

## October 28<sup>th</sup> 1965 – October 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 Towards the Future

### Re-Thinking *Nostra Aetate* Today

Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome – October 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2025

October 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday, 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM

#### Welcome Reception

10.00 – 10.40

#### Inaugural Session

Chairperson: Donna Orsuto, Pontifical Gregorian University

##### Opening Greetings

- Mark Lewis, SJ, Rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University
- Card. George Jacob Koovakad, Prefect of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue
- Card. Kurt Koch, Prefect of the Dicastery for Christian Unity
- Angeliki Ziaka, Programme Executive for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation, WCC Genève

10.40

##### Introduction:

- Ambrogio Bongiovanni, Director of Centre for Interreligious Studies - Pontifical Gregorian University
- Massimo Gargiulo, Pro-Director of Centre Cardinal Bea for Judaic Studies - Pontifical Gregorian University

11.00- 12.00

##### Inaugural Lectures:

- Paolo Trianni, Pontifical Gregorian University  
*A Historical Introduction to Nostra Aetate*
- Mario Imperatori SJ, Southern Italy Faculty of Theology, section S. Luigi  
*Nostra Aetate: A Theological Understanding*

12.00-12.30

#### Questions and Answers

**October 27th, Monday, 3.00 – 6.00 PM**

***Reflecting on Nostra Aetate 2 (The contribution of other religious traditions) Part I***

**3.00 – 4.15**

Chairperson: Indunil Janakaratne Kodithuwakku, Secretary of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

- Carmelo Dotolo, Pontifical Urbaniana University
- Swami Sarvapriyananda, Vedanta Society of New York
- Giuseppe Jisō Forzani, Stella del Mattino (Comunità buddista zen italiana)

Break

**4.30 – 5.15**

Chairperson: Luigi Buccarello O.S.S.T., General Minister of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity

- Yon Seng Yeath, Rector Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist, University Phnom Penh
- Antonio Rigopoulos, Università Ca' Foscari

**5.15 – 6.00**

Chairperson: Svamini Shuddhananda Giri, Matha Gitananda Ashram

**Questions and Answers (Joint session).**

**October 28th, Tuesday, 9.30 AM – 12.15 PM**

***Reflecting on Nostra Aetate 2 (The contribution of other religious traditions) Part II***

***What Does It Mean not to Be in Nostra Aetate?***

**9.30 – 10.40**

Chairperson: Bryan Lobo SJ, Pontifical Gregorian University

- Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds and Sikh Seva Society
- John Lagerwey, Institut Ricci de Paris, Centre Sèvres
- Samani Amal Pragma, Jain Vishva Bharati Institute

Break

**11.00 – 11.45**

Chairperson: Mike Waltner, KAICIID Representative in Rome

- Antoine De Padou Pooda, Pontifical Urbaniana University
- Stefania Palmisano, University of Turin

**11.45- 12.15**

**Questions and Answers (Joint Session)**

Chairperson: Antonio Aurelio Fernández Serrano, O.S.S.T., Solidarietà Internazionale Trinitaria



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**October 28th, Tuesday, 2.00 – 5.15 PM**

***Reflecting on Nostra Aetate 3***

**Part I 2.00-3.10**

Chairperson: Adhane Mokrani, Pontifical Gregorian University

- Daniel Madigan SJ, Loyola Institute, Australian Catholic University
- Lejla Demiri, Centre for Islamic Theology, Universität Tübingen
- Ismail Taspinar, Department of History of Religions, Marmara University

Break

**Part II**

**3.25 – 4.30**

Chairperson - Wasim Salman, Dean of PISAI Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies

- Klaus von Stosch, International Centre for Comparative Theology and Social Issues, Universität Bonn
- Shahrzad Houshmand Zadeh, Sapienza Università di Roma
- Victor Edwin SJ, Vidyajyoti Institute of Islamic Studies

**4.30 – 5.15**

**Questions and Answers (Joint session)**

Chairperson: Cyprian Consiglio O.S.B. Cam., Monastic Interreligious Dialogue (MID)

**October 28th, Tuesday, 6.30 – 8.30 PM (Paul VI Hall, Rome)**

***Celebratory Gathering in the presence of Pope Leo XIV***

Organized by the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue in collaboration with the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity

**October 29th (morning)**

***General Audience of the Holy Father***

Organized by the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue and the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews

**October 29th, Wednesday, 3.00 – 5.30 PM**

***Reflecting of Nostra Aetate 4***

Chairperson: Gregor Maria Hoff, Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg

- R. Noam Marans, American Jewish Committee
- Etienne Vetö, Auxiliary Bishop of Reims
- Karma Ben Johanan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- David Meyer, Pontifical Gregorian University
- Axel Töllner, Institute for Christian-Jewish Studies and Relations, Augustana Theological Seminary Neuendettelsau

Break

**4.30-5.30 - Question and Answers**



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October 29th, Wednesday, 5.30 – 6.30 PM

**Highlights of the Conference**

Chairperson: Massimo Gargiulo, Pontifical Gregorian University

- Ambrogio Bongiovanni, Pontifical Gregorian University
- Christian Rutishauser SJ, Universität Luzern

**6.45**

*Reception*



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