

**Religious Voices, Human Dignity  
and the Making of Modern Human Rights Law**

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**20 JANUARY, SUNDAY**

**18:00 – 20:00**

**Opening Reception**

Sala S Francesco, La Pontificia Università Antonianum

**Welcome and Introductory Addresses**

**Giuseppe Buffon OFM**, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, La Pontificia Università Antonianum

**Ján Figel'**, Special Envoy for Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief outside the European Union, European Commission

**Monsignor David-Maria A. Jaeger OFM**, Prelate Auditor of the Roman Rota

**Kristina Arriaga**, President, Oxford Society for Law and Religion

**Anna Záborská**, Member of the European Parliament, Slovakia

**Khalid Hajji**, Secretary General, European Council of Moroccan Ulemas

**Elder Gary E. Stevenson**, Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**21 JANUARY, MONDAY**

**8:00 – 8:30**                    **Registration and Welcome Addresses – Aula A**

**8:30 - 9:00**                    **Welcome Addresses**

**Giuseppe Buffon OFM**, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, La

Pontificia Università Antonianum

**Brett G. Scharffs**, Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University Law School

**Peter Petkoff**, Director of Religion, Law and International Relations Programme, Regent's Park College, Oxford; Law Lecturer, Brunel Law School

**9:00 – 11:00**                    **The Road to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

**Chair:**

**W. Cole Durham, Jr.**, Susa Young Gates Professor of Law and Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University Law School

**Speakers:**

**Tore Lindholm**, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Oslo

“Maritain from World Constitutions Project to the Philosopher’s Committee”

**Andrea Simoncini**, Professor of Law, University of Florence

“Religious Freedom, State and Anthropology: The Contribution of Luigi Sturzo to Modern Human Rights Law”

**11:00 – 11:30**                    **Break**

**11:30 – 13:00**                    **Human Dignity, and the Making of the UDHR**

**Chair:**

**İlay Romain Örs**, Associate Professor in Social Anthropology, American College of Greece

**Speakers:**

**Peter Petkoff**, Director of Religion, Law and International Relations Programme, Regent's Park College, Oxford; Law Lecturer, Brunel Law School

“Charles Malik, Christology, Human Dignity, and Human Rights”

**Smilen Markov**, Assistant Professor in Christian Philosophy, Theological Faculty, University of Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria

“Human Dignity and Liminality of the Human: von Balthasar, Malik, and Bonhoeffer”

**Habib Malik**, Associate Professor of History, Lebanese American University

“Perspectives on Malik’s Contribution to the UDHR”

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Meeting of Worlds**

**Chair:**

**Rebecca White**, Research Associate, Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture, Regent's Park College

**Greeting (video):**

**Rav Riccardo Di Segni**, Chief Rabbi of Rome;  
Chairman, Babylonian Talmud Translation Project

**Speakers:**

**Reut Yael Paz**, Senior Researcher, Law Faculty, Franz von Liszt Institut für internationales Recht und Rechtsvergleichung, Giessen  
“Jewish Lawyers and the Making of Modern International Law”

**Pamela Slotte**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Art, Psychology and Theology, Åbo Akademi University; Vice-Director, Centre of Excellence in Law, Identity and the European Narratives, University of Helsinki

“The UDHR and the Ecumenical Movement”

**Kristina Arriaga**, President, Oxford Society of Law and Religion  
“Latin American Voices, Human Dignity, and the Making of the UDHR”

**16:00 – 17:30**

**From the UDHR to the ECHR and *Dignitatis Humanae***

**Chair:**

**Jónatas Machado**, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra

**Speakers:**

“The Making of *Dignitatis Humanae*”

**Alberto Melloni**, Professor of History of Christianity, University of Modena-Reggio Emilia, and UNESCO Chair on Religious Pluralism and Peace

**Francesca Cadeddu**, Secretary General, European Academy of Religion

**Eugenia Relaño Pastor**, Max Planck Institute, Halle, Germany  
“Human Dignity and the European Court of Human Rights”

**17:45 – 18:30**

**Key Address**

**Monsignor David-Maria A. Jaeger OFM**, La Pontificia Università Antonianum

“Religious Freedom and the Catholic Church”

**22 JANUARY, TUESDAY**

**9:00 – 11:00                      Roundtable: Religious Voices, Human Dignity, and Sustainable Development Part 1 – Aula A**

**Chair:**

**W. Cole Durham, Jr.**, Susa Young Gates University Professor of Law and Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

**Speakers:**

**Brian J. Grim**, Founder and President, Religious Freedom and Business Foundation

**Patrice Brodeur**, Professor, University of Montreal; Senior Adviser, KAICIID

**Fabio Petito**, Director, Freedom of Religion or Belief and Foreign Policy Initiative, University of Sussex, and Head, Italian MFA-ISPI Programme on Religions and International Relations

“Interreligious Engagement, FoRB, and Sustainable Development”

**11:30 – 13:00                      Roundtable: Religious Voices, Human Dignity, and Sustainable Development Part 2 – Aula A**

**Chair:**

**Juan Navarro-Floria**, Professor of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina

**Chiara Lorentini**, International Relations Peace War and Security Studies MA, Università degli studi di Roma Tre; Member of the Babylonian Talmud Translation Project

**Monsignor Bruno-Marie Duffé**, Congregation of Integral Development, the Holy See

“The Reference of Human Rights in the Context of the Integral Human Development”

**Katherine Marshall**, Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University

“Dignity and Sustainable Development”

**14:00 – 15:30                      Parallel Sessions**

**Session I. The Changing Landscape of Religious Freedom Protection**

**Chair:**

**Andrea Pin**, Associate Professor in Comparative Law, University of Padua

**Speakers:**

**Yannis Ktistakis**, Lawyer and Senior Partner, Ktistakis & Associates Law Firm; Assistant Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law, Democritus University of Thrace

**Nikos Maghioros**, Associate Professor of Canon and Ecclesiastical Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

**Javier Martínez-Torrón**, Professor of Law, Complutense University of Madrid

**Laura Sgro**, Lawyer, Rome

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Session 2: Aula B**

**Intercultural and Anthropological Perspectives on Religious Freedom**

**Chair:**

**Stan Rosenberg**, Theology Faculty, Oxford

**Speakers:**

**Mario Ricca**, Professor in Intercultural Law and Ecclesiastical Law, University of Parma

“Is a Religion-Free Interpretation of UDHR Art. 30<sup>th</sup> Possible? The Anthropological Significance of Religious Worldviews in Understanding Human Rights”

**Alessandro Saggioro**, Professor of History of Religions, Department of History, Cultures, and Religion, Sapienza University of Rome

“The Cultural Dimension of Religious Freedom: Can a Comparison be Useful?”

**Giancarlo Anello**, Professor of Intercultural Law, University of Parma  
“Islam and Human Rights”

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Session 1: Aula A**

**Emerging Trends in International Human Rights Protection: Renewing Commitment to Human Dignity – Aula B**

**Chair:**

**Sophie van Bijsterveld**, Senator, Dutch Upper House of Parliament; Professor of Religion, Law and Society, Radboud University

**Speakers:**

**Robin Fretwell Wilson**, Director, Program in Family Law and Policy, University of Illinois

**Brett G. Scharffs**, Rex E. Lee Chair and Professor of Law; Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University Law School

**Marco Ventura**, Faculty of Law, University of Siena; Director, Centre for Religious Studies, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento

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**Intercultural and Anthropological Perspectives on Religious Freedom**

**Chair:**

**Habib Malik**, Associate Professor of History, Lebanese American University

**Speakers:**

**Carl Sterkens**, Associate Professor of Comparative Religious Studies,  
Radboud University

“The Contested Contribution of Religion to the Human Rights  
Culture”

**Melisa Liana Vazquez**, Instructor, University of Parma

“No Resources, No Rights: Religious Imaginaries and the Economic  
‘Mean(ings)’ of Human Rights”

**Míriam Díez Bosch**, Directora Observatori Blanquerna de  
Comunicació, Religió I Cultura, Spain

**Gerhard Robbers**, Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Trier

**Clelia Piperno**, Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law,  
University of Teramo; Project Director, Babylonian Talmud

Translation and Chair, Project Board of Directors

“Insights from the Talmud Translation Project”

**Giovanna Martelli**, Former Deputy, Italian Parliament

**17:45-18:30**

**Closing: Reflections on the Dignity Themes of the Conference**

**Lluís Oviedo Torró OFM**, Professor for Theological Anthropology,  
La Pontificia Università Antonianum

“Human Rights as a Meeting Point for Christian and Other  
Anthropologies”

**Robin Fretwell Wilson**, Director, Program in Family Law and Policy,  
University of Illinois

**W. Cole Durham, Jr.**, Susa Young Gates Professor of Law and  
Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies,  
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