



# Interdisciplinary Think Tank on Religious Diversity and Globalisation

1<sup>st</sup> ReD Global (EMJM) International Conference

Faculty of Arts and Humanities  
University of Coimbra

17-19 NOV.  
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## 17 NOVEMBER: MORNING

09:00-09:15 **Introduction to Red Global**  
LAUTARO ROIG LANZILLOTTA

**PANEL I: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY:  
“APPROACHING RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY FROM MULTIFARIOUS ANGLES”**  
CHAIR: DELFIM LEÃO

09:15-09:45 **Philological Perspective: *Knowledge Transfer in Antiquity and Early Middle Ages***  
ISRAEL MUÑOZ (Univ. Córdoba)

09:50-10:20 **Historical Perspective: *Renaissance Humanism and Religious Phenomenon: the Jesuits and the New World***  
MARGARIDA MIRANDA (CECH, Univ. Coimbra)

10:25-10:55 Coffee Break

11:00-11:30 **Theoretical Perspective: Three and a Half Centuries after John Locke’s *De tolerantia*:  
Lack of Tolerance in the Current Geopolitical Situation**  
LAUTARO ROIG LANZILLOTTA (Visit. Prof. in the Humanities, FCG / Univ. Groningen)

11:35-12:05 **Institutional Perspective: The Political as a strategy of transformation: Between Uniformity and Diversity. A Critical Reading of the UN Resolution on Intolerance and Religious Discrimination**  
ANDREA P. DE VITA (Univ. del Salvador, Buenos Aires)

12:10-12:40 **Philosophical Perspective: “Like Ants or Frogs Around a Pond” (Plato, Phd 108d):  
Multiculturalism and Diversity in Ancient Mediterranean World**  
GABRIELE CORNELLI (CECH / Univ. Brasilia)

12:45-13:00 **Launching the Red Global Platform**  
HEND ELTAHER (Red Global)

13:00-15:00 LUNCH



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## 17 NOVEMBER: AFTERNOON

### **PANEL II: RELIGIOUS AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS: FAITH, VALUES AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

**CHAIR: MARTINHO SOARES**

**15:00-15:30 Exoteric nationalism: Religion and national identity beyond the boundaries of the nation-state**  
AVI ASTOR (Univ. Autónoma de Barcelona)

**15:35-16:05 Repairing the World through Interreligious Dialogue and Encounter**  
ANA PETRACHE (Instituto Augustiniano, Rome)

**16:10-16:40 Coffee Break**

**16:45-17:15 Religious, Humanitarian, or Geopolitical? Media Narratives in War Coverage**  
HEND ELTAHER (Red Global)

**17:20-18:00 Faith in the Digital Public Square: Interreligious Dialogue as a Counter-Narrative to Division**  
ANDREW BOYD (Kaiciid, Senior Programme Manager)

**18:05-18:35 Faith, Values, and Social Media in Conflict Zones**  
LANA A. KAZKAZ (Associate Professor Blanquerna FCRI-URL Observatory)

**20:00-22:00 DINNER**



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### PANEL III: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND LEGAL REGULATIONS CHAIR: GABRIELE CORNELLI

**09:00-09:30 Religious Freedom and Sport: The Challenges of Sport Governance**  
RAFAEL VALENCIA (Univ. Sevilla)

**09:35-10:05 Time to Practice What We Preach? Religious Freedom Across Brussels, Strasbourg, and Geneva**  
IVÁN ARJONA PELADO (Director General, European Affairs of the Church of Scientology)

**10:05-10:35 Religious Freedom and Non-Discrimination: Achievements and Challenges**  
CRISTIAN BADILLO (Fundación Conciencia Nacional para la Libertad Religiosa-México)

10:35-11:05 Coffee Break

**11:05-12:35 Garantía constitucional de la libertad religiosa en Perú**  
MARÍA ESPERANZA ADRIANZEN (Universidad Nacional de Cajamarca, Perú)

**12:35-13:05 Building Peace in a Plural World: Insights from the UNESCO Chair of Conflict Resolution of the University of Cordoba**  
ÁLVARO CAMACHO (Cátedra Unesco Peace Building; Univ. Córdoba)

13:00-15:00 LUNCH



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### PANEL IV: RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGION FREEDOM: PEACE, DEVELOPMENT, AND GOVERNANCE

CHAIR: ANDREA DE VITA

**15:00-15:30** **Interreligious Dialogue - In need for convergent hermeneutics or hermeneutics of difference?**

BENJAMIN SIMON (Director Ecumenical Institute Bossey)

**15:35-16:05** **Freedom of Faith and Power of Love: Building Bridges for Peace and Happiness**

GUILLERMO SMYTHE (Director of Faith & Freedom ONGs. Director of Public Affairs of the Church of Scientology)

16:05-16:30 Coffee Break

**16:30-17:00** **The Responsibility of Faith and the Crisis of Meaning: Religion and Political Power in the Technological World**

ISRAEL FLORES OLMO DECANO (Facultad de Teología/SEUT. Red Qonaquy)

**17:05-17:35** **Bringing The Right Arm Back: A Journey in Sufi Corporate Leadership**

MOUSTAPHA SARHANK (Moustapha Sarhank, IBAG, Western Union, Cairo, Egypt)

**17:40-18:10** **Mnemohistory and Interreligious Dialogue**

ALBERTO WINTERBERG (Univ. of Groningen)

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### **PANEL V: THE CASE OF EARLY CHRISTIAN DIVERSITY: “REWITING CHRISTIANITY: DIVERSITY AND INTERTEXTUALITY FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE MIDDLE AGES AND BEYOND”**

SESSION I — CHAIR: JOSÉ LUÍS BRANDÃO

**09:30-10:10 New Testament Gospels as Literary Texts**

FREDERICO LOURENÇO (CECH, Univ. Coimbra)

**10:10-10:50 Gospel of Thomas and the So-called Thomasine Christianity**

LAUTARO ROIG LANZILLOTTA (Visit. Prof. in the Humanities, FCG / Univ. Groningen)

**10:50-11:20 Coffee Break**

**11:20-12:00 No More Than What It Is: *Juvencus* and the Poetics of *Aemulatio* in Early Fourth-Century Latin Epic**

RODRIGO FURTADO (Univ. Lisbon)

**12:00-12:40 Christian Platonism in the Fifth Century? The Case of Nonnus’s Paraphrase of the Gospel According to John**

FOTINI HADJITTOFI (Univ. Lisbon)

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**15:00-15:40 Christos Paschon: Dismantling Euripides in the Context of the Mariological Controversy**

PAULA BARATA DIAS (CECH, Univ. Coimbra)

**15:40-16:20 Sedulius and his *Carmen Paschale***

CARLOTA MIRANDA URBANO (CECH, Univ. Coimbra)

**16:20-17:00 The Gospel According to Jesus Christ by José Saramago: ‘there are lots of truths and they often say different things**

ANA PAULA ARNAUT (CLP, Univ. Coimbra)

**17:00 CLOSING SESSION**