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OCTOBER 28, 2024 – Introductive 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 Avollone
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. 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

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



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

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





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 Rev. Luca Negro

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 analy	sis of collective and i	individual research projects
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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

9:00 – 9:30	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 Prof. Marco Impagliazzo
9:30 – 11:00	3.2.2 The place of religions and cultures in international religions Prof. Andrea Riccardi, Founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:45	3.2.3 Relations between the Vatican and China Debate coordinated by Imam Yahya Pallavicini Dr. Francesco Sisci
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 15.45	3.2.4 Professional Ethics Debate coordinated by Imam Yahya Pallavicini Founders
15:45 – 17:45	3.2.5 Illustration of the summaries of the collective and individual research projects Prof. Kristina Stoeckl Instructors, Founders
17:45 – 18:00	Comments and conclusions



JUNE 5, 2025 – Seminar 15

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

9:00 – 11:00	3.3.1 Presentation of collective group projects in front of all the founders, the jury and external guests whose number does not exceed 6 per group Founders
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 13:15	3.3.2 Presentation of collective group projects in front of all the founders, the jury and a number of external guests whose number does not exceed 6 per group
13:15 – 15:15	Lunch
14:15 – 16.15	3.3.4 Submission of any individual projects by participants and awarding of the certificate of participation in the EMUNA seminars by President of the Luiss jury Prof. Valentina Meliciani and by EMUNA President Prof. Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa
16:15 – 17:00	Conclusions and review of the academic year by EMUNA President Prof. Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa