

CREATURES



RADICAL ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION AFTER LAUDATO SI'

Discovering the intrinsic Value of all Creatures, Human & Non-human

7-8 March 2018

Pontifical Gregorian University
Piazza della Pilotta 4, 00187, Rome

Sponsored by the Embassies of Georgia, Germany and the Netherlands to the Holy See in collaboration with the Pontifical Gregorian University, and the Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology Group of the Pontifical Universities, a conference on Radical Ecological Conversion After Laudato Si', Discovering the intrinsic Value of all Creatures, Human and Non-human will take place at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

The conference will bring together priests, religious, scientists and teachers to explore the implications for the Academy, the Church, and Society of the teaching of Laudato si' on the intrinsic worth of all creatures, and the need to re-order human society so as to respect them, and the natural order of the Creation.

Through scholarly presentations and dialogue, the conference will identify ways the Church may, together with other partners, bring about the radical ecological conversion of individuals and of economic, social and political agencies and communities.

For those who wish to attend the conference please, register at georgiaholyysee@gmail.com. Registration is open instantly and will close on 26 February.

Organising committee takes responsibility for your attendance, provides printed programs and coffee during Coffee Breaks; we are unable to provide further services.

Wednesday 7th March 2018

10:00-10:30 - **Welcome:** Rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Ambassadors.

Messages from H.H. Pope Francis and H.H. Patriarch Bartholomew.

10:30-10:55 - **Inaugural Lecture:** „Radical Ecological Conversion“ by H.E. Cardinal Peter Turkson, *Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.*

Speakers:

10:55 - „Embracing and Emboldening Change“ by Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis, *Theological Advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarch on the Environment.*

11:20 - „Seeking Wisdom: Theology & the Intrinsic Value of Creatures“ by Prof. Dr. Celia Deane-Drummond, *Director, Center for Theology, Science and Human Flourishing, University of Notre Dame, USA; Chair European Forum for the Study of Religion and Environment.*

11:45-12:00 – Discussion

12:05-12:45 - **A Celebration of Creatures**

Chair: H.R.H. Jaime de Bourbon de Parme, *Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Holy See.*

"Nature's bounty: why we need all other species on earth" by Dr. Enric Sala, *Explorer-in-Residence, National Geographic Society, United States.*

12:45-13:05 – Discussion

13:05-14:30 – Break

14:30-15:50 - **The Suffering of Creation: Human and Nonhuman Migration**

Chair: Dr. Mark Lawrence, *Managing scientific director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam, Germany.*

Speakers:

„A new era of human and non-human migration“ by Dr. Martina Grecequet, *Institute on the Environment (IonE) University of Minnesota, USA.*

„Reflections on migration of species in response to climate change“ by Rev. Dr. Chris Southgate, *Associate Professor in Interdisciplinary Theology, University of Exeter, UK.*

Respondents:

Dr. Anna Rowlands, *St Hilda Associate Professor of Catholic Thought and Practice, Durham University, UK.*

Dr. Mark Lawrence, *Managing Scientific Director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam, Germany.*

Discussion

15:50-16:15 - *Coffee break*

16:15-17:45 - **Care for the Common Home of Creatures and Peoples**

Chair: Rev. Dr. Prem Xalxo SJ, *Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.*

Speaker:

„Indigenous Peoples, Land Rights and Care for Creatures” by Rev. Prof. Dr. Michael Northcott, *University of Heidelberg, Germany.*

Respondents:

Dr. Loreen Maseno, *Senior Lecturer, Department of Religion, Theology and Philosophy, Maseno University, Kenya.*

Dr. Sophia Chirongoma, *Lecturer, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe.*

Rev. Dr. Alberto E. Alejo, *Sacred Springs: Dialogue Institute of Spirituality and Sustainability. Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines.*

Discussion

Thursday 8th March 2018

09:00–10:15 - **Conversion towards recognition of intrinsic value of all creatures through Ecclesial practices**

Chair: Mr. Tebaldo Vinciguerra, *Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Vatican.*

Speakers:

"Could Eating other Creatures be a Way of Recognising their Intrinsic Value?" by Prof. Dr. Ernst M. Conradie, *Head of Department of Religion and Theology, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.*

“The community of creation in the local church” by Dr. Alice Hague, *School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh, UK*

Respondents to both:

Dr. Carmody Grey, *Department of Theology, University of Bristol, UK.*

Mr. Tomás Insua, *Executive Director, Global Catholic Climate Movement.*

Discussion

10:15-10:30 - Coffee break

10:30-11:45 - **Fundamental Arguments for Creaturely Care**

Chair: Rev. Dr. Gerry Whelan SJ, *Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.*

Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Prof. Louis Caruana, S.J. *Dean of Philosophy, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.*

Dr. Oliver Putz, *Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam, Germany.*

Respondent to both:

Ms. Clair Linzey, *Deputy Director, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics, UK.*

Discussion

11:45-11:50 – Short break

11:45-13:00 - **Radical Conversion in the Economy with a view on non-human life**

Chair: H.E. Annette Schavan, *Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Holy See.*

Speaker:

"Climate, Coal and Capital - Status of the Global Commons" by Prof. Dr. Ottmar Edenhofer, *Technische Universität Berlin, Germany.*

Respondents:

Dr. Sarah Molly Scot Cato, *MEP, UK.*

Dr. Hans Diefenbacher, *Alfred-Weber-Institute of the University of Heidelberg, Germany.*

Discussion

13:05-13:45 - Break

14:00-15:00 - **The Psychology of Ecological Valuation**

Chair: Dr. Oliver Putz, *Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam, Germany.*

Speaker:

Dr. Katharina Beyerl, *Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam, Germany.*

Respondent:

Rev. Dr. Nick Austin SJ, *Department of Theology, Heythrop College, UK.*

Discussion

15:00-15:05 – Short break

15:05-16:20 - **Workshops: Communication and Networking for Radical Ecological Conversion**

Chair and respondent: Msgr. Tomasz Trafny, *Head of Science and Faith Department, Pontifical Council for Culture, Vatican.*

„Radical Ecological Conversion after Laudato Si: a practical exploration of the possibilities and challenges from a grassroots perspective” by Ms. Linda Jones, *Head of Theology Programme, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)*.

„Radical Ecological Conversion for Urban Communities” by Mr. Kailean Khongsai, *A Rocha, India*.

Radical Conversion in Human Development – Rev. Dr. Augusto Zampini Davies, *Director of Faith & Development, Dicastery for Promoting Human Integral Development, Vatican*.

16:20-16:30 - *Coffee break*

16:30-17:30 - **New Strategies for Spiritual Practices and the Intrinsic Value of All Creatures**

Speakers:

„Evangelical spirituality and ecology” by Rev. Peter Harris, *President and co-founder, A Rocha International*.

„Ignatian spirituality and ecology” by Rev. Dr. Prem Xalxo SJ, *Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome*.

Discussion

17:30-17:35 - *Short break*

17:35-18:20 - **Reflections from Science, Ethics and Religion**

Chair: H.E. Tamara Grdzeldze, *Ambassador of Georgia to the Holy See and to the SMOM*.

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Celia Deane-Drummond, *Director, Center for Theology, Science and Human Flourishing, University of Notre Dame, USA; Chair European Forum for the Study of Religion and Environment*.

Prof. Dr. Jennifer Tank, *Director, Environmental Change Initiative, University of Notre Dame, USA*.

18:20-18:30 - Final Remarks by Ambassadors.



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