahamic Traditions

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Simultaneous Translation from English to Italian will be provided.

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
9:30-12:30 | 14:30-18:30  
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וַיֹּאמֶר יֵצֶקֶל אֶל־אֲבְרָהָם אֲבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר הֲלוֹי אָבִי  
וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה הָאֵשׁ וְהָעֵצִים וְזֹאת הַשְּׂהָה לְעֹלָה.  
וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבְרָם אֶל־הָיִים רְאֵה־לִּי הַשְּׂהָה לְעֹלָה כִּי וְלֹאִי שְׂעִים  
יִהְיוּ.

(Gen 22, 7-8)

Οὐ γὰρ διὰ νόμου ἡ ἐπαγγελία τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἢ  
τῷ σπέρματι αὐτοῦ, τὸ κληρονόμον αὐτὸν  
εἶναι κόσμου, ἀλλὰ διὰ δικαιοσύνης πίστεως.

(Rm 4, 13)

وَمِمَّنْ أَحْسَنَ دِينًا مِمَّنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ  
وَاتَّبَعَ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا

(Corano 4, 125)



Gen 22,7-8

Isacco si rivolse al padre Abramo e disse: "Padre mio?". Rispose: "Eccomi, figlio mio". Riprese: "Ecco qui il fuoco e la legna, ma dov'è l'agnello per l'olocausto?". Abramo rispose: "Dio stesso si provvederà l'agnello per l'olocausto, figlio mio". Proseguirono tutti e due insieme.

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Rm 4,13

Infatti non in virtù della Legge fu data ad Abramo, o alla sua discendenza, la promessa di diventare erede del mondo, ma in virtù della giustizia che viene dalla fede.

Corano 4,125

Chi potrebbe mai avere una religione migliore di colui che si affida interamente a Dio, fa il bene e segue la fede di Abramo, il giusto? Dio infatti si scelse Abramo per amico.



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# PROGRAM

December 12, 2023

## 9.30-10.00 Opening Session

Welcoming Remarks: **Mark Lewis, SJ**, Rector Magnificus, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome

Thematic Introduction: **William A. Barbieri**, Director, McLean Center for the Study of Culture and Values, The Catholic University of America, USA

Moderator: **João J. Vila-Chã, SJ**, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome

## 10.00-12.00 The Sacred Texts of the Abrahamic Traditions as Sources for Historical Change

**Thomas Söding** (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)

*The Opened Book: Orientation in the World by Faith and Reason: A Christian Hermeneutic of Change*

**Ingrid Mattson** (Huron University College, Canada)

*Applying the 'Purposes of the Sacred Law' in the Age of Ecological Crises*

**Elena Lea Bartolini De Angeli** (L'Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose, Milan)

*Resources for Adaptation to New Contexts in the Sacred Texts of the Jewish Tradition*

Moderators: **Joseph Levi** (Sheman-Scuola di Studi e Cultura Ebraici, Florence)

**Massimo Gargiulo** (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome)

## 12.30-14.30 LUNCH BREAK

## 14.30-16.30 Social, Cultural, and Institutional Contexts of Change in the Abrahamic Traditions

**Leora Batnitzky** (Princeton University, USA)

*On the Importance of Telling Stories: Implications for Pluralism Within and Beyond Jewish Communities*

**Ilaria Ramelli** (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan)

*Strategies of Change: Historical Case Studies and the Value of Philosophical Theology*

**Adnane Mokrani** (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome)

*The Hermeneutical Challenge in Contemporary Islamic Theology*

Moderators: **Edward Alam** (Notre Dame University, Lebanon)

**Federico Stella** (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome)

## 16.30-16.50 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

## 16.50-18.50 Resources for Coping with Emerging Existential Challenges in the Abrahamic Traditions

**Mohammed Hashas** (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, Rome)

*Contemporary Islamic Thought and the Question of Reforms*

**David Meyer** (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome)

*Engaging the Notion of Tikkun in Attempting to Rescue Judaism from Demographic Existential Decline and Theological Abyss*

**Laurent Basanese** (Dicastero per il Dialogo Interreligioso, Rome)

*The Challenge of Fraternity: The Imagination and Construction of Another Possible World*

Moderators: **Karim Crow** (Catholic University of America, USA)

**Adina Balan, CJ** (Talitha Kum International Network, Rome)

## 18.50-19.00 Concluding Session