

# EuARe26 – Side Events & Additional Services

**Registration for Side Events and Additional Services will start on April 17, 2026.**

## *Opening Ceremony*

The European Academy of Religion's Ninth Annual Conference will be formally inaugurated with the Opening Ceremony. The Ceremony will take place in the Aula Magna at the Viale Pola campus at 11 AM. The session features a welcoming address by Luiss University's Rector, Paolo Bocardelli, members of the hosting institution's scientific organizing committee and the President of the Executive Committee, Herman Selderhuis.

The Opening Ceremony will also include brief remarks from local authorities on the cultural, institutional and social context of the European Academy of Religion's collaboration with Luiss University. The inaugural ceremony will be further supported through the presence of local representatives of the major religious communities of Rome.

## *Welcome Reception*

All registered participants are warmly invited to attend the Welcome Reception of the European Academy of Religion's Ninth Annual Conference. Included in this year's registration fee, the reception will be held at Luiss University's Viale Pola, 12, campus, immediately after the General Assembly.

The Welcome Reception takes the form of a classic Italian aperitivo with selected non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks and light finger-food.

Attendees will have the chance to meet fellow scholars, renew acquaintances, and begin the conference exchange in an informal and welcoming atmosphere.

## *Social Dinner*

Participants of the European Academy of Religion's Ninth Annual Conference are invited to sign up for the Social Dinner on 2 July, an evening conceived as a highlight of the conference's social program.

The dinner will take place in the evocative Aula Chiesa at Luiss University's Viale Romania campus.

The buffet-style dinner is limited to approximately 350 participants and available by reservation only. The costs of the dinner are offered at a reduced rate to ensure that the event is as accessible as possible to participants. Early booking is strongly recommended to secure a place at this exclusive event.

### *Women Scholars' Networking Lunch*

Women participating in the European Academy of Religion's Ninth Annual Conference are invited to join the Women Scholars' Networking Lunch, a moment dedicated for exchange, mentoring and professional networking among scholars of religion. The lunch offers an interdisciplinary forum to discuss academic pathways, career choices and challenges encountered at different stages of scholarly life. The Women Scholars' Networking Lunch will take place on July 1 and July 3, 2026, and those who choose to participate will be offered lunch boxes upon signing up for the event.

Participants standing at various stages of their academic careers will have the possibility of sharing practical experiences and insights, offering insights on research trajectories, teaching, publishing and balancing research and personal commitments. The informal setting is designed to encourage open conversation, peer support and building professional connections among scholars from around the world.

### *Lunch Boxes*

To make the most of your conference experience, participants of the European Academy of Religion's Ninth Annual Conference are invited to pre-order lunch boxes, prepared to offer a convenient and satisfying midday break between sessions. Distributed in the Viale Pola Campus after the Keynote Lectures, these lunches allow you to remain on campus, maximize networking opportunities, and enjoy a seamless transition from one event to the next without the need to search for dining options off-site.

Available at an advantageous price, the lunches offer excellent value while ensuring quality, balance, and practicality. Pre-ordering is required, allowing the organizers to guarantee availability for all interested participants and to minimize food waste, in keeping with principles of sustainability and responsible planning.