Unwounded World: A Marian Peace for our Shared Future

a conference co-organized by
Australian Catholic University – Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry
Science and Research Centre Koper – Institute for Philosophical Studies
University of Notre Dame – Nanovic Institute for European Studies
In cooperation with Class VII of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (Salzburg)

ACU Rome campus, October 5 – October 6, 2022

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, Oct 5th

8.00 – 9.00 Registration

9:00 – 10.00 Greetings and Conference Opening

Dr Claudio Betti, Director of the ACU Rome Campus
Prof Dr Peter Howard, Director of the Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University, Australia
Prof Dr Lenart Škof, Head of the Institute for Philosophical Studies, SRC Koper, Slovenia
Prof Dr Clemens Sedmak, Director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA (prerecorded video message)

Opening speeches of: Ambassador of Ukraine to the Holy See, Ambassador of Australia to the Holy See
Message from the Vatican Representative

10:00 – 11:30 Panel 1: The Wounded World: Sacralization of Violence and the Roots of War
(Chairs: Peter Howard & Lenart Škof)
Pavlo Smytsnyuk (Ukrainian Catholic University) via video link: »The Queen of Peace Cradling a
Rocket Launcher: Sacralization of War and Peace, Collective Responsibility and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine«

Jeff Robbins (Lebanon Valley College): »After Apocalypse (Now): The Roots of War«

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.00 Interventions (Chair: Luca Welczenbach)

Ukrainian Refugee(s): tba

Nadja Furlan Štante (ZRS Koper): »Women's Peacebuilding«

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.30 Panel 2: Interreligious Reflections on Suffering and Peace (Chair: Nadja Furlan Štante)


Klaus von Stosch (Univ. of Bonn): »Impulses for Peace from the Qur’anic Mary«

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30 Panel 3: Marian Approaches to Justice and Peace Building (Chair: Lenart Škof)

Emily Holmes (Christian Brothers University): »She who Ripens the Grain': Food Justice, Solidarity, and the Incarnation«

Fr Piotr Janas OP (Pontificia Università San Tommaso d'Aquino): »Ethical and Servant Leadership for Peace Building«

19:00 Dinner

Thursday, Oct 6th

9:00 – 10:30 Panel 4: Marian Approaches to Mourning and Suffering (Chair: Emily Holmes)

Yves De Maeseneer (KU Leuven): »Mater Dolorosa and the Work of Mourning«

Lenart Škof (ZRS Koper): »Marian Peace for the Children who Suffer in War«

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Panel 5: Russian Church Documents on War in Ukraine (Chair: Jeffrey Robbins)

Paul Gavrilyuk (University of St. Thomas): »When the Patriarch of Moscow Blesses a War: The Russian Orthodox Church and the Sacralization of Violence«


12:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00 Panel 6: Narratives of Peace (Chair: Carool Kersten)

**Claude Romano** (Sorbonne & ACU): »An Impossible Peace? Reflections on an Unprecedented Kind of War, the Hope for Peace and the Possibility of Resistance«

**Luca Welczenbach** (KU Leuven): »Wounded Identities, Public Memory and Narrative Hospitality in a Central/Eastern European Context«

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Panel 7: The Aftermath of War (Chair: Viorel Coman)

**Antoine Arjakovsky** (Collège des Bernardins): »How to End War in Ukraine?«

**Andrea Carteny** (Sapienza University of Rome): »At the Origins of the Multiconfessional and Multinational Society in Ukraine«

18.00 – 18.30 Concluding Reflections

Peter Howard & Lenart Škof

19:00 Dinner

---

**Program committee:**

*Prof Dr Peter Howard*, Director of the Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University, Australia

*Prof Dr Clemens Sedmak*, Director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at the Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, USA

*Prof Dr Lenart Škof*, Head of the Institute for Philosophical Studies at the Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia

*Dr Claudio Betti*, Director of the ACU Rome Campus

*Prof Dr Nadja Furlan Štante*, Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia

*Prof Dr Mariano Delgado*, Dean of the Class VII (World Religions), European Academy of Arts and Sciences, Salzburg, Austria

**Organizing committee:**

*Ms Julie Carpenter*, Coordinator of Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University, Australia

*Assist Prof Dr Luka Trebežnik*, Institute for Philosophical Studies, Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia

---

The conference is financially supported by the Australian Catholic University and Slovenian Research Agency grant P6-0279