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# Multicultural Communities for what Formation?

Multiculturality and Intercultural Competence  
in the Pontifical Universities and in the Formative  
Communities of Consecrated Life

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to offer an analysis and  
understanding of the  
possible epistemological  
transformations,  
proposals and practices  
present in religious  
training contexts  
characterized by  
the multicultural nature  
of both trainers and trainees,  
lecturers and students

P. Égüez, *Grito de los excluidos, Cotacachi (Ecuador) 2001*

*Diversity always proves a bit frightening, for it challenges our securities and the status quo...  
In the face of cultural, ethnic, political and religious diversity, we can either retreat into a rigid defence of our supposed identity or become open to encountering others and cultivating together the dream of a fraternal society.*

Pope Francis

Speech to the Hungarian Episcopal Conference  
Apostolic visit to Budapest, September 12, 2021

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## WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### MULTICULTURALITY AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

#### Morning

08:30 **Introduction to the Congress** *Multicultural formation communities. Knowledges and education in the face of cultural and religious pluralism of trainers and trainees* LUCA PANDOLFI, Full Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

08:45 **Address by the Magnificent Rector**  
Prof. LEONARDO SILEO, ofm

09:00 **Message of the Grand Chancellor**, His Eminence Cardinal LUIS ANTONIO TAGLE, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples

INTERVENTIONS / DIALOGUE BETWEEN SPEAKERS / DEBATES

09:30 **PHILOSOPHY BETWEEN MULTICULTURALISM AND POSTMODERNITY**  
*Multicultural epistemologies and contemporary connected societies*

*Opportunities and challenges in intercultural encounters in Religious formation centres*

**Robin Sahaya Seelan**, SJ, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Loyola College and Director "Satya Nilayam" Research Institute, Chennai (India)

*Intercultural education in Chile, a critical approach from intercultural philosophy* **Lorena Zuchel**

Lecturer in the Department of Humanistic Studies, Universidad Técnica "Federico Santa María", Valparaiso (Chile)

*Interculture as a philosophical imperative, «in the African times of the world»* **Severino Elias Ngoenha**

Ordinary Professor of Intercultural Philosophy, Pedagogical University, Maputo (Mozambique)

DEBATE

*Moderator* **Lorella Congiunti**, Full Professor of Philosophy of Nature, Director of the Research Institute of non-belief and cultures, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **THEOLOGY AND CULTURES: BEYOND THE QUESTION OF INCULTURATION AND CONTEXTUALIZATION**  
*Teaching Cross-Cultural Theology and Teaching Theology Cross-Culturally*

*Interculturality, an integral dimension of being church* **Fermin Rodríguez López**, CMF, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Loyola University, Granada (Spain)

*“Your gates shall be open continually” (Isaias 60,11): the Bible in an intercultural key* **Elizangela Chavez Dias**, MSCS, Lecturer in charge of intercultural Reading of the Bible, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

*Experiences of formation in the search for God and mutual listening in intercultural contexts: horizons and boundaries* **Anne Zell**, Waldesian pastor, Coordinator of the Master’s in Theology and Diakonia in an Intercultural Perspective, Waldesian Faculty of Theology in Rome (Italy)

DEBATE

Moderator **Sandra Mazzolini**, Full Professor of Ecclesiology, Dean of the Faculty of Missiology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

**Afternoon**

15:00 **THE HUMAN SCIENCES AND THE CHALLENGE OF DIFFERENT CULTURAL PARADIGMS**

*Training together for pedagogical research in contexts of high sociocultural complexity* **Davide Zoletto**, Associate Professor of General and Social Pedagogy, University of Udine (Italy)

*From colonialism to coloniality. Challenges and risks of postcolonial views and decolonisation of knowledges* **Miguel Angel Mellino**, Lecturer in Post-colonial studies and inter-ethnic relationships, University of Naples “L’Orientale” (Italy)

*Sociology and intercultural relations between hegemonic research practices and critical views* **Ilenya Camozzi**, Associate Professor of Sociology of culture, University of Milan - Bicocca (Italy)

*Descriptive models and operational models between social sciences and ethnopsychiatry*

**Cristina Zavaroni**, Anthropologist, «Mamre» Foundation and «Mondi Multipli» Laboratory of the Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa (Italy)

DEBATE

Moderator **Alessandro Dell'Orto**, SX, Full Professor of Social and Cultural anthropology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

## THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### Morning

8:30 **RELIGIOUS LIFE, FORMATION AND CULTURAL PLURALITY**

*The research in the USA and in Italy*

Research carried out at Trinity University and CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, Georgetown University), in Washington (USA) that generated the research in Italy

*Look more closely* **Kathleen Mahoney**, GHR Foundation, Minneapolis (USA)

*International Sisters in the United States: a Sociological Study* **Mary L. Gautier**, Retired senior research associate at CARA, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, Washington (USA)

*The experience of interculturality in multicultural educational communities: presentation of a research-action-formation carried out in Italy*

**Luca Pandolfi**, Full Professor of Cultural anthropology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy), **Enrica Ottone**, FMA, Full Professor of Social and intercultural Pedagogy, Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium", Rome (Italy)

Moderator **Aldo Skoda**, CS, Professor of Theology of pastoral care and human Mobility, Director of the SIMI Scalabrini International Migration Institute, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

10:00 **MULTICULTURALITY AND FORMATION IN THE PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITIES AND IN THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS LIFE/1**

Presentation of the report of the research-action-formation co-promoted by the Pontifical Urbanian University and the International Union of Superiors General UISG, in collaboration with the Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences «Auxilium» and together with the Institute of Theology of Consecrated Life «Claretianum» in Rome, the University Institute «Sophia» in Incisa Valdarno (Fi), the Pontifical Theological Faculty of Sicily «San Giovanni» in Palermo, the PIME International Theological Seminary in Monza as well as numerous formation communities in Italy for Consecrated Life, both male and female.

*Intercultural competences in training communities: key concepts emerged from the lexical-textual analysis of the focus groups*

**Fiorenza Deliu**, Associate Professor of Sociology in the Department of Statistical Sciences of “Sapienza” University, Rome (Italy)

*Multiculturalism and Interculturality: a qualitative analysis of focus group participants' views*

**Nina Deliu**, Postdoctoral Researcher at MRC – Department of Biostatistics, University of Cambridge (UK)

*The challenge of interculturality in multicultural educational communities: results of the quantitative survey* **Luca Di Censi**, Sociologist, Scientific advisor “Human Foundation”, Rome (Italy)

*Moderator* **Aldo Skoda**, CS, Professor of Theology of pastoral care and human Mobility, Director of SIMI Scalabrini International Migration Institute, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **MULTICULTURALITY AND FORMATION IN THE PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITIES AND IN THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS LIFE/2**

*Intercultural competence under construction: qualitative analysis of critical incident narratives of a group of university students* **Enrica Ottone**, FMA, Full Professor of Social and intercultural Pedagogy, Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences “Auxilium”, Rome (Italy)

*Formation in multicultural, formation for interculture: challenges to be met, necessary transformations* **Luca Pandolfi**, Full Professor of Cultural anthropology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

DEBATE

*Moderator* **Silvestro Paluzzi**, Full Professor of Psychology of Formative Processes, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

## Afternoon

### 15:00 **EXPERIENCES OF FORMATION TO INTERCULTURALITY IN MALE AND FEMALE CONSECRATED LIFE AND IN LAY MOVEMENTS**

*Training in interculturality trainers and leaders of female consecrated life: challenges and good practices* **Patricia Murray**, IBVM, Executive Secretary of UISG International Union Superiors General, Rome (Italy)

*The need for formation to move from multiculturalism to interculturality* **Peter Claver Narh**, SVD, Coordinator for the Formation of the Society of the Divine Word in Germany, Sankt Augustin (Germany)

*Living in multiculturalism, intercultural education in Catholic higher education* **Cristina Montoya** Professor in charge of Intercultural communication, Department di Social and Political Sciences, Economics and Management, Sophia University Institute, Incisa Valdarno (Italy)

DEBATE

*Moderator* **Tiziana Longhitano**, Extraordinary Professor of Systematic Theology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

### 16:00 **WORKSHOP**

*Practical workshops of analysis and management of multiculturalism*

**Enrica Ottone**, FMA, Full Professor of Social and intercultural Pedagogy, Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium", Rome (Italy)

**Tim Norton**, SVD, Trainer and Coordinator of Intercultural Training Courses, Nemi (Italy)

## FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### Morning

09:00 **LIVING INTERCULTURALLY, TRAINING IN INTERCULTURALITY**

*The global education pact, between universal fraternity and cultural pluralism*

**His Exc. Mgr. Angelo Vincenzo Zani**, Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education (Vatican City)

*Critical intercultural education between equality and difference* **Milena Santerini**, Full Professor of General Pedagogy, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan (Italy)

*Guidelines and points of no return for international and intercultural training and formation*

**Darla K. Deardorff**, Research Fellow, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University, Durham (USA)

*Moderator* **Pierangelo Muroni**, Full Professor of Liturgy, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

11:00 Coffee break

*University, education and the challenge of interculturality as a way of life and thinking*

**Raul Fornet-Betancourt**, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Aachen (Germany)

*Letting all voices speak? Decolonizing World Christianity - Insights from Intercultural Theology*

**Judith Gruber**, Professor of Systematic Theology, KU Leuven (Belgium)

*Moderator* **Pierangelo Muroni**, Full Professor of Liturgy, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (Italy)

### DEBATE

12:30 CONCLUSIONS

