



Loyola Institute Public Events 2020

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International Conference

The Loyola Institute, School of Religion, Trinity College, Dublin
is dedicated to education and research
in theology in the Catholic Christian tradition.

Religious Literacy: Challenges for Today

Colloquium: Thursday 16th January, 2020



Religious illiteracy means ignorance of core religious beliefs, symbols and practices operative within a culture. Many have noted that a feature of culture in Ireland is the increasing absence of 'Christian literacy.' There are obvious challenges in this for the well-being of Christian churches. The dangers for wider society must also be of concern. When ignorance replaces literacy a space is created wherein fundamental misunderstandings will occur. Ignorance will feed upon itself. Without religious literacy how can fiction be distinguished from truth? This colloquium will explore these questions from the perspective of both academics and practitioners. We will ask why things the way they are, and what can be done.

International Speakers

Prof Alberto Melloni, Professor of History of Christianity (University of Modena-Reggio Emilia),
Chair Holder of the UNESCO Chair on Religious Pluralism and Peace (University of Bologna)

Dr Johanna Gustafsson Lundberg and **Ryszard Bobrowicz** (University of Lund, Sweden)

Nick Spencer (Senior Fellow, Theos Think Tank)

Dr Francesca Cadeddu (Research Fellow, Foundation for Religious Sciences John XXIII, Bologna)

Irish Experience, Irish Perspectives

Fr Gerard Condon (Parish priest, Religious Education adviser for second-level schools)

Emma Rothwell (Religious Education teacher) **Frances Rowland** (Kerry Pastoral Development Worker)

Fr Gerard Tanham (Moderator and Co-Parish Priest of Baldoyle, Howth and Sutton, Dean (VF))

When: 10am Thursday 16th January, 2020 (registration from 9.30am)

Where: JM Synge Theatre, Arts Block, Trinity College Dublin

Cost: €35 early bird (available until Wednesday 18th December). Full price €45.

Price includes coffee/tea and a light lunch.

Booking: Please book on our Eventbrite page. Also accessible from the Loyola Institute website.

The Loyola Institute Lecture Christian Hope Facing Secular Fatalism

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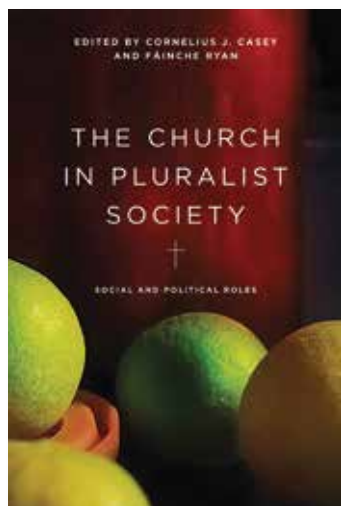
Prof Graham Ward,

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Followed by launch of

The Church in Pluralist Society: Social and Political Roles

The book will be launched by Bishop William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne.



Vatican II opened new pathways to engagement with societies shaped by modernity. Its project could be read as an attempt to interpret the stance of the church in relation to the whole project of modernity. The fundamental presumption of this collection of essays is that it is timely, indeed imperative, to keep alive the question of the church's self-understanding in its journey alongside "the complex, often rebellious, always restless mind of the modern world." Cornelius J. Casey and Fainche Ryan have assembled some of the most prominent commentators on ecclesiastical and social-political engagements from the fields of theology, political philosophy, social theory, and cultural criticism. The contributors present differing perspectives on the role of the church. Some argue that pluralism is here to stay. Others point out that the liberal pluralism of contemporary society is aggressively powered by global corporate consumerism. This book, with its variety of voices, explores these issues largely from within the Catholic tradition. The role of the church in a pluralist society is a narrative that is being written by many people at many different levels of the church.

Contributors: J. Bryan Hehir, Terry Eagleton, Patrick J. Deneen, Hans Joas, William T. Cavanaugh, Massimo Faggioli, Fainche Ryan, Patrick Riordan, and Cornelius J. Casey

Time: 6 -8pm

Where: Regent House, Front Arch, Trinity College Dublin

Admission is free. All are welcome

Conscience in an Uncertain Age: Decision making in the Age of Google

Colloquium: Friday 8th May, 2020

Drawing on the resources of the Catholic past, this colloquium will address the complexity of moral decision making. How do we make good decisions in complex situations, when accepted norms do not indicate a clear course of action? How is moral uncertainty resolved? Does the Catholic tradition offer resources? Questions such as these will inform this day long colloquium.

Speakers

Prof Raphael Gallagher (Professor Emeritus *Academia Alfonsiana*)

Prof Stefania Tutino (Professor of History and Italian, University of California, (UCLA).)

When: 10am Friday 8th May, 2020

Where: Loyola Institute/ISE Building, Trinity College Dublin

Booking: Details to follow

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Redemptorist Congregation, Dublin Province

Power of the Word - The Call of Literature: Theology, Philosophy and Literature in Conversation

The Loyola Institute will co-host the sixth Power of the Word Conference. It will explore aspects of the 'call of literature', for authors and audience alike.

What does it mean to speak of a 'vocation' to write? What have theologians and philosophers got to say on the matter? In what sense can we speak of readers being called to literature? Is the spirit of literature necessarily an 'angel of light'? Or does the call of literature sometimes prove to be a siren song? Questions such as these will be explored during this conference.

Contributors:

Marta Gibińska (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), **Daniel Hadas** (King's College, University of London, UK), **Garry L. Hagberg** (Bard College, New York, USA), **David Jasper** (University of Glasgow, UK), **Declan Kiberd** (University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA and Dublin, Ireland), **Jean-Pierre Sonnet SJ** (Gregorian University, Rome, Italy), **Abraham B. Yehoshua** (University of Haifa, Israel)

The Conference will also include a poetry-reading event with **Prof. Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin**, the current **Ireland Professor of Poetry**.

Conference fee €150 (with Early Bird offer of €120). Day attendance €70.

See www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute for more information.

Opportunities for Study

MPhil in Christian Theology

This Masters in Christian Theology will enable participants to gain an in-depth knowledge of core issues in contemporary Christian theology. Students are introduced to historical scholarship and to rigorous contemporary theological investigation. A written dissertation is a key part of the MPhil.



MPhil students celebrate at their graduation (Class of 2018/19)

Modules on offer include:

Readings in Classical Theological Texts

Violence and Grace in the Human Narrative

The First Words: Theology/ies of the Bible

Jesus of Nazareth: Son, Christ, Word

Further information about these lectures, all events and all courses:
see our website www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute

The MPhil is delivered full-time over one year (12 months) or part-time over two years. Lectures are on Monday and Thursday evenings.

It is also possible to pursue a Postgraduate Certificate, or a Postgraduate Diploma in Christian Theology. Lectures will be on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Faith Seeking Understanding

This adult education course is intended to meet the need for Catholics to be more literate about their faith. It will introduce people to the wealth of theological understanding that is available from within the Catholic tradition.

The course is offered over a series of six Wednesday evenings from 5pm – 8pm and is sponsored by four School Trusts.

Loyola Lecture Series 2020

“Listening to the Essence of Things”: Theology, language and meaning in the context of *Laudato Si’*

Prof Tina Beattie, Professor of Catholic Studies, Roehampton University
Wednesday 19th February at 7.30 pm

When Mercy Became Compassionate

Prof John O’Callaghan, Professor of Philosophy
University of Notre Dame
Monday March 9th at 7.30 pm

What Can We Hope for? On Hope and Despair in the Book of Job

Prof Pierre Van Hecke, Professor of Languages
and Syria-Palestine Cultures, Faculty of Theology
and Religious Studies, KU Leuven
Wednesday 25th March at 7.30 pm

**These free lectures are held in the
ISE/Loyola Institute Building, Trinity College Dublin**

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