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LECTURES ON SCIENCE AND THEOLOGY

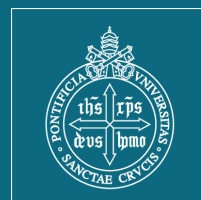
Philosophical and Historical
Perspectives

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course intends: a) to examine those contemporary scientific results and perspectives that seem to challenge our religious and theological worldview, and b) to show the significance of the discourse on God in scientific culture. The faith in God the creator of heaven and earth and the Christian proclamation of the Incarnation of the Word are assessed against the background of our knowledge of the physical cosmos, and of the evolutionary history of life and humankind on Earth. The course includes both an epistemological perspective – preliminary to the dialogue between science, philosophy and theology – and a historical perspective highlighting how those three fields of knowledge have interacted reciprocally. The course aims at providing an example of a Fundamental Theology in Scientific Context and is organized by the Interdisciplinary Center for Religion and Science (disf.org – inters.org).

The relevant topics of the Course are presented in the essay

G. Tanzella-Nitti, *Scientific Perspectives in Fundamental Theology. Understanding Christian Faith in the Age of Scientific Reason*, Claremont Press, 2022

LECTURERS

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LECTURES

- 10/04 Is Scientific Knowledge Relevant to Theology? The Influence of Contemporary Scientific World-View on the Work of Theologians
- 10/11 Is the notion of God meaningful to Scientific Culture? The Openness of Science to the Quest for Truth and Meaning
- 10/18 Physical Cosmology and Christian Theology of Creation
- 10/25 The Christological Dimension of the Cosmos
- 11/08 The Debate on the Laws of Nature: Science, Philosophy and Theology
- 11/15 Life in the Universe: Scientific and Theological Perspectives
- 11/22 The Place of the Human Being in the Cosmos: Unexpected insights from the Anthropic Principle
- 11/29 The Metaphor of the Book of Nature: general foundations
- 12/06 The Book of Nature between natural knowledge of God and God's Revelation
- 12/13 Beauty and Wonder in Nature and Science
- 01/10 Purpose in Nature? The moral dimension of the Book of Nature
- 01/17 Science and Religion in the media: material for a general discussion

WEDNESDAY 3:00-4:45 PM
ROOM "A. DEL PORTILLO"

12 CLASSES - 3 ECTS

Attendance to single classes is
free and open to the public.

Students of other Universities may
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credit recognition under the
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