

International Conference

FROM RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY TO RELIGIOUS PLURALISM WHAT IS AT STAKE?

The transition from religious diversity to religious pluralism is one of the most important challenges that will reshape the role of religion in contemporary society.

The social and religious panorama of the contemporary world is changing, due to the growing pressure of migration, cultural diversity, and religious diversity in particular.

The presence of cultures and traditions different from those historically present in the various nations triggers processes of relating and comparing many aspects of daily social life, from politics to education, from economics to healthcare, from legal institutions to media, as well as the relations between generations and genres.

The aim of the conference is to highlight how the factual situation of cultural and religious diversity may lead to individual, social and political choices of organized and recognized pluralism. It is a process that leads to redefine both the individual and collective identities, incessantly moving along the continuum that ranges from exclusion to inclusion.

Such an unprecedented situation requires new tools both at conceptual and methodological level in order to be described and interpreted properly.

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Thursday, February 16 (16:15 – 18:00) AULA 3
Parallel Session 6

Chair: Enzo Pace (University of Padova)
Effie Fokas (London School of Economics, UK),
*Forces Promoting and Preventing Pluralism in Majority
Orthodox Contexts*
Marco Orioles (University of Udine, Italy),
Migrants and Religions in Udine: a Survey
Anat Feldman (Achva Academic College, Israel),
Modern Ethno-Religious Memory Communities in Israel
Bernhard Callebaut (Sophia University Institute,
Loppiano- Firenze, Italy), *Sustaining the Roman
Catholic Interreligious Dialogue: a Sociological
Analysis of the Interreligious Dialogue of the Focolare
Movement in Weberian Perspective*
Stefania Palmisano (University of Torino, Italy),
Spirituality in the Mosaic of Italian Religious Pluralism
Carolina Nuti (University of Pisa, Italy),
*The Language of Fate: the Fragmentation of
Representations on Votive Tablets*

Thursday, February 16 (16:15 – 18:00) AULA 4
Parallel Session 7

Chair: Luigi Berzano (University of Torino)
Helena Vilaça (University of Porto, Portugal),
*Newcomers and New Religious Landscape in Portugal:
Types and Levels of Diversity*
Barbara Bertolani (University of Molise, Italy),
The 'Singular' Religious Pluralism of Young Sikhs in Italy
Naser Dumairieh (McGill University, Canada), *Islamic
Theology for Pluralistic Age*
Andrea Ruberti (University of Pisa, Italy),
*From the Absolute to the Religious: How Religious
Diversity Challenges Monotheistic Theologies*
Maria Licia Paglione (Sophia University Institute,
Loppiano- Firenze, Italy), *Reciprocal Integration and
Opened Identities? The Interreligious Dialogue of the
Focolare Movement as a Contribution to the
Construction of a "Relational Religious Pluralism"*

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Via VIII Febbraio, 2
and
FISPPA – Section on Sociology
Via Cesarotti, 10-12*



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Plenary Sessions: Archivio Antico-Palazzo Bo

Wednesday, February 15 (9:30)

Welcome

Giuseppe Zaccaria (Rector of the University of Padova)
Vincenzo Milanese (Head, Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Pedagogy, Applied Psychology)
Enzo Pace (Coordinator LABREL)

Wednesday, February 15 (10:00 – 12:30)

Plenary Session 1

Chair: Giuseppe Giordan (University of Padova)
James A. Beckford (University of Warwick, UK), *Re-thinking Religious Pluralism*
Fenggang Yang (Purdue University, USA), *Oligopoly Is Not Pluralism*
Linda Woodhead (Lancaster University, UK), *Spirituality and the Institutionalisation of Religious Pluralism*
William H. Swatos, Jr. (Baylor University, USA), *Between No Establishment and Free Exercise: The Dialectic of American Religious Pluralism*

Wednesday, February 15 (15:30 – 18:00)

Plenary Session 2

Chair: Enzo Pace (University of Padova)
Jean-Paul Willaime (EPHE, Sorbonne, France), *Religious and Philosophical Diversity as a Challenge for the Secularism: A Belgian-French Comparison*
Gary Bouma (Monash University, Australia), *Religious Diversity and Social Policy: The Dilemmas of Multi-faith Liberal Democracies*
Pauline Côté (University of Laval, Canada), *Religious Diversity and Public Policy. Who is Pluralist?*
James V. Spickard (University of Redlands, USA), *Diversity vs Pluralism? Notes from the American Experience*
Jörg Stolz (University of Lausanne, Switzerland), *The National Congregations Study Switzerland: Mapping and Assessing the Religious Diversity of a Whole Country*

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Plenary Session 3

Chair: Luigi Berzano (University of Torino)
Roberto Motta (Recife University, Brazil), *Brazilian Religions Old and New: Secularization and Enchantment*
Siniša Zrinščak (University of Zagreb, Croatia), *Pluralism and Diversity: Some Reflections from Post-communist Experience*
Dedong Wei (Renmin University, China), *Pluralism under Authoritarian Rule: The Structure of Church and State in China*
Yoshihide Sakurai (Hokkaido University, Japan), *Missionary Trans-border Religions and Defensive Civil Society: A Japanese Perspective to the Possibility of Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Japanese Society*

Parallel Sessions: FISPPA – Section on Sociology, via Cesarotti 10-12

Thursday, February 16 (14:00 – 15:45) AULA 1

Parallel Session 1

Chair: Linda Woodhead (Lancaster University)
Josiane Le Gall (University of Montréal, Canada), *Plural Localities, Plural Norms? Religious Diversity in Québec Healthcare (daily) Practices*
Martin Stringer (University of Birmingham, UK), *Religion after Riots: Listening to Discourses on Religion in Inner-Urban Birmingham*
Renée de la Torre (CIESAS Occidente), *México: From Catholic Monopoly to Religious Diversification. Demographic information Used to Reconstruct the Religious Landscape in Mexico*
Carlo Nardella (University of Milano, Italy), *Pluralism that Sells. Print Advertisements as Indicators of Italy's Religious Pluralism, 1969-2009*
Emanuela C. Del Re (University Niccolò Cusano of Roma, Italy), *Religious Pluralism and Conflicts. Patterns and Challenges in Conflict Prevention and Resolution from Haifa and Beyond*

Thursday, February 16 (14:00 – 15:45) AULA 3

Parallel Session 2

Chair: James A. Spickard (University of Redlands)
Philippe Murillo (University of Toulouse 3, France), *From Diversity to Pluralism : American Metaphysical Religion*
Mariachiara Giorda (University of Torino, Italy), *Religious Pluralism as a Component of Intercultural Education*
Antonella Trisolino (University of Toronto, Canada), *Democracy and Religion: Rights, Safeguards, and Identities*
Andrea Borella (University of Torino, Italy), *Americans but Different: The Peculiar Amish Case*
Lene Kühle (Aarhus University, Denmark), *Concept of Religious Diversity as an Expression of Religious Pluralism*

Thursday, February 16 (14:00 – 15:45) AULA 4

Parallel Session 3

Chair: Jörg Stolz (University of Lausanne)
Anders Sjöborg (Uppsala University, Sweden), *Dealing with Religious Diversity: Aims and Realities of Religious Education in Sweden*
Roberto F. Scalon (University of Torino, Italy), *State-religions Relationship in an Age of Austerity: An "After-modern" Axis?*
Harun-Or-Rashid (BRAC University, Bangladesh), *From Secularism to Extreme Secularism: A New Dimension of Extremism in Bangladesh*
Annalisa Frisina (University of Padova, Italy), *Young Italo-Ghanean Pentecostals in Dialogue: Experiencing Religious Diversity, Seeking Religious Pluralism in Verona*
Olivier Servais (University of Louvain, Belgium), *A Morphological Pluralism: Religious Signs in Virtual Worlds Warcraft and Second Life*

Thursday, February 16 (14:00 – 15:45) SALA SPECCHI

Parallel Session 4

Chair: Chantal Saint-Blancat (University of Padova)
Kornelia Sammet (University of Leipzig, Germany), *Religious Plurality versus Cultural Defence: Attitudes towards Islam Taken in Group Discussions on the Construction of Mosques in Germany*
Stefano Bigliardi (Lund University, Sweden), *A Unity with Many Virtues: From Recognition of Plurality to Integration within the Contemporary Discourse on Islam and Science*
Rayhan Asat (Xinjiang University, China), *Perceptions of Islamic Headscarf Practice And Possible Room for Just Explanation Towards Veiling*
Bartolomeo Conti (EHESS – Paris), *From Muslim Community to Islamic Minority in Italy*
Matthias Kortmann (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) and **Kerstin Rosenow-Williams** (Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany), *Muslims' Struggle for Recognition in Germany in the 21st century. Changing Debates and Collective Responses*

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Parallel Session 5

Chair: William H. Swatos, Jr. (Baylor University)
Yenyi Lee (University of Birmingham, UK), *Religious Pluralism in the Perspective of Confucian Proposition of "the Li is One but Its Manifestations Are Many (li-yi-fen-shu)"*
Sophie-Hélène Trigeaud (University of Kent, UK), *The Religious NGOs at the UN : Religious (non)Diversity and Networks at the Human Rights Council in Geneva.*
Fatma Sündal (Anadolu University of Eskişehir, Turkey), *Alevi Demands in Contemporary Turkey: Laïcité and the Recognition of Diversity within Islam*
Annalisa Butticci (University of Padova, Italy), *Challenging the Catholic Church: West African Pentecostal Churches in Italy*
Simone Martino (University of Torino, Italy), *Forms of Religious Pluralism in the Age of Globalization*