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The Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College
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***Nostra Aetate* Today:**

Reflections 40 Years after Its Call
for a New Era of Interreligious Relationships

Gregorian University, Rome, 25-28 September 2005

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Sunday, 25 September

- 14.00 – 18.00** Registration
15.00 – 17.30 Pre-conference Junior Scholars' Panels
18.00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, M.Afr.
President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue
19.30 Cocktail

Monday, 26 September

FOCUS OF THE DAY'S PLENARY SESSIONS: JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN DIALOGUE

09.00 - 13.00

- Speakers: Adele Reinhartz (Wilfred Laurier University) and
John Pawlikowski (Catholic Theological Union)
Respondents: Didier Pollefeyt (Catholic University, Leuven)
Ruth Langer (Boston College)

15.00 - 17.45 CONCURRENT PANELS AB*

Religious Pluralism: The Historical, Social, and Cultural Context [26.AB.1]

Panel organised by Georgetown University

- Stefano Allievi The Impact of Religious Pluralism on Social Structures,
Particularly in Europe,
Peter Phan The Relationship Between Cultural Diversity and Religious
Pluralism with Special Attention to Asia,
Jane Dammen McAuliffe The New America: Religious Pluralism in the USA
Leo Lefebure Conflict, Chaos, and Cooperation: The Changing Historical
Context of Religious Pluralism in North America

The Implications of *Nostra Aetate* for Christology and Soteriology [26.AB.2]

Seminar organised by the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College

- Philip A. Cunningham A Covenantal Christology: Jesus Christ as Universal Savior in a Post-
Nostra Aetate Church
Hans-Hermann Henrix The Reality of the Incarnation: Christology in the Context of the Reception
of *Nostra Aetate*
Jesper Svartvik Forging an Incarnational Theology Two Score Years After *Nostra Aetate*
Paolo Gamberini *Sincera cum Observantia*: The Christological Perspectives of
Interreligious Dialogue in the Declaration of *Nostra Aetate*

15.00 – 16.15 CONCURRENT PANELS A*

Christian-Muslim Dialogue in the U.S. Since *Nostra Aetate*: Catholic, Protestant, and Muslim Perspectives [26.A.3]

Ghulam-Haider Aasi	American Islamic College
John Borelli	Georgetown University
Harold Volgelaar	Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago

Buddhists and Christians in dialogue [26.A.4]

Don W. Mitchell	The Promise and Challenge of Buddhist Spirituality
Noel Sheth	Buddhist <i>Metta</i> or <i>Maitri</i> and Christian <i>Agape</i>
Maria De Giorgi	TBA

Dialogo Ebraico-Cristiano tra Gerusalemme, Roma e New York [26.A.5]

Elena Bartolini	Universalismo Ebraico-Cristiano e Prospettive di Dialogo a Partire da Gerusalemme
Maria Brutti	Attitudini dell'Ebraismo nei confronti del dialogo Interreligioso: Il dibattito intorno alla linea di Soloveitchik
Emilio Baccarini	Il SIDIC come frutto e come operatore del dialogo ebraico-cristiano.

16.30 – 17.45 CONCURRENT PANELS B*

***Nostra Aetate* and the Question of Revelation [26.B.3]**

Jean-Marc Aveline	La question de la révélation quarante ans après <i>Nostra Aetate</i>
Rachid Benzine	TBA

Interfaith Dialogue Projects [26.B.4]

Michael Kotzin	The Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue of Chicago: A Model of Interreligious Dialogue
Peter Pettit	Beyond Dialogue: Method and Promise in Pluralistic Society
Margaret Palliser	Regional Cooperative Efforts toward Interfaith Understanding among Youth

Monastic Interreligious Dialogue [26.B.5]

Cipriano Carini	Il Contributo Specifico dei Monaci al Dialogo
William Skudlarek	The evolution of monastic interreligious dialogue in North America.
Sr. Bruno Colin	Women's contribution to the monastic dialogue

18.00 - 19.30 **PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION** with Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki (Poznan, Poland), David Rosen (American Jewish Committee), Edward Kessler (Cambridge University), Philip A. Cunningham (Boston College) mapping the progress in Jewish-Christian relations since the Council and identifying directions for the future.

Tuesday, 27 September

FOCUS OF THE PLENARY SESSIONS: CHRISTIANS IN DIALOGUE WITH THE BELIEVERS OF ASIA

09.00 - 10.25 PLENARY: Buddhist – Christian Relations

Speakers: Asanga Tilakaratne (Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka)
James L. Fredericks (Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles)

10.55 - 12.05 PLENARY: Hindu – Christian Relations

Speakers: Anantanand Rambachan (St Olaf College, Minnesota)
Anand Amaladass (Satya Nilayam, Chennai)

12.05 - 13.00 PLENARY DISCUSSION: Christianity and the Religions of Asia

15.00 - 17.45 CONCURRENT PANELS AB*

Religious Pluralism and Public Policy [27.AB.1]

Panel organised by Georgetown University

John D'Arcy May The Politics of Dialogue: *Nostra Aetate* in Interreligious and International Relations

Donald Dietrich *Nostra Aetate* and the Contemporary Catholic Conversation on Human Rights

John Borelli (Chair) Constitutionally Sanctioned Religious Pluralism and Contemporary Issues for Catholics in the United States

The Implications of *Nostra Aetate* for Liturgy and Education [27.AB.2]

Seminar organised by the Center for Christian–Jewish Learning at Boston College

Philip A. Cunningham Chair

Michael Peppard The Roman Catholic Sunday Lectionary and Jewish-Christian Relations

Audrey Doetzel Branches of That Good Olive Tree: 21st Century Liturgical Challenges and Possibilities.

Liam Tracey The Liturgical Implications of *Nostra Aetate*

Mary C. Boys “With Prudence and Charity”: Educating for Interreligious Understanding

15.00 – 16.15 CONCURRENT PANELS A*

Muslims and Christians in dialogue I [27.A.3]

Justo Lacunza Balda TBA

Salah Abou Jaoudé Rethinking Dialogue in the University Context

Andrew Wingate *Nostra Aetate* as a Theological and Practical Inspiration Towards Dialogue with Muslims

Anglican reflections on *Nostra Aetate* [27.A.4]

Michael Ipgrave *Nostra Aetate* and Anglican Attitudes to Inter Faith Relations

Douglas Pratt Exclusive Religion and the Invalidation of Variety: The Contemporary Challenge of *Nostra Aetate*

Influence of “The Other” on Identity [27.A.5]

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| David Sandmel | The Christian Reclamation of Judaism |
| David Neuhaus & Jamal Khader | A Contemporary Holy Land context for <i>Nostra Aetate</i> |
| David Elcott | Five Introspective Questions for 21 st Century Jews |

Biblical Studies and Jewish-Christian Relations [27.A.6]

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| Eileen Schuller | The Influence of the Dead Sea Scrolls on Jewish-Christian Relations |
| Donald Senior | The Impact of <i>Nostra Aetate</i> on Catholic Biblical Interpretation |

16.30 – 17.45 CONCURRENT PANELS B*

Educational Initiatives [27.B.3]

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| David Coppola | Program for Seminarians and Rabbinical Students |
| Ron Kronish | Central Challenges facing Jewish-Christian Dialogue Today – A Jewish Point of View |
| Joan Kirby | The Experience of the Consultation for Interfaith Education |

Interreligious dialogue in Africa [27.B.4]

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| Martin Nkafu | <i>Nostra Aetate</i> e Dialogo tra il Cristianesimo e la Religione Tradizionale Africana |
| Kathleen McGarvey | Muslim and Christian women and dialogue |
| Isidore Nwanaju | |

Present Reality and Future Prospects in Jewish-Christian Relations [27.B.5]

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| Jonathan Gorsky | The Old People of God: Catholic Perceptions of Judaism since <i>Nostra Aetate</i> |
| Hans Ucko | Jewish-Christian Dialogue at the End of the Road or Breaking New Ground? |
| Peter Zaas | Authority in the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue |

Jewish and Christian Theological Perspectives on *Nostra Aetate* [27.B.6]

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| Alan Brill | Covenant and Self-Understanding: Considering <i>Nostra Aetate</i> from the Perspective of Jewish Theology |
| Mauro Pesce | Transformation of Catholic Theology regarding the Interpretation of the Old Testament in light of the New Testament |
| Eugene Korn | The Implications of <i>Nostra Aetate</i> and Post-Vatican II Statements for Jewish Theology and Jewish-Catholic Dialogue |

18.00 - 19.30

PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION

with Mons. Felix Machado, Undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue mapping the progress in relations between Christians and members of Asian religious traditions since the Council and identifying directions for the future.

Wednesday, 28 September

FOCUS OF THE DAY'S PLENARY SESSIONS: MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS IN DIALOGUE

09.00 - 12.30 PLENARY

- Speakers: Mona Siddiqui (University of Glasgow)
Christiaan van Nispen tot Sevenaer (Coptic Catholic Seminary, Cairo)
- Respondents: Daniel Madigan (Gregorian University)
Adnane Mokrani (Gregorian University)

15.00 - 17.45 CONCURRENT PANELS AB*

Theologies of Religious Pluralism [28.AB.1]

Panel organised by Georgetown University

- Alon Goshen-Gottstein Towards a Jewish *Nostra Aetate*
- Patrick Ryan *Amen/Amîn*: Faith and Beliefs, Christian and Muslim
- Chester Gillis (Chair) Soteriology since *Nostra Aetate*

The Historical and Dialogical Significance of *Nostra Aetate* [28.AB.2]

Seminar organised by the Center for Christian–Jewish Learning at Boston College

- Judith Banki *Nostra Aetate*, Chapter IV: The Struggle Within the Church; the Struggle Within the Jewish Community.
- Peter Pettit From Sour Grapes to Sacrament: Jews as the Other that Christians Encounter
- Christian Rutishauser The Jewish-Christian Dialogue and the Theology of Religions
- Alberto Melloni TBA

15.00 – 16.15 CONCURRENT PANELS A*

Muslims and Christians in Dialogue II [28.A.3]

- Mahmut Aydin Catholic Dialogue Activities from a Muslim Perspective
- Thomas Michel Speaking of Christ Crucified in a Muslim Environment
- Ismael Taspinar Interreligious Dialogue in Turkey

Identity, Otherness, and Communication [28.A.4]

- Kornel Zathureczky Overcoming Supersessionism: A Question of Trinitarian Discourse?
- Roman Siebenrock *Habitudo Ecclesiae*: Meaning and actual importance of the basic theme of *Nostra Aetate*
- Gary Bretton-Granatoor A Failure to Communicate: Our different Hermeneutics Lead to Confusion on Basic Tenets of Faith

Asian Religions and New Dialogical Paradigms [28.A.5]

- Sebastian Painadath An Indian Paradigm of Spiritual Integration for a Culture of Dialogue: A Reflection on *Nostra Aetate* 2, Hinduism
- Benedict Kanakappally TBA
- Christopher Pramuk *Hagia Sophia*: The Unknown and Unseen Christ of Thomas Merton

16.30 – 17.45 CONCURRENT PANELS B*

Muslims and Christians in dialogue III [28.B.3]

Giuseppe Scattolin	Sufism and Interreligious Dialogue
Isham Pawan Ahmad	Two Medieval Attempts at Reconciling Faith to Reason by Al-Farabi and Aquinas on Natural Law
Kamar Oniah	Religion as a Mechanism for World Peace: the Rudiments of Interfaith Dialogues and Engagements

Alterity and Identity [28.B.4]

Stephen B. Murray	The Encounter with the Religious “Other” as Identity Formation in Christian Theological Anthropology
Scott Alexander	On Becoming a Converted Outsider
Lamido Sanusi	TBA

Building a Different Future through Education [28.B.5]

Hanspeter Heinz	Building for the Future: Jewish-Christian Dialogue in Cultural Context
Manfred Deselaers	Auschwitz and the Renewal of Christian-Jewish relations
Suna Umari	The Rothko Chapel

18.00 - 19.30 PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION

with Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, M.Afr., President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, mapping the progress in Muslim-Christian relations since the Council and identifying directions for the future.

20.00

**FINAL CONFERENCE DINNER
IN THE ATRIUM OF THE GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY.**

SPEAKER: S. E. WALTER CARDINAL KASPER

President of the Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism

† The Bernardin Center's participation is part of its annual Rabbi Hayim Goren Perelmuter Annual Conference.

* The concurrent panels will take place each afternoon in two sessions:

A = 15.00 – 16.15

B = 16.30 – 17.45

Some panels organized by Georgetown University and Boston College over the three days of the conference will cover both sessions each afternoon. Hence:

AB = 15.00 – 17.45

Each panel has a code giving the date, the time and the room number. Thus, for example,

27.AB.1 signifies 27 September, 15.00 – 17.45, room 1

26.B.5 signifies 26 September, 16.30 – 17.45, room 5