

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The December 5, 2023, we will organise an international colloquium Freedom and Progress to the 90th anniversary of Prof. Michael Novak (see <https://angelicum.it/event/freedom-and-progress-90th-anniversary-of-prof-michael-novak-1933-2017/>) with a focus on the critical analysis of the philosophical-ethical work of the American-Slovak philosopher, theologian and politician [Michael Novak](#) (1933-2017), author of numerous publications in the field of social sciences. He was one of the major contemporary scholars of the relationship between liberalism and Catholicism.

Interdisciplinary scientific ethical questions about democracy, freedom, liberalism, and neoconservatism in society are an important contribution to the formation of a diverse but united and future-oriented society. The following topics, but not only them, can be investigated:

- Ethical studies of building a peaceful society, but also preventive war as part of a defensive just war
- Ethical and historical assessment of Western capitalism and its Eastern European variant in the context of the work *The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism*
- Philosophical and historical studies of democracy in its various variants
- The relationship between liberalism, liberalism and (neo)conservatism in the political and social context in conjunction with the economic context of global society
- problems of ideologizing postmodern digital society
- The role and philosophy of religions in the context of secular modern society
- Catholic social teaching as an ethical phenomenon by Michael Novak in the discussion of building a new just world among students from North America as well as Eastern Europe.

The deadline for sending an abstract of 1000 characters is December 15, 2023. Abstracts should be written in English; a reply about their acceptance will be notified by February 22, 2024.

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