

SEZIONE ECUMENICA – ECUMENICAL SECTION

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Il programma della sezione ecumenica della Facoltà di Teologia è coordinata dall'Istituto di Studi Ecumenici dell'*Angelicum*. Essa mira a fornire una qualificazione accademica (Diploma, STL, STD) al clero, ai religiosi e ai laici che si preparano a diventare insegnanti di ecumenismo o delegati per l'ecumenismo, o che richiedono una formazione ecumenica continua. Il programma si basa sui principi del Decreto *Unitatis redintegratio* del Concilio Vaticano II e del *Directorio per l'applicazione dei principi e delle norme sull'ecumenismo* della Chiesa cattolica. La Sezione offre corsi e seminari introduttivi obbligatori, nonché corsi specialistici opzionali organizzati con altre Sezioni della Facoltà di Teologia. Sebbene la Sezione si concentri principalmente sull'ecumenismo, l'attenzione è rivolta anche agli studi interreligiosi, specialmente all'ebraismo e all'islam.

Crediti richiesti per 4 semestri: 120 ECTS

The program of the Ecumenical Section of the Faculty of Theology is coordinated by the Institute for Ecumenical Studies of the *Angelicum*. It aims to provide an academic qualification (Diploma, STL, STD) to clergy, religious and laity preparing to become teachers in ecumenism or ecumenical officers, or requiring ongoing ecumenical formation. The program is based on the principles of the Decree *Unitatis redintegratio* of the Second Vatican Council and the *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism* of the Catholic Church. The Section offers introductory mandatory courses and seminars, as well as optional specialized courses organized with other Sections of the Faculty of Theology. Although the Section concentrates primarily on ecumenism, attention is also given to interreligious studies, especially Judaism and Islam.

Credits required for 4 semesters: 120 ECTS

PRIMO SEMESTRE – FIRST SEMESTER

CORSI OBBLIGATORI Primo Anno – First Year

MP3595 Contemplare Aliis Tradere (Ita) **3 ECTS**
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MP3594 Contemplare Aliis Tradere (Eng) **3 ECTS**
Fri. 10.30-12.15

sP1993 Christian Anthropology **3 ECTS**

The Apostle Paul says in his letter to the Galatians, "I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not my own life, but with the life of Christ who lives in me."(Ga 2:19) The gift of the grace of Christ, heals, transforms and perfects human nature. This course will study the human person created in the image of God, redeemed in Christ, and sanctified by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Special attention will be given to the relationship between human nature and the new life of grace in Christ.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: VATICAN COUNCIL II, The Conciliar and Post-Conciliar Documents, ed. Austin Flannery, Lumen Gentium, The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, and, Gaudium et spes, The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. Costello Publishing Company, Northport, New York, 1996; JOHN PAUL II, *Evangelicum Vitae, Fides et Ratio, Mulieris Dignitatem, Redemptor Hominis Veritatis Spondor*, J. AUMANN, O.P., *The Theology of Christian Perfection*, The Priory Press, Dubuque, Iowa, 1962.

S. GAINÉ, O.P. Tue. 10.30-12.15

CORSI OBBLIGATORI Secondo anno – Second Year

mP3560 Friendship with God as Apprenticeship in the Christian Life 3 ECTS

The Scriptures portray friendship with God as an apprenticeship in Christ. Through the filial friendship established by the grace of baptism, Christians are called to participate in Christ's salvific mission. Patristic authors develop theologies of divine friendship based on this scriptural proclamation, and Thomas Aquinas will even define charity itself as friendship with God. This course is an introduction to this biblical and patristic vision and to St. Thomas' development of it.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Course reader will be provided, containing selections from the Scriptures and from: Philo of Alexandria, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Gregory of Nyssa, John Chrysostom, Augustine of Hippo and Thomas Aquinas

M. SHERWIN, O.P.

Mon. 10.30-12.15

CORSI – COURSES

eP3297 Catholic Principles of Ecumenism

3 ECTS

The course is designed to provide a survey of the perspective of the Catholic Church on the ecumenical movement. It begins with an historical overview of the stance of the Church before Vatican II and continues with the ecclesiological basis (*Lumen Gentium*) of the shift realized by the Council. It then offers a Biblical basis drawing from Old and New Testaments. The core of the course is constituted by a comprehensive presentation of the Catholic principles of ecumenism outlined in the decree *Unitatis Redintegratio* and expounded in the post-conciliar *Magisterium*. It presents different aspects of the ecumenical engagement of the Church and indicates main areas of ongoing divergence in matters of doctrine and ethics. Upon completing the course students should be able to articulate the Catholic principles of ecumenism and to actively engage in the search for Christian unity following them.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL, Decree on Ecumenism *Unitatis Redintegratio* (21 November 1964). JOHN PAUL II, Catechism of the Catholic Church (11 October 1992), §§ 813-822. PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY, Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism (25 March 1993). JOHN PAUL II, Encyclical Letter *Ut Unum Sint* on Commitment to Ecumenism (25 May 1995). PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY, *The Ecumenical Dimension in the Formation of those Engaged in Pastoral Work* (1997).

A. CHOROMANSKI

Tue. 14.30-16.15

eP3369 Medieval Oriental Christianity and Islam: Dialogue and Apologetics
3 ECTS

The purpose of this course is to give an overall view of theological encounters between Christians and Muslims in the Middle and Near East between the 8th and 12th centuries. In spite of severe handicaps, Christians in the East have for centuries found a *modus vivendi* with their Muslim neighbours. Far from becoming atrophied Christian theological thought found new ways of communicating itself so as to serve as a basis for interreligious dialogue and inculturation. Such an ancient tradition of

Christian apologetics and dialogue with Islam could help inspire today's Christians, especially in the West, in their encounter with Muslims as well as with the secular world.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : J.M. GAUDEUL, Encounters and Clashes: Islam and Christianity in History, PISAI, Rome 1985; J.NIELSEN – Samir KHALIL SAMIR, Christian Arab Apologetics during the ‘Abbasid Period (750-1258), E.J. Brill, Leiden 1994); The dialogue between Timothy I and al-Mahdi: http://www.tertullian.org/fathers/timothy_i_apology_01_text.htm . Further material would be made available to students during the course.

J. ELLUL, O.P

Mon. 8.30-10.15

eP3540 Primacy and Synodality in the Ecumenical Dialogues 3 ECTS

While the relationship between primacy and synodality has been at the heart of ecumenical dialogues, it also concerns theological reflection within each Church. But what is the nature of primacy and synodality and what is their relationship? Do they both belong to the Church's essence and in which way do they guarantee communion and unity within and between the Churches? To what extent do Christians accept primacy at the universal level and why is synodality important for the ecumenical commitment of the Catholic Church?

BIBLIOGRAPHY : Dialogue documents of the Catholic Church with the different Christian communions (Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran, etc.) and the WCC. Other material will be provided during the course (see also www.christianunity.va)

H. DESTIVELLE, O.P. / D. KERAMIDAS

Wed. 16.30-18.15

eP3534 Maimonides teaching on the nature of God and the ethical life 3 ECTS

The class will develop Maimonides teaching on the nature of God and the ethical life. Maimonides is considered the foremost exponent of philosophical Judaism and has had an enormous influence on Aquinas and other medieval and modern philosophers. This course will deal with the attempt of reconciliation between Aristotelianism, rabbinical tradition and other advancement of Muslim though starting with the Guide for the Perplexed. Studying Maimonides is an essential step for all those interested in Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : MAIMONIDES, Moses, The Guide for the Perplexed translated from the original Arabic text by M. Friedlander. - 2. ed. revised throughout. - New York : Dover, 1956. HERMANN COHEN, Ethics of Maimonides / translated with commentary by Almut Sh. Bruckstein ; Wisc. University of Wisconsin Press, 2004.

LEON ROTH, *Descartes, Spinoza and Maimonides*, Oxford Clarendon Press, 1924. AFTERMAN ADAM. "Moses Maimonides on the Holy Spirit." *The Journal of Religion* 100, no. 2 (2020): 159-188. HARTMAN DAVID, *Maimonides*, Jewish Publication Society, 2009.

J. BEMPORAD

Thu. 16.30-18.15

eP3296 Catholics, Pentecostals and Evangelicals: From Improbable Beginnings to Promising Conversations **3 ECTS**

BIBLIOGRAPHY :

J. USMA GOMEZ

Fri. 14.30-16.15

tP 3353 Seeking Truth: Thomas Aquinas and Islamic Thought in Dialogue
3 ECTS

This course takes as its point of departure the reference *Fides et Ratio* makes on one of the principal contributions of Thomas Aquinas to the Church, namely that “the dialogue which he undertook with the Arab and Jewish thought of his time. In an age when Christian thinkers were rediscovering the treasures of ancient philosophy, and more particularly of Aristotle, Thomas had the great merit of giving pride of place to the harmony which exists between faith and reason.” (n. 43). In the light of this statement this course proposes to explore those questions addressed by Islamic philosophers and which have found a response in the writings of Thomas Aquinas (such as in the *Summa Theologiae*, the *Summa contra Gentiles*, and some of his treatises) by way of endorsement, criticism, both of which took place in an atmosphere of dynamic engagement with the issues addressed.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : JIM FODOR and FREDERICK CHRISTIAN BAUERSCHMIDT (eds.), *Aquinas in Dialogue: Thomas for the Twenty-First Century* (Malden, MN: Blackwell Publishing, 2004). JEAN-PIERRE TORRELL O.P., *Saint Thomas Aquinas, volume I, The Person and His Work*, rev. ed.), (Washington DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2005). G. VERBEKE and D. VERHELST, *Aquinas and Problems of his Time*, (Leuven: Leuven University Press 1976). The list of writings of Thomas Aquinas and of Islamic Philosophers pertinent to the topics discussed will be provided to the students during the course itself.

J. ELLUL, O.P.

Mon. 14.30-16.15

DIPLOMA IN INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

TE2545 Introduction to the World's Great Religions

3 ECTS

In line with Christ's commandment to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19-20) and with contemporary official Statements (the Church "rejects nothing of what is true and holy in the religions", *Nostra aetate* 2), the course proposes an introductory presentation of the major religious traditions of our contemporary world. Following an initial exploration of the religious phenomenon in general, an attention will be paid on the basic elements of the monotheistic and Asian religions, as well as on the Christian theological evaluation of inter-faith dialogue, in the context of a changing global landscape.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : C. E. FARHADIAN, *Introducing World Religions*, Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, Michigan 2015; J.-R. HINNELLS (ed.), *The Penguin Handbook of the World's Living Religions*, Penguin Books, London 2010; K. BECKER – I. MORALI (eds.), *Catholic Engagement with World Religions*, Orbis Books, New York 2010; J. RATZINGER, *Truth and Tolerance: Christian Belief and World Religions*, Ignatius Press, San Francisco 2004.

D. KERAMIDAS

Mon. 10.30-12.15

SEMINARI – SEMINARS

eS3542 Biblical and Extra-Biblical Narratives in the Qur'An 4 ECTS

The purpose of this seminar is to provide insights into narratives involving characters found in Biblical/Extrabiblical texts and their interpretation in the Qur'ân.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : The Bibliography will be provided during the classes

J. ELLUL, O.P.

Wed. 14.30-16.15

bS3546 La Passione: eventi, teologia e racconto nei Sinottici, in Paolo e in Giovanni 4 ECTS

This seminar, for biblical students in the second cycle, aims to discuss the theology of the post-exilic minor prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, and Joel. The first meeting will provide the students with an overview. Students will be given a specific text to study and analyze. They will take turns presenting their findings. A final paper will be expected. A passive knowledge of English is expected, but students are free to speak in English or Italian.

BIBLIOGRAFIA: MARK J. BODA, *Exploring Zechariah. Volume 1. The Development of Zechariah and its Role within the Twelve* (ANEM 16; Atlanta, GA: SBL Press 2017); JOHN R. BARKER, *Disputed Temple. A rhetorical analysis of the book of Haggai* (ES; Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press 2017); HEINZ-JOSEF FABRY (ed.), *The Books of the Twelve Prophets. Minor Prophets – Major Theologies* (BETL 295; Leuven: Peeters 2018); LENA-SOFIA TIEMEYER (ed.), *Priests and Cults in the book of the Twelve* (ANEM 14; Atlanta, GA: SBL Press 2016); CHRIS WOODALL, *Minor Prophets in a Major Key* (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock 2018).

P. GARUTI, O.P.

Gio. 14.30-16.15

SECONDO SEMESTRE – SECOND SEMESTER

CORSI – COURSES

eP3587 Theologies of interreligious dialogue

3 ECTS

This course examines major theological contributions to the theology of religions and interreligious dialogue by systematic theologians and select philosophers in the twentieth century. We examine key representatives of the ‘pluralist’, ‘inclusivist’ and ‘exclusivist’ approaches such as John Hick, Karl Rahner and Karl Barth – and the questioning of this threefold paradigm and more recent debates. That allows students to gain an ecumenical perspective on the field. Some disputed questions in the field of interreligious dialogue will be examined such as dual-belonging and interreligious prayer.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : GAVIN D’COSTA, *Christianity and World Religions: Disputed Questions in the Theology of Religions*, (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009); GAVIN D’COSTA, *Theology and Religious Pluralism: The Challenge of Other Religions*, (Oxford: Blackwell, 1986); JACQUES DUPUIS, *Towards a Christian Theology of Religious Pluralism*, (Maryknoll, Orbis, 1997); PAUL J. GRIFFITHS, *Problems of Religious Diversity*, (Oxford, Blackwell, 2001); PAUL J. GRIFFITHS, *Christianity through Non-Christian Eyes, Faith Meets Faith* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1990).

G. D’COSTA

Tue. 16.30-18.15

eP3372 Emerging Relevance of Contemporary Ecumenical Concepts 3 ECTS

The course will explore the notions of: “Receptive ecumenism”, “Differentiated/ing consensus”, “Ecumenical hospitality”, “Mutual accountability”, “Discipleship” which not only indicate recent ecumenical key-concepts, but they name as well key-terms of an anthropological and ecclesiological grammar for unity, healing, and reconciliation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : Specific Bibliography will be provided during the classes

T. F. ROSSI

Fri. 14.30-16.15

eP3592 Introduction to Buddhist-Christian Dialogue

3 ECTS

The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the comparative study of Buddhism and Christianity, focusing on the relationship between theology/speculative reflection and spiritual practice. After exploring the foundations of interreligious dialogue and comparative theology, the first part of the course will map the history and the fundamental claims of different schools of Buddhist thought. In the second part of the course, after exploring the echoes between the two traditions, students will be invited to articulate and address the echoes, but also the differences setting apart Buddhist and Christian approaches to anthropology, soteriology, and ultimate reality. Some previous study of interreligious dialogue is helpful, but it is not required.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : MATTHEW KAPSTEIN, *Tibetan Buddhism: A Very Short introduction* (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2013). PAUL KNITTER, *Introducing Theologies of Religions* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 2002). PAUL WILLIAMS, *Mahāyāna Buddhism: The Doctrinal Foundations* (2nd ed. London and New York: Routledge.

T. COTTOI

Thu. 16.30-18.15

eP3551 Creation and History in the Hebrew Bible

3 ECTS

The ontology of biblical providence and revelation is two-dimensional: the vertical axis that structures a cosmology integrated by the great chain of being and the horizontal axis of temporality as an arena of Divine intervention and of human salvation. The course will analyse the interaction of the cosmological and of the eschatological in presenting God in the bible.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : JOHN DAY, *God's Conflict with the Dragon and the Sea: echoes of a Canaanite myth in the Old Testament*. University of Cambridge Oriental Publications. Vol. 35. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1985. JOHN J. COLLINS, *The Apocalyptic Imagination* (2nd revised ed.). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans 2016.

M. LORBERBAUM

[Feb 13- Mar 3] Mon., Tue., Wed. 14.30-16.15 ;

eP3549 Isaiah 1-11, morality and cult, the messianic idea**3 ECTS**

In this course we will discuss the views of Isaiah regarding the relationship between cult and morality. Is Isaiah critical of the cult only because it is detached from morality or rather he rejects the sacrificial worship in general? The second topic will be the messianic idea in Isaiah. What is the historical background of the birth of the messianic idea in Isaiah's prophecy? What is the role of the king-messiah? How is the vision of the eschatological peace connected to the messianic figure?

BIBLIOGRAPHY : J. BARTON, 'Ethics in the book of Isaiah', in: C. C. Broyles & C. A. Evans (eds.) *Writing and reading the scroll of Isaiah*, VT Supplement LXX 1, 1997, pp. 67 – 77. K. T. AITKEN, 'Hearing and Seeing: Metamorphoses of Motif in Isaiah 1 - 39', in: P. R. Davies, D. j. a. Clines (eds.), *Among the Prophets - Language, Image and Structure in the Prophetic Writings*, Sheffield 1993, pp. 12 – 41. A.F. Key, 'the Magical background of Isaiah 6. 9-13', in: *Journal of biblical Literature*, 86, 1967, pp. 198 – 204. I. KNOHL 'The Dark Side of Isaiah's Prophecy', in: N. S. Fox et al (eds.), *Mishne Todah, Studies in Deuteronomy and its Cultural Environment in Honor of J. H. Tigay*, Winona Lake, IN, 2008, pp. 275-291. T. N. D. METTINGER, *King and Messiah*, Lund, 1976.

I. KNOHL

[Apr 17 - May 6] Mon., Tue., Wed. 14.30-16.15 ;

eP1706 Methodism and Its Dialogue with the Catholic Church**3 ECTS**

Topics to be explained: origin and spreading of Methodism in GB, USA and over the world; prevenient, justifying and sanctifying grace, means of grace and Catholic Spirit in John Wesley's sermons and his letter to a R Catholic; sung Theology in his brother Charles' Hymns; splitting and merging of Methodist Churches and the foundation of World Methodist Conference and Council; the theological Dialogue with the R Catholic Church, especially on Church, Sacraments, Ministry, Holiness and Reconciliation; the Methodist Association with the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (2006).

BIBLIOGRAPHY : SCOTT D.W.- STEPHENS D.W.,(eds.), *The Practice of Mission in Global Methodism: Emerging Trends From Everywhere to Everywhere*, Routledge, Abingdon-on-Thames 2021; BARBEAU J.W., *The Spirit of Methodism: From the Wesleys to a Global Communion*, IVP Academic, Downers Grove IL 2019; WAINWRIGHT G., *Methodists in Dialogue*, Abingdon Press, Nashville TN 1995. CHAPMAN D.M., *In Search of the Catholic Spirit: Methodists and Catholics in Dialogue*, Epworth Press, Peterborough 2004;

P. COCCO - D. PRATT MORRIS-CHAPMAN

Thu. 14.30-16.15

SEMINARI – SEMINARS

eS3586 God, Christ, and the necessity of the Church for salvation. Catholics and Other religions **4 ECTS**

The seminar will examine the dogmatic teachings of the magisterium on the nature of God, the person of Christ and the necessity of the Church for salvation in the Second Vatican Council in relation to the question of the non-Christian religion. Students will look at magisterial teachings prior to the Council and the magisterium and Roman dicasteries after the Council to examine the concept of the development of doctrine and the claims that Vatican II's teachings were discontinuous with the tradition. Special attention will be given to the doctrine of God in Judaism and Islam and its implications.

BIBLIOGRAPHY : GAVIN D'COSTA, Catholic Doctrines on Jews and Muslims, (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2014); GAVIN D'COSTA, Catholic Doctrines on the Jewish People after Vatican II, (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2019); GERALD O'COLLINS, Second Vatican Council on Other Religions (Oxford: OUP, 2013); FRANCIS A. SULLIVAN, Salvation Outside the Church?: Tracing the History of the Catholic Response (London: G. Chapman, 1992).

G. D'COSTA

Mon. 16.30-18.15

dS3558 La Teologia del Triduo Pasquale nella Summa Theologiae di Tommaso D'Aquino (III, QQ. 46-59) **4 ECTS**

Dopo una presentazione delle linee di fondo della cristologia dell'Aquinate, il seminario proporrà l'analisi e il commento della Summa Theologiae, Tertia pars, qq. 46-59. Saranno messi in evidenza i contenuti della riflessione tommasiana, le loro peculiarità, i loro limiti, le loro potenzialità. Non mancherà un confronto con le prospettive contemporanee della teologia del mistero pasquale.

BIBLIOGRAFIA : I. BIFFI, I misteri di Cristo in Tommaso d'Aquino. La Summa Theologiae, Jaca Book, Milano 2015; J.-P. TORRELL, Le Christ en ses mystères. La vie et l'œuvre de Jésus selon saint Thomas d'Aquin, Tome II, Desclée, Paris 1999.E.-H. WEBER, Le Christ selon Saint Thomas d'Aquin, Desclée, Paris 1988.

M. SALVATI, O.P.

Mer. 16.30-18.15