The Hermeneutics of Change in The Abrahamic Traditions

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GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY, ROME, ITALY
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Simultaneous Translation from English to Italian will be provided.

December 12th, 2023
9:30-12:30 | 14:30-18:30
Aula Tesi (C012)

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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 Süding (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 ‘Purpose of the Sacred Law’ in the Age of Ecological Crises

Elena Lea Bartolini De Angeli (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 Ebraica, 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 Batnitsky (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

Adnan 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: Kurim Crow (Catholic University of America, USA)
Adina Balan, CJ (Talitha Kum International Network, Rome)

18.50-19.00 Concluding Session