



International Conferences on Bioethics and Religion in Jerusalem

December 13, 2009

“Culture of Life and Religion”

Organized by UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and
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Pontifical university



Location of event

Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center
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Dialogue is often the first step toward mutual understanding and construction of peace. Today there is a growing need for such dialogue and what better place to launch this new initiative than Jerusalem.



These conferences seek to find common ground among the great monotheistic religions— Judaism, Christianity and Islam— in the specific areas of bioethics. In the area of life issues, there is a great deal of common ground that can be shared among these three Abrahamic faiths. A great part of humanity is a member of these faiths and more than ever, the advances in biotechnology and medicine are posing new challenges that religion often has not been able to offer an adequate response. These conferences want to bring together leaders in bioethics from these great religions so that through dialogue and mutual understanding they can bring original contribution to the field.

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UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights: International Conference “Culture of life and Religion” (There will be simultaneous translation into Arab, English, Hebrew and Italian.)

- 9:30-10:00 Introductory remarks: Fostering the art of convergence and cooperation in global ethics
 Dr. Alberto García, *Director, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights. Rome, Italy*
Greetings to religious, civil and institutional authorities
 Fr. Eamon Kelly, LC, *Vice-Director, Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem Centre.*
- 10:00-10:45 Lecture: Life and bioethics in the Jewish tradition
 Dr. Yechiel Michael Barilan, *Tel Aviv University, Israel.*
- Coffee break*
- 11: 00-11:45 Lecture: Life and bioethics in the Islamic tradition
 Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, *Al-Quds University of Jerusalem.*
- 12:00-13:00 Question session
- Lunch Break*
- 15:00-15:45 Lecture: Life and bioethics in the Christian tradition
 HEM. Elio Sgreccia, *President FIBIP. Emeritus President of Pontifical Academy for Life, Italy.*
- 15:45-16:30 Question session
- Coffee Break*
- 16:30 - 18:00 Round table discussions: “Priority agenda of intercultural dialogue in the areas of life and health issues, culture and bioethics”
 Dr. Amnon Carmi, *UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, University of Haifa, Israel.*
 Dr. Gonzalo Miranda, LC, *Regina Apostolorum University, Rome, Italy.*
 Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, *Al-Quds University of Jerusalem.*

18:30-19:00 Concluding remarks
Dr. Alberto García, *UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights. Rome, Italy.*

20:30 *Dinner*

December 14, 2009

VII International Congress of FIBIP: “Bioethics, Law and Religion in End of Life Issues”

(There will be simultaneous translation into Arab, English, Hebrew and Italian)

- 9:00-9:15 Introductory remarks and greetings
HEM. Elio Sgreccia, *President FIBIP. Emeritus President of Pontifical Academy for Life.*
Dr. Gonzalo Miranda, LC., *Regina Apostolorum University, Rome, Italy.*
Fr. Eamon Kelly, LC, *Vice-Director, Pontifical Notre Dame of Jerusalem Centre.*
- 9:15-10:00 Lecture: Positive law, ethics and religion
Dr. Laura Palazzani, *LUMSA University, Rome, Italy.*
- 10:00-10:45 Lecture: Jewish bioethics on end of life issues
Dr. David Heyd, *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.*
- 11:15-12:00 Round table discussions: Proportionality in therapy, Palliative care, Living Wills
Dr. Colleen M. Gallagher, *The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, USA*
Dr. Jonathan Halevy, *Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem.*
Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, *Al-Quds University of Jerusalem.*
- 12:00-13:00 Open Communications
Lunch break
- 15:00-15:45 Lecture: Christian bioethics on end of life issues
Dr. Gonzalo Miranda, LC, *Regina Apostolorum University, Rome, Italy.*
- 15:45-16:30 Lecture: Islamic bioethics on end of life issues
Dr. Mutairu Ezimokhai, *United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain, UAE.*
Coffee break
- 17:00-17:45 Round table discussions: Death, Determination of death, and Euthanasia.
Dr. Maurizio Faggioni OFM, *Alphonsian Academy, Rome, Italy.*
Dr. Jonathan Halevy, *Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem.*
Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, *Al-Quds University of Jerusalem.*
- 20:00 *Dinner*

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FIBIP General Assembly for member institutes.

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