

**European Academy of Religion
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Full Program

Wednesday 7

Orario	#	Panel details
09.00-10.00 Fscire, Sala Lettura		<u>Keynote lecture</u> : Anders Winroth , <i>Gratian and His Book: How a Medieval Teacher Changed European Law and Religion</i>
09.00-10.00 Fscire, Sala Arancio		<u>Keynote lecture</u> : Else Marie Wiberg-Pedersen , <i>Martin Luther – the Eleutherius: The Freedom of Intended Ambiguity of Theology and Gender</i>
10.00-18.00 Palazzo Poggi, Sala Magna Charta		<u>International Moot Court Competition</u>
10.00-10.30		Break
10.30-12.30 Aemilia Hotel, Salottino Carducci	7/6.1	<p><u>Yawmo Suryoyo d-Bologna (Bologna Syriac Day): I. Syriac as the Third Lung of Christianity</u> Ephrem Aboud Ishac, Fscire</p> <p>The idea behind creating "Yawmo Suryoyo" (The Syriac Day), is to introduce the importance of Syriac Christian heritage in past and present to all participants in the international arena of Bologna European Academy of Religion. In this context we are fulfilling the mission of Beth Suryoye (House of Syriac Studies in Salzburg) in fostering knowledge of Syriac spirituality in Europe, with the Master of Arts Programme of Syriac Theology in Salzburg University. The first panel will present the significance of Syriac heritage as an important source of Christianity and as a key witness to Islam. This panel will include papers on this history of Syriac Christianity in the Middle East and India. Moreover, it will discuss the influence of Syriac culture and liturgy on Late Antiquity and early Islam.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vilson Markovic (VESTIGIA Manuscript Research Centre, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz), <i>Some Original Manuscripts from State Archive of Albania and Their Significance for Studying Eastern Christianity</i> • Jakub Czeslaw Zbrzezny (Faculty of Catholic Theology, Salzburg University), <i>Anomalous Abjad numerals in selected Koranic manuscripts: the problem and a solution</i> • Saied Hayati (Faculty of Catholic Theology, Salzburg University), <i>Mar Aba I A unique converted as Catholicos</i> • Gabriel Rabo (Faculty of Catholic Theology, Salzburg University), <i>Dionysius bar Salibi as a Milestone in the Syriac Renaissance</i> <p><u>Language</u>: English</p>

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<p>13.30-15.30 Aemilia Hotel, Salottino Carducci</p>	<p>7/7.</p>	<p><i>Yawmo Suryoyo d-Bologna (Bologna Syriac Day): II. Syriac Presence Today in Europe</i> Ephrem Aboud Ishac, Fscire</p> <p>The second panel of "Yawmo Suryoyo", addresses the preservation and transformation of Syriac heritage in a diaspora context. Case studies from European countries will focus on particular communities and particular aspects of Syriac identity. It will discuss the life of the Syriac communities nowadays in the Middle East, India and in diaspora. The focus of this session will be given as well to the Sayfo genocide in 1915, which has been shaping the modern Syriac identity. The speakers will speak about the liturgical developments of the Syriac tradition and how it is necessary to speak about a liturgical reform, to fulfill the needs of a new reality especially in diaspora. The current wars in the Middle East led many of the Syriac people to leave their homelands with a lot of questions. Academic education can be one of the solutions to protect the ancient Syriac identity, which is the main goal for the Master of Arts Programme of Syriac Theology in Salzburg University.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreas Schmoller, <i>"Sayfo continues today" - On the ambiguity of genocide discourses</i> • Jobins Antony, <i>The Syro Malabar presence in Europe</i> • Oic Sleeba, <i>St. Thomas Christians in Europe: A Malankara Perspective</i> • V.M. Josh, <i>"The relevance of Prayer in transforming faith in a context of Migration and life in Diaspora. An Evaluation of 'The Book of Common Prayer (Shimo)' of the Syrian Orthodox Church</i> <p><u>Language:</u> English</p>
<p>13.30-15.30 Aemilia Hotel, Sala Bibiena</p>	<p>7/11.</p>	<p><i>Diverse Issues in Inter-Religious Dialogue</i> Mario I Aguilar, Centre for the Study of Religion and Politics (CSRP), University of St Andrews</p> <p>For the intrinsic complexity of inter-religious dialogue, this panel will focus on intersectional perspectives regarding the past, present and future of IRD. Starting from a topological perspective, this panel will be divided into three sessions devoted to Europe, Africa & the Middle East, and Asia.</p> <p><i>Session 2: The African and Middle-Eastern Reflections</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jake Cowpland (University of St Andrews), <i>God and the Gendered Politics of Shame: Theological Reflections on Emasculation in a Case Study of Somaliland</i> • Marjorie Gourlay (University of St Andrews), <i>In Search of Belonging: Syrian Refugee Narratives of Relocation</i> • Matyas Bodi (University of St Andrews), <i>Soomaali Masiixi: How do Somalis living in the U.K. convert to Christianity?</i> <p><u>Language:</u> English</p>