



PONTIFICIA ACADEMIA
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PAV XXIX GENERAL ASSEMBLY
12-14 February 2024

HUMAN MEANINGS AND CHALLENGES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The Workshop on 12 and 13 February is open to external participation. The details of participation will be on line as soon as possible. Please check our Twitter Account: @PontAcadLife and the Internet site (www.academyforlife.va).

Morning

Opening Session

Moderators: R. Pegoraro, C. Casalone

8:30 – Reception and Congress Kit collection

9:15 – Moving to Apostolic Palace

10:30 - Papal Audience

11:30 – Coffee Break

12:00 - Welcome address

V. PAGLIA, President, Pontifical Academy for Life (Vatican City)

12:30 – Opening Lecture: Anthropologies to the test of contemporaneity

W. DESMOND (Belgium)

13:15 – Lunch

Afternoon

First Plenary Session: ***The human being in the technoscientific age. Multidisciplinary scenarios***

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Moderators: M.C. Carrozza, N. Simard

15:00 – A scientist's point of view
J. AL-KHALILI (UK)

15:20 – A novelist's point of view
To be defined

15:40 – Discussion

16:30 – Coffee Break

17:00 – An economist's point of view
M. MAZZUCATO (UK)

17:20 – A sociologist's point of view
C. FLEURY (France)

17:40 - Discussion

18:30 - Conclusion

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Morning

Second Plenary Session: ***Human Originality and Responsibility***

Moderators: P. Bordeyne, M. Bofarull B.

9:00 – ***Panel 1: Human Originality***

Chair: C. Gastmans

Neuroengineer Olaf BLANKE (Switzerland) discusses with philosopher Carter SNEAD (USA) and theologian Sigrid MUELLER (Austria) on brain implants

10:00 Open discussion

10:30 – Coffee Break

11:00 – ***Panel 2: From domination to responsibility: rethinking humancentrism***

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Chair: T. Lysaught

- J. SIMPORE (Burkina Faso)
- C. LAFONTAINE (Canada)
- T. PIEVANI (Italy)
- H. J. SCHELLNHUBER (Germany)

13:00 – Lunch

Afternoon

Third Plenary Session: Body and soul, heart and conscience, mind and will

Moderators: G. De Paula Souza, L. Palazzani

15:00 – Body and sexuality

M.C. LUCCHETTI BINGEMER (Brazil)

15:30 – Psychology

R. LERNER (USA)

16:00 – Spirituality

A. DEVASIA (India)

16:30 – Coffee Break

17:00 – Discussion

17:45 – A story to conclude

A.M. PELLETIER (France)

18:15 – Concluding remarks

V. PAGLIA (Vatican City)

20:00 – Refreshments (Reserved to Academicians and Speakers)

21.00 “What is Mankind? (Ps 8)” a musical reflection by Pierangelo Sequeri

END of the WORKSHOP open to the Public



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**(RESTRICTED to PAV Members – ONLY for our
ACADEMICIANS)**

8:30 – Holy Mass

9:30 – Breakfast

10:00 – Plenary session

11:00 – Break

11:30 – Plenary session

13:00 – Conclusion



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List of Speakers/Moderators

AL-KHALILI Jim, School of Mathematics and Physics, University of Surrey, Guildford (UK)

BLANKE Olaf, Neuro-X Institute, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), Geneva (Switzerland)

BOFARULL B. Margarita, Faculty of Theology, University of Catalunya, Barcelona (Spain)

BORDEYNE Philippe, Pontifical Theological Institute "John Paul II" for Marriage and the Family Sciences, Vatican City

CARROZZA Mariachiara, Italian National Council of Researches, Rome (Italy)

CSALONE Carlo, Pontifical Academy for Life, Vatican City

DE PAULA SOUZA Gleison, Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, Vatican City

DESMOND William, Institute of Philosophy, Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)

DEVASIA Antony, Department of Philosophy, Hindu College, University of Delhi (India)

FLEURY Cynthia, Chaire "Humanités et Santé", Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Paris (France)

GASTMANS Chris, Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law, Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)

LAFONTAINE Celine, Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal (Canada)

LERNER Richard, Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development, Tufts University, Medford (USA)

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LYSAUGHT Therese, Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy, Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago (USA)

MAZZUCATO Mariana, Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP), University College London (UK)

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**SEQUERI Pierangelo, Former President of the Faculty of Theology in Milan and Former
President of the Pontifical Institute John Paul II for Studies on Marriage and
Family in Rome (Italy).**

SIMARD Noël, Bishop of Valleyfield, Quebec (Canada)

**SIMPORE Jacques, Directeur du Centre de Recherche Biomoléculaire CERBA de Saint
Camille, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)**

SNEAD Carter, Professor of Law, Notre Dame University (USA)