

## SEMINAR PROGRAM



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OCTOBER 28, 2024 – Introductory Seminar 1

**INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS EMUNA. THE PROGRAMS IN ITALY AND EUROPE**

Luiss – Viale Pola, 12 00198 Rome

**Coordinated by Professor Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa with welcoming remarks by Professor Massimo Egidi**

- 9:00 – 10:00** Icebreaking, team building, role playing  
**1.1 Socializing activity**  
Mr. Emanuele Avallone
- 10:00 – 10:15** **Break**
- 10:15 – 10:45** **1.2 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue, and of the scientific-didactic training by host and founding member** Prof. Massimo Egidi
- 10:45 – 11:15** **1.3 Welcoming remarks and presentations of EMUNA objectives by EMUNA ITALIA president,** Prof. Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa
- 11:15 – 12:15** **1.4 Methodology of the notes and the collective and individual research projects in France and Belgium**  
Prof. Corinne Lanoir  
Doctor Pieter van der Hoeven  
Instructors, Founders, Luiss Jury
- 12:15 – 12:30** **1.5 Determining the collective research groups and the methodology of the notes and the EMUNA Italia collective and individual projects**  
Prof. Valentina Meliciani  
Prof. Francesca Maria Corrao
- 12:30 – 14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:15** **1.6 Opening Conference: Religious and secular issues in today's world**  
Prof. Ernest Galli della Loggia
- 15:15 – 16:15** **1.7 Emouna programs in France and Belgium**  
Prof. Dominique Janthial  
Prof. Corinne Lanoir
- 16:15 – 16:30** **1.1 Accounts by Emouna students from past programs**  
Dr. Virginia Manzitti
- 16:30 – 16:45** **1.9 Socializing activity**  
Mr. Emanuele Avallone
- 16:45 – 17:00** **Comments and conclusions**

NOVEMBER 11, 2024 – Seminar 2

**KNOWLEDGE OF RELIGIONS, CULTURES AND INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE**

Waldensian Faculty of Theology – via Pietro Cossa, 40, 00193 Rome

**Coordinated by Reverend Luca Negro with welcoming remarks by  
Professor Daniele Garrone, President of the Federation of Evangelical Churches in Italy**

- 9:00 – 10:30**     **2.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and the Waldensian Church by Founder Reverend Luca Negro and introduction to the training of ministers of worship by the host Professor Daniele Garrone**
- 10:30 – 10:45**     **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00**     **2.2. What do we mean when we talk about God?**  
Prof. Gabriella Caramore
- 12:00 – 13:30**     **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 15:00**     **2.3 Presentation by participants of their respective religions or non-religious philosophies**
- 15:00 – 15:15**     **Break**
- 15:15 – 16:15**     **2.4 Hypothetical collective and individual research projects in Italy**  
Prof. Kristina Stoeckl  
Instructors, Founders
- 16:15 – 17:00**     **2.5 Evaluative and administrative instruments of the academic year. Comments and conclusions**  
Prof. Corinne Lanoir  
Instructors, Founders, Luiss Jury

NOVEMBER 25, 2024 – Seminar 3

**RELIGIONS, PUBLIC POWERS, LAW AND ECONOMY**

**Module 1: Religions, public authorities and society**

PISAI – Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies – Viale di Trastevere, 89, 0153 Rome

**Coordinated by Imam Yahya Pallavicini with welcoming remarks by  
Professor Wasim Salman, President of PISAI**

**9:00 – 10:30**     **1.1.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and of the scientific-didactic training by the host, Prof. Wasim Salman, and introduction to the training of ministers of worship by founder Imam Yahya Pallavicini**

**10:30 – 10:45**     **Break**

**10:45 – 12:00**     **1.1.2 Religions, public authorities and society**  
Dr. Giancarlo Bosetti

**12:00 – 13:30**     **Lunch offered by COREIS - Italian Islamic Religious Community**

**13:30 – 15:30**     **1.1.3 The Stature of Cults and their Ministers**

Prof. Vincenzo Pacillo  
Prof. Fabiana Di Porto  
Attorney Iralia Valenzi  
Dr. Massimo AbdAllah Cozzolinio

**Discussants**

Dr. Anna Conti  
Prof. Maria Angela Falà  
Prof. Pamela Harris

**15:30 – 17:00**     **1.1.4 Initial outlines of the collective and individual research projects**

Prof. Francesca Maria Corrao  
Instructors, Founders

**17:00 – 17:15**     **Comments and conclusions**

DECEMBER 9, 2024 – Seminar 4

**EDUCATION AND CULTURE**

**Module 1: Religions, public authorities and society**

Soka Gakkai Italian Buddhist Institute – Via Tiburtina, 1321 00197 Rome

**Coordinated and hosted by Dr. Anna Conti**

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| <b>9:00 – 10:30</b>  | <b>1.2.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and of the training of ministers of worship by host</b> Dr. Anna Conti                         |
| <b>10:30 – 10:45</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>10:45 – 12:00</b> | <b>1.2.2 Education and culture between “liquidity” and “practical choices</b><br>Dr. Alberto Mingardi   |
| <b>12:00 – 13:30</b> | <b>1.2.3 Meritocracy, competences, solidarity in education and training</b><br>Dr. Roger Abravanel<br>Dr. Maria Chiara Pettenati<br>Prof. Marco Ventura |
| <b>13:30 – 15:00</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>15:00 – 16:30</b> | <b>1.2.4 Secularism and pluralism in schools</b><br>Prof. Antonella Castelnuovo<br>Prof. Laura Mulayka Enriello<br>Dr. Roberto Grendene                 |
| <b>16:30 – 17:00</b> | <b>Comments and conclusions</b>   |

5) DECEMBER 19, 2024 – Seminar 5  
**SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS – Masterclass**  
**Module 1: Religions, public authorities and society**  
Luiss – Viale Romania, 32, 00197 Rome

**Coordinated and hosted by Professor Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa**

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| <b>9:00 – 10:00</b>  | <b>1.3.1 Discussion of collective and individual research projects</b><br>Prof. Valentina Meliciani<br>Instructors, Founders                       |
| <b>10:15 – 11:00</b> | <b>1.3.2 Work in religions and in various cultures; money, poverty, voluntary work</b><br>Prof. Stefano Zamagni                                    |
| <b>11:00 – 12:15</b> | <b>1.3.3 Marginalization and migration</b><br>Dr. Walter Massa<br>Dr. Mohamed Saady  |
| <b>12:15 – 13:30</b> | <b>1.3.4 Ageing and population decline; women, youth and unemployment</b><br>Prof. Elsa Fornero  |
| <b>13:30 – 15:00</b> | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| <b>15:00 – 16:30</b> | <b>1.3.5 Publica finance between redistribution and growth. European rules</b><br>Prof. Gianpaolo Galli<br>Prof. Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa  |
| <b>16:30 – 17:00</b> | <b>1.3.6 Continuing the discussion of collective and individual research projects</b><br>Prof. Valentina Meliciani<br>Prof. Francesca Maria Corrao |
| <b>17:00 – 17:15</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>17:15 – 17:45</b> | <b>Initial reflections on individual research projects</b><br>Instructors, Founders, Luiss Jury  |
| <b>17:45 – 18:00</b> | <b>Comments and conclusions</b>  |



JANUARY 15, 2025 – Seminar 6

**SECTARIANISM, RELIGIOUS EXTREMISMS AND RADICALIZATION**

**Module 1: Religions, public authorities and society**

PIB – Pontifical Biblical Institute – Piazza della Pilotta, 35 00187 Rome

**Coordinated and hosted by President and Jesuit Father Peter Dybovský and Professor Daniela Scialabba**

- 9:00 – 10:30**     **1.4.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and of the training of ministers of worship by founder Jesuit Father Peter Dybovský and of the scientific-didactic training by Founder Prof. Daniela Scialabba**
- 10:30 – 10:45**     **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:15**     **1.4.2 Sectarianism, religious extremism, radicalization and security**  
 Prof. Raffaella Di Marzio  
 Prof. Sihem Djebbi  
 Prof. Kristina Stoeckl
- 12:15 – 13:45**     **Lunch**
- 13:45 – 15:15**     **1.4.3 Islamophobia**  
 Prof. Francesca Maria Corrao  
 Dr. Ajmad Ejaz  
 Prof. Daniele Garrone
- 15:15 – 15:30**     **Break**
- 15:30 – 16:00**     **1.4.4 Continuing the discussion of collective and individual research projects**  
 Prof. Francesca Maria Corrao  
 Prof. Kristina Stoeckl  
 Instructors, Founders
- Comments**
- 16:00 – 17:30**     **1.4.5 Antisemitism**  
 Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni  
 Imam Yahya Pallavicini  
 Don Giuliano Savina

JANUARY 27, 2025 – Seminar 7  
**SCIENCE AND RELIGIONS – Masterclass**  
**Module 2: Religions and Cultures**  
Luiss – Viale Romania, 32, 00197 Rome

**Coordinated by Professor Massimo Egidi**

- 9:00 – 10:45**     **2.1.1 In-depth analysis of collective and individual research projects**  
Prof. Valentina Meliciani  
Prof. Francesca Maria Corrao  
Prof. Kristina Stoeckl  
Instructors, Founders
- 10:45 – 11:00**     **Break**
- 11:00 – 13:00**     **2.1.2 Science, morality, religion and culture**  
Prof. Massimo Egidi  
Prof. Sebastiano Maffettone  
Prof. Giorgio Vallortigara
- 13:00 – 14:30**     **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 17:15**     **2.1.3 Biology, psychology, neuroscience**  
Prof. Enrico Alleva  
Imam Nader Akkad  
Prof. Alessandro Treves
- 17:15 – 17:30**     **Break**
- 17:30 – 19:30**     **2.1.4 Counterfactual evaluation of creationism**  
Rabbi Gianfranco Di Segni  
Father Gabriele Gionti, S. J.  
Prof. Bruno Guiderdoni
- 19:30 – 20:00**     **Comments and conclusions**



FEBRUARY 11, 2025 – Seminar 8

**RELIGIONS, HUMAN BEING AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Module 2: Religions and Cultures**

Jewish Museum and Panzieri Fatucci Youth Synagogue

Via Catalana, 00186 Rome and Piazza S. Bartolomeo All'Isola, 00186 Rome

**Coordinated by Rabbi Joseph Levi and hosted by Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni, Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Community of Rome**

- 9:00 – 10:30**     **2.2.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and of the training of ministers of worship by the host Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni and by founder Rabbi Joseph Levi**
- 10:30 – 11:00**     **Break**
- 11:00 - 12:45**     **2.2.2 Religions, human being and environment**  
**Introduction** by Rabbi Joseph Levi  
Dr. Antonio Cuciniello  
Dr. Grazia Francescato  
**Discussant:** Prof. Maria Angela Falà
- 12:45– 14:00**     **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:15**     **2.2.3 Environment, ecological transition and European policy**  
Prof. Pier Virgilio Dastoli  
Prof. Roberto Della Seta
- 15:15 – 15:30**     **Break**
- Two parallel sessions starting at 15:30**
- 15:30 – 17:00**     **Comments and conclusions for students** (Panzieri Fatucci Youth Synagogue)  
Coordinated by Antoine Guerini
- 15:30 – 17:00**     **Founders' meeting** (Jewish Museum)  
Coordinated by Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa

FEBRUARY 25, 2025 – Seminar 9

**MAJOR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ISSUES**

**Module 2: Religions and Cultures**

Church of San Teodoro al Palatino Ecumenical Orthodox Christian Church of Constantinople,  
Via di S. Teodoro, 7, 001987 Rome

**Coordinated by Professor Maria Angela Falà and hosted by the Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Eastern Orthodox Church of Constantinople Simeone Katsinas**

- 9:00 – 10:30**     **2.3.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and of the training of ministers of worship by the host Archimandrite Simeone Katsinas and by COREIS Dialogue Director Abd al-Ghafur Masotti**
- 10:30 – 10:45**     **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00**     **2.3.2 Abortion and sexuality**  
Dr. Layla Mustapha Ammar  
Prof. Lucetta Scaraffia
- 12:00 – 13:30**     **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 15:45**     **2.3.3 Health and end of life**  
**Debate coordinated by Prof. Maria Angela Falà**  
Dr. Alessandro Bazzoni  
Dr. Cinzia Caporale  
Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni  
Dr. Chiara IlhamAllah Ferrero
- 15:45 – 16:45**     **2.3.4 Social violence: against women and homophobia**  
Senator Valeria Valente  
Reverend Luca Negro
- 16:50 – 17:00**     **Comments and conclusions**

MARCH 17, 2025 – Seminar 10

**PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIONS**

**Module 2: Religions and Cultures**

Mosque of Rome – Viale della Moschea, 85 00197 Rome

**Coordinated by Dr. Abdellah Redouane**

- 15:00 – 15:45**    **2.4.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and of the training of ministers of worship by the host and founder Dr. Abdellah Redouane**
- 15:45 – 16:30**    **2.4.2 Architecture and place of worship**  
Prof. Luca Ribichini  
Architect Luca Zevi
- 16:30 – 16:45**    **Break**
- 16:45 – 18:45**    **2.4.3 Philosophy and religions**  
Prof. Roberto Celada Ballanti  
Prof. Pio Colonnello  
Prof. Massimo Giuliani
- 18:45 – 20:15**    **Dinner**
- 20:15 – 21:00**    **2.4.4 Artificial intelligence and religions**  
Prof. Riccardo Lufrani, Order of Preachers
- 21:00 – 21:15**    **Comments and conclusions**

MARCH 31, 2025 – Seminar 11

**ART AND RELIGIONS**

**Module 2: Religions and Cultures**

Basilica Santa Maria Sopra Minerva – Piazza della Minerva, 42 00186 Rome

**Coordinated by Professor Daniela Scialabba, hosted by Domenica Prior Christian Steiner and Professor Riccardo Lufrani, Order of Preachers**

- 9:00 – 10:30**     **2.5.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and of the training of ministers of worship by hosts** Dominican Prior Christian Steiner and Prof. Riccardo Lufrani, Order of Preachers **and by Founder Daniela Scialabba**
- 10:30 – 10:45**     **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:30**     **2.5.2 Image and idolatry**  
Prof. Giulio Busi  
**Discussants**  
Prof. Fulvio Ferrario  
Rabbi Joseph Levi
- 12:30 – 14:00**     **Lunch offered by EMUNA**
- 14:00 – 15:15**     **2.5.3 Freedom of expression and the religious spirit**  
Prof. Claudio Strinati
- 15:15 – 16:30**     **2.5.4 Artistic creativity in the intercultural and interreligious dialogue**  
Dr. Virginia Manzitti
- 16:30– 17:00**     **Comments and conclusions**

APRIL 10, 2025 – Seminar 12

**INTERPRETATIONS OF A SACRED TEXTS**

**Module 2: Religions and Cultures**

Chinese Buddhist Temple Hua Yi Si – Via dell’Omo, 142, 00155 Rome

**Coordinated by President Father Peter Dybovský and hosted by Professor Maria Angela Falà**

- 9:00 – 10:30**     **2.6.1 Welcoming remarks by host and founder** Prof. Maria Angela Falà **and presentation of the venue and of the training of ministers of worship** by Ven. Jian Mian and by temple abbess Ven. Jian Zhang
- 10:30 – 10:45**     **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00**     **2.6.2 The digitalized translation, the philological and symbolic interpretations of sacred texts**  
Dr. Deborah Cohenca  
Dr. Adnane Mokrani
- 11:30 – 13:30**     **2.6.3 The term “foreigner” in the languages of the sacred texts**  
**Debate coordinated** by Prof. Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa  
Rabbi Joseph Levi  
Imam Issa Refaey  
Reverend Luca Negro
- 13:30 – 14:30**     **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 16:00**     **2.6.4 Interpretation of the Tower of Babel**  
**Debate coordinated** by Prof. Peter Dubovsky  
Prof. Bruno Lo Turco  
Imam Yahya Pallavicini  
Prof. Shmuel Sermoneta Gertel
- 16:00 – 17:00**     **2.6.5 Unity and diversity in the interpretation of sacred texts and in prayer**  
Rabbi Roberto Arbib  
Prof. Gaetano Sabetta
- 17:00– 17:15**     **Comments and conclusions**

MAY 12, 2025 – Seminar 13

**EMPATHY, LISTENING, MANAGEMENT OF EMOTIONS, LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION  
OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Module 3 – Competencies and conclusions**

Centro Studi Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo – Corso Trieste, 185, 00198 Rome

**Coordinated by Professor Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa, first president of Beth Hillel -  
Community of Progressive-Reform Judaism of Rome, hosted by Dr. Chiara and Dr. Laura  
Pontecorvo**

- 10:00 – 10:15**    **3.1.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and of the cultural training by  
hosts Dr. Chiara and Dr. Laura Pontecorvo**
- 10:15 – 11:45**    **3.1.2 Empathy and listening in unity and diversity: Traditional-Orthodox Judaism vs  
Progressive-Reform Judaism**  
**Debate coordinated by** Prof. Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa  
Rabbi Joseph Levi  
Rabbi Joel Oseran  
Translation from English by Prof. Pamela Harris
- 11:45 – 13:15**    **3.1.3 Empathy and listening in the management of emotions**  
Dr. Gianni Yoav Dattilo  
Dr. Livia De Angelis
- 13:15 – 14:15**    **Lunch offered by Beth Hillel - Community of Progressive-Reform Judaism of Rome**
- 14:15 – 16:45**    **3.1.5 Role playing in the presence of all the founders**  
Mr. Emanuele Avallone
- 16:45– 17:15**    **Comments and conclusions**

MAY 21, 2025 – Seminar 14

**PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION.  
THE PLACE OF RELIGIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
Module 3 – Competencies and conclusions**

Comunità di Sant'Egidio – Piazza Sant'Egidio, 00153 Rome

**Coordinated by Imam Yahya Pallavicini and hosted by Professor Marco Impagliazzo, President of the Community of Sant'Egidio**

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| <b>9:00 – 9:30</b>   | <b>3.2.1 Welcoming remarks and presentation of the venue and of the role of the Community of Sant'Egidio in negotiation and mediation by host</b><br>Prof. Marco Impagliazzo                           |
| <b>9:30 – 11:00</b>  | <b>3.2.2 The place of religions and cultures in international religions</b><br>Prof. Andrea Riccardi, Founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio  |
| <b>11:00 – 11:15</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>11:15 – 12:45</b> | <b>3.2.3 Roundtable on the place of religions and cultures in international relations</b><br><b>Debate coordinated by Imam Yahya Pallavicini</b><br>Ambassador Pasquale Ferrara<br>Dr. Francesco Sisci |
| <b>12:45 – 14:15</b> | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| <b>14:15 – 15:45</b> | <b>3.2.4 Professional Ethics</b><br><b>Debate coordinated by Imam Yahya Pallavicini</b><br>Founders  |
| <b>15:45 – 17:45</b> | <b>3.2.5 Illustration of the summaries of the collective and individual research projects</b><br>Prof. Kristina Stoeckl<br>Instructors, Founders   |
| <b>17:45 – 18:00</b> | <b>Comments and conclusions</b>  |

JUNE 5, 2025 – Seminar 15

**POLITICS AND RELIGIONS. PRACTICE OF DIALOGUE.  
PRESENTATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS' COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECTS  
AND THE AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES - Masterclass  
Module 3 – Competencies and conclusions**

Luiss – Viale Romania, 32, 00197 Rome

**Coordinated by Professor Valentina Meliciani**

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| <b>9:00 – 10:30</b>  | <b>3.3.1 Practice of dialogue</b><br><b>Debate coordinated by</b> Prof. Valentina Meliciani<br>Founders   |
| <b>10:30 – 10:45</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>10:45 – 12:45</b> | <b>3.3.2 Presentation of collective projects by participants in front of all the founders and the Luiss jury</b>  |
| <b>12:30 – 14:15</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>14:15 – 16.15</b> | <b>3.3.3 Presentation of collective and individual research projects by participants in front of all the founders and the Luiss jury</b>  |
| <b>16:00 – 16:45</b> | <b>3.3.4 Awarding of the certificate of participation in the EMUNA seminars by President of the Luiss jury</b> Prof. Valentina Meliciani <b>and by EMUNA President</b> Prof. Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa |
| <b>16:45 – 17:00</b> | <b>Conclusions and review of the academic year by EMUNA President</b> Prof. Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa  |