



Interdisciplinary Think Tank on Religious Diversity and Globalisation

1st ReD Global (EMJM) International Conference

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
University of Coimbra



17-19 NOV.
2025

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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**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. Autònoma de Barcelona)

15:35-16:05 Repairing the World through Interreligious Dialogue and Encounter

ANA PETRACHE (Istituto 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)

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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 OLMOS 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: “REWRITING 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: Juvenius 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**