

ESCT CONGRESS 2025

SCHEDULE OF PAPERS

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST

1:45 – 4:15pm

JUNIOR SCHOLAR PARALLEL PAPERS

1:45 – 4:15pm

Neill Lecture Theatre, The Long Room Hub

Louise Gordon

Viewing mathematics through a theological lens: How to be human in a mathematical age

Sheila Keegan

Fides Quaerens Dialogus-Faith seeking dialogue

Ruairi Meyler

Doing Theology in a Changing Epoch: Adapting to the Decline of Theological Institutions

Natalie Strumble

Ask me anything! – The Emergence of A.I. in Faith Exploration

Christopher West

Nostalgia as Method and Motivation: What Doing Theology Feels Like

1:45 – 4:15pm

Galbraith Seminar Room, The Long Room Hub

Ján Kotlarčík

Between Division and Dialogue: Reflections on the Role of Theology in Overcoming Populism and Polarisation

Vivienne O'Brien

The task of theology - addressing current day antisemitism and anti-Judaism in Europe

Maximilian Welticke

Theology, Democracy, and Human Dignity: Rethinking Political Foundations of Europe

Niamh White

Embracing an Anthropology of Limits: How Disability Theology offers Resources to Resist the Christian Right

Scholastica Wong

Jesuit strategies in secularised Amsterdam: pastoral responses to the decline of Catholicism

2:15 – 4:15pm

LTEE 1, Hamilton Building

Alexander Cupples

The Eucharistic Liturgy in a seventh-century Irish codex

Ioannis Pantelidis

The Meaning of the Church in the Contemporary World: a theological and social perspective (from an Orthodox priest)

Bartolomiej Warowny

Small Liturgical Forms, Big Impact: Pathways to Liturgical Literacy

Oliver Wright

Rahner and J. L. Austin: how theological language does things with words

2:15 – 4:15pm

LTEE 2, Hamilton Building

Phillip Antilla

Theology-in-Place: Reframing A Spatial Discourse of Theology in Europe

Jeane Claude Attard

The Task of a Theology from the Mediterranean

Gabriel Ewodo Evina Messomo

Theologising with the “tra” in an increasingly borderless world: A Mediterranean perspective

Anthony Jude Okafor

Migration: An Opportunity for Theology’s Tasks of God-talk in Europe?

1:45 – 4:15pm

LTEE 3, Hamilton Building

Caitriona Cunningham

Theological Reflections on Eco-anxiety

Cynthia Emeka

Evangelizing the World of Science and New Technologies: A Pastoral Dynamism Toward Human Person Prosperity in the 21st Century

Veronika Kuti

Spiritual ethics - the importance of a relationship with the Holy Trinity in an integral ecology

Joseph O’Neill

Making Theology Relevant in Contemporary Politics – an Irish Perspective

Bertrand Rolin

Émerveillement face à la nature et construction du bien commun – une relecture de Job 42

2:15 – 4:15pm

Maxwell Theatre, Hamilton Building

Jerome Emmanuel Bountsebe Ekassi

Haunting or Healing? Rethinking European Catholic Theology’s Historiography in Light of Ad Theologiam Promovendam

Anne Marie Foster

Power, Patriarchy, and the Silencing of Bathsheba: A Feminist and Womanist Critique of 2 Samuel 11-12 and its Implications for Addressing Sexual Abuse

Brendan Geary

Moral Injury applied to Clerical Sex Offenders

David Chukwuedozie Okwuma

Holistic Healing as an Icon of the Synodal Nature of the Church: A Pastoral Perspective

2:15 – 4:15

Joly Theatre, Hamilton Building

Linda Rainsberry

A Silent, Self-Surrendering, Letting-Be: God the Father at Jesus' Cry of Dereliction

Silviu Chivu

Political Theology in Contemporary Eastern Orthodox Christianity: A Critical and Comparative Appraisal

Chidibiore Obiora Nnabugwu

« Jamais plus la guerre! »: The Enduring Legacy of Pope Paul VI's 1965 Peace Appeal at the United Nations

Michal Štverák

Is rest possible in theology?

1:45 – 4:15pm

Synge Theatre, Hamilton Building

Francesco Andrea Allegretti

The doctrinal authority of the faithful according to John Henry Newman: history and theology of the prophetic munus of the laity

Daniele Calzetta

The Church of Pope Francis as a watchman

Jerin Jacob

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement and the Synodal Church: A Review on the Opportunities Offered by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement in Bringin about a Synodal Church that 'Walks Together'

Ryan McAleer

The Divine Trialogue: Approaching God through the Metaphor of Dialogue and Its Implications for Fundamental Theology

Anna Wera Wilms

Plurality, Ambiguity, and Synodality: An exploration of 'Synodal Theology' in light of Hermeneutic Thinking

THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST

2 – 4pm

PARALLEL PAPER SESSIONS 1

2 – 4pm

MacNeill Theatre

Panel:

A Missing Piece: Theologies of Priesthood

Mave Heaney

"Missing God" and Re-finding Ministerial Priesthood: An Exploration between Empathy and Critical Construction

Bishop Brendan Leahy

As the Father sent me, so I am sending you": Priests today at the service of the Church's communion and mission

Frances Baker RSM

Growing in holiness: Moral formation in Seminaries

Tina Beattie

Wandering/Wondering Approaches to Priesthood: a Reflection on the Quest for Mystery and Meaning in Liturgy and Life.

2 – 4pm

LTEE 1, Hamilton Building

Jana Jičínská

Inspirations for Theology of 21st Century according to Josef Zvěřina

Rajmund Porada

Konfessionelle Theologie versus christliche Theologie? Die Glaubwürdigkeit der Theologie im Kontext der Säkularisierung

Ana Thea Filiopović

Women and the Diaconate: The State of Discussion in the Catholic Church

David Bennett

The Wounded Healer: The Grace of Justice and Augustinian Anti-Donatism in the Face of Abuses in the Institutional Church

2 – 4pm

LTEE 2, Hamilton Building

Dirk Ansorge

Provincializing European Theology?

Cyril Dunaj

Repenser la pensée à la lumière du christianisme: un défi pour notre époque

Mateja Pevec Rozman

Theology in the Drama of (Post)modern times

Hector Scerri

Passionate Pilgrim Prophets Proclaiming Parnassus?

2 – 3:30pm

LTEE 3, Hamilton Building

Bernhard Spielberg

We don't have theology, we have to discover it: For a more gold-rush atmosphere in theology

Zuzana Svobodová

A Living Theology in an Uncertain World: Inspiration from Critical Times

Stephan Tautz

Universitas as communio: How might the scientific community profit from theology's (discussion of) community concepts?

2 – 3:30pm

Maxwell Theatre, Hamilton Building

Jacek Kempa

Fides quaerens hominem: The demand for theology to focus on fundamental questions about what it means to be human

Gloria Braunsteiner

Für eine Theologie der Beziehung

Georg Rubel

Die Bergpredigt als politisches Programm? Bibeltheologische Beobachtung zu den Makarismen in Mt 5,3-12

2 – 4pm

Joly Theatre, Hamilton Building

Michele Dillon

Catholic Theologians' Postsecular Task

Vincent Billot

La vérité est organique: Essai sur les tâches de la théologie contemporaine

Massimo Faggioli

Not dead yet: Church history for Catholic theology today

Joshua Furnal

Henri de Lubac and Christian Humanism: examining a Jesuit approach to promoting Catholic Theology in Europe

2 – 4pm

Synge Theatre, Hamilton Building

Jonathan Lambaerts

Caring for each other: reviving an old message in the European debate on end-of-life care

Szaboles Nagypál

The Challenge of Secular Religions: Does secularisation still apply?

Alberto Fabio Ambrosio

Mode & Religion: impact d'une recherche sur la façon de pratiquer la théologie

Innocent Ouedraogo

ΣΗΜΕΙΑ Johanniques de guérisons à la lumière de la critique impériale romaine

4:30 – 6pm

PARALLEL PAPER SESSIONS 2

4:30 – 6pm

MacNeill Theatre

Panel:

The Enduring Significance of Nicaea I

Harm Goris

Systematic Theology: Aquinas on the Word spoken by God

Archibald van Wieringen

Female Images for God: On the Intertextuality between Psalm 2 and the Creed

Frank G. Bosman

Cultural Theology: Communicating God in adult animated sitcoms

4:30 – 6pm

LTEE 1, Hamilton Building

Margit Eckholt

60 Years of Vatican II: The Council's world church awakening as the basis for a church on synodal paths and an intercultural theology in Europe

Tony Devlin

Domine Quo Vadis? The Meaning of Magisterium in an age of Synodality

Gábor Kiss

Transdisziplinäre Dialog zwischen die Kriminologie/Kriminalistik und die Theologie im Licht der Missbrauchskrise in der katholischen Kirche

4:30 – 6pm

LTEE 2, Hamilton Building

Krisztian Fenyves

Imago Dei and the Challenges of Human Dignity in the Contemporary World

Ottília Lukács

What is the Value of Theology Today? Parallels between the Protagonists of the Old Testament and the Students of Theological Education Today

Roman Globokar

A theological response to the challenge of artificial intelligence

4:30 – 6pm

LTEE 3, Hamilton Building

Stephan van Erp

Catholicity: A Theological Vision of the University

Gabriela Wozniak

Theologie kraft existentieller Verstörung: Erich Przywaras leidvolles Ringen mit dem Glauben

Laurent Payet-Chevalier

Lubac et l'anti-traditionalisme: Proudhon comme révélateur du traditionalism catholique

4:30 – 6pm

Maxwell Theatre, Hamilton Building

Dominik Opatrný

Augmenting Principlism: Integrating Christian Ethics into Contemporary Bioethical Discourse

Janusz Podzielný

Katholische Moraltheologie gegenüber den Herausforderungen der Säkularisierung und Säkularismus. Ein Antwortversuch auf Basis der Forschungen von Joachim Piegsa MSF (1930–2015)

Claude Armel Otabela

Bible et mémoire blessée africaine : Dialogue théologico-exégétique avec l'Afrique et ses diasporas

4:30 – 6pm

Joly Theatre, Hamilton Building

Maeve Heaney

Meet you in the Middle: What theology are we performing?

Emmaus O'Herlihy

Theology that Fires the Imagination

Michael Quisinsky

Ad theologiam promovendam — which theology for which history? 'Salvation history' as challenge for theology in Europe and beyond

4:30 – 6pm

Synge Theatre, Hamilton Building

Jan Polák

Häring's Das Gesetz Christi and its German Predecessors

Nenad Polgar

Residual Methodological Doubts as a Challenge to Renewed Person-Oriented Sexual Ethics

Ligita Ryliskyte SJE

Courage to Die and the Polymorphism of Eschatologies

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

3 – 5:30pm

PARALLEL PAPERS SESSION 3

3 – 5:30pm

MacNeill Theatre

Jonathan Burroughs

Seeing the Word: the use of the Bible in theological education with a specific focus on The Saint John's Bible

Lieven Boeve

The Catholic Dialogue School: From Theory to Practice and Back

Thomas Carroll

A theological critique of secular conceptions of wellbeing in Catholic primary schools in post-Catholic Ireland

Stefan Patrick Kovac

Neomarxists today say the Church was and is against knowledge and science: is it true or is it a fabrication?

Petr Jandejsek

"Who is my neighbour?": human dignity and small communities

3 – 6pm

LTEE 1, Hamilton Building

Jens Van Rompaey

Ecclesiological Implications of the 2024 Papal Speech during the Visit to Belgium Amidst Abuse Scandals

Claudiu Arieșan

So many names (Gerardo di Sagredo, Gerhard, Gellert, Gerard of Cenad) for an European Saint without Borders — a Model of Mobile Fraternity around the Year 1000

Réka Jákyné Csontá

Creative Writing as a Space to Encounter God

Jean Ehret

L'art peut-il être une (façon de faire de la) théologie?

Gisèle Kashal Kufun

Congolais entre deux cultures médiatiques des communications

Tomáš Machula

Jesus Christ or the New Übermensch? Transhumanism as a New Challenge for Theology

3 – 5pm

LTEE 2, Hamilton Building

Giorgio Maria Millesimi

'I Was a Stranger and You Invited Me In': Reimagining LGBTQ+ Catholic Identity in 21st-Century Italy

Bram Schreurs

Intersex Creation: The Relevance of Theology in Understanding Human Corporeality and Gender Identity Beyond the Male-Female Dichotomy

Matt Whiffen

Performing Contested European Identities: A Case Study in LGBTQ+ Rights and Catholic Resistance in Post-Independence Croatia

Daniel Feranc

The Role of Theology in Supporting the Ethics, Spiritual Growth, and Resilience of Police Officers

3 – 5:30pm**LTEE 3, Hamilton Building**

- Veronika Řeháková *Trinitarian Theology and Spirituality in the life and work of Czech theologian Ctirad V. Pospíšil*
- Éamonn Fitzgibbon *Engaging the Crowd through the theology of Thomáš Halik*
- Frances Baker RSM *Enda McDonagh in the light of Ad theologiam promovendam*
- Michael Howlett *Human Development in Community: impulses from the poetry of Patrick Kavanagh and his imaginative comic vision for healing and flourishing in Irish society*
- John McDonagh & Patricia Kieran *Mulcahy taught us God: Literature and Theology in an Irish Catholic Context*

3 – 5:30pm**Joly Theatre, Hamilton Building**

- Jozef Jančovič *Farewell to Biblical LORD's War: Case Study in Theological Innovative Deepening*
- Gabrielė Aušra Vasiliauskaitė *Challenges of Proclaiming the Message and Clinical Pastoral Care Mission and Tasks in the Context of War in Europe*
- Tobias Winright *Integral Defence: A Possible Way Forward for Catholic Theological Ethics on Just Peace*
- Pedro Erik Carneiro *Augustine, Aquinas and the Russo-Ukrainian War*
- Harald Tripp *Can one still speak of a 'just war' today? Historical developments in theology, law and papal magisterium with regard to an ethics of peace and conflict*

3 – 5:30pm**Synge Theatre, Hamilton Building**

- István Csonta *Interconnections between the Christian Family and Environmental Stewardship: An Eastern-European Context*
- Alice Košárková *Religious Doubts and Emotions towards God in Adolescents: Their Role in Identity Development and Well-Being*
- Andrés Jamie Valencia Perez *Theology as a basis for personal growth based on service through leadership*
- Mátyás Szalay *Forgiveness and Narrative*
- Aleksandra Kłos-Skrzypczak *The Beauty of Silver Generation: Why Theology Need Elderly People*