



## **IRCI** Rome Campus Seminars

### 2019

Atheism, Religion and Experience (10—12 January)

Global Issues in Ethics III: Religion and Democracy (14—16 March)

#### 2018

Texts, Traditions, and Early Christian Identities (28—30 September)

Moral Disagreement (7—9 September)

Varieties of Atheism (19—22 August)

Modes of Knowing and the Ordering of Knowledge in Early Christianity II (26—28 July)

Redeeming Autonomy: Agency, Vulnerability, and Relationality (27—30 May)

Moral Disagreement: Global Issues in Ethics II (18—20 March)

#### 2017

Texts, Traditions, and Early Christian Identities (13—16 October)

Companions in Guilt Arguments in Metaethics (1—3 September)

Modes of Knowing and the Ordering of Knowledge in Early Christianity (27—30 July)

Negative Political Theology (23—26 July)

Cosmopolitanism and National Identity (16—18 March)

The Enigma of Suffering (3—6 January)

#### 2016

Atheism and Christianity: Moving Past Polemic (20—22 September)

Conceiving Change in the Church: An Exploration of the Hermeneutics of Catholic Tradition (13—16 September)

The Rise of the Christian Intellectual in the Second Century (27—29 July)

#### 2015

'Laudato Si': The Greening of the Church? (22—24 September)

# Redeeming Autonomy: Agency, Vulnerability, and Relationality II

## **ACU Rome Seminar Series**

27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May. 2019

Rome Campus

Australian Catholic University Via Garibaldi, 28, 00153 Roma, Italy

Convenors Christopher Insole and David Kirchhoffer

## Welcome

On behalf of my colleagues in the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry I welcome you to the ACU/CUA Rome Campus.

The IRCI Rome seminar series commenced in September 2015, when the Campus was opened. The series provides an opportunity for the Institute to bring together leading scholars to address and explore key issues in their fields of study. The respective seminars are a practical expression of our ongoing commitment to innovative, high-quality, international research collaboration in the disciplines of philosophy and theology. I take this opportunity to thank Chris Insole and David Kirchhoffer for the work they have undertaken to bring together the wonderful program for this second seminar in the project *Redeeming Autonomy: Agency, Vulnerability, and Relationality*, this year focusing on *Autonomy and Urgent Current Issues*. My thanks also go to Professor Wayne McKenna, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at ACU, for his ongoing support and sponsorship of the IRCI Rome Campus Seminars.

I trust that this year's seminar will provide the opportunity to establish new connections and to enhance existing ones. I am sure that there will be lively and engaging discussions and deliberations as you explore issues surrounding this significant topic.

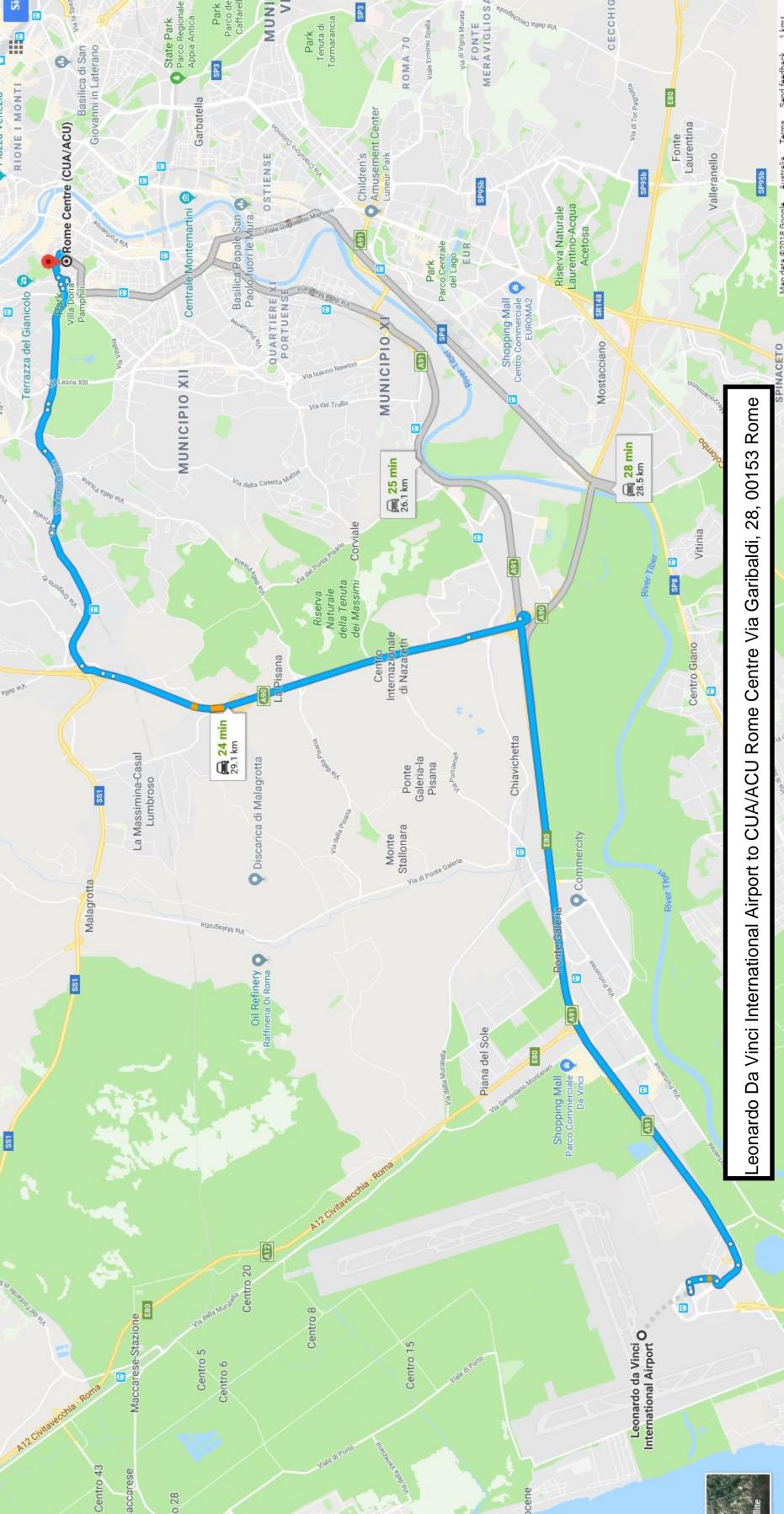
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| TIME       | MONDAY 27 MAY                                  |  |  |
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|            | Rome campus                                    |  |  |
|            |  |  |  |
| 12pm – 2pm | Luncheon and Strategic Discussion with PI      |  |  |
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| 3pm-4pm    | Introductory Session for all Participants      |  |  |
| 4pm        | Coffee break                                   |  |  |
| 4:30pm-6pm | Session 1                                      |  |  |
|            | Professor Shawn Copeland (Boston College)      |  |  |
|            | Professor Diana Tietjens Meyers (University of |  |  |
|            | Connecticut)                                   |  |  |
|            | 'Autonomy and Trauma'                          |  |  |
|            |  |  |  |
|            | Respondent: Shelly Rambo                       |  |  |
|            |  |  |  |
| 6pm-7:30pm | Reception – balcony of Rome Campus             |  |  |
| 7:30pm     | Dinner   |  |  |
|            | Ai Spaghettari                                 |  |  |
|            | Piazza di San Cosimato                         |  |  |
|            | 57 58 59 60 – 00153, Roma                      |  |  |
|            | http://www.aispaghettari.it                    |  |  |
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| TIME         | TUESDAY 28 MAY                                      |  |
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|              |   |  |
| 10:30am-12pm | Session 2   |  |
|              | Dr Susannah Cornwall (University of Exeter)         |  |
|              | Dr Mathias Wirth (University of Bern)               |  |
|              | 'Autonomy and Transgender'                          |  |
|              | Autonomy and Transgender                            |  |
|              | Respondent: Professor Gerald McKenny                |  |
|              | (University of Notre Dame)                          |  |
| 12pm-2pm     | 1-2pm Lunch at the Rome Campus                      |  |
|              | BREAK   |  |
| 4:30pm-6pm   | Session 3   |  |
|              | Professor Anita Ho (University of British Colombia) |  |
|              | Dr Michael Mawson (University of Aberdeen)          |  |
|              | 'Autonomy and Disability'                           |  |
|              |   |  |
|              | Respondent: Professor Yves de Maeseneer (KU Leuven) |  |
|              | Reception   |  |
| 7pm-8pm      | Donna Camilla Savelli Hotel balcony                 |  |
|              |   |  |
| 8pm          | Dinner  |  |
|              | L'Antico Moro Roma                                  |  |
|              | Via Del Moro 61-62                                  |  |
|              | +39 06 45426209                                     |  |
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| TIME         | WEDNESDAY 29 MAY   |  |
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| 10am-11:30am | Session 4  |  |
|              | Professor Daniel Sulmasy (Georgetown University)         |  |
|              | Professor Theo Boer (Protestant University at Groningen) |  |
|              | 'Autonomy and End-of-Life'                               |  |
|              | Respondent: Dr David Kirchhoffer (ACU)                   |  |
| 11:30-12pm   | Coffee break   |  |
| 12pm-1pm     | Conclusion discussion (all participants)                 |  |
| 1pm-2:30pm   | Lunch on campus (all participants)                       |  |
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| 2:30-4:00pm  | Planning meeting for Pls                                 |  |
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### **Practical Matters**

Hotel: Donna Camilla Savelli, Via Garibaldi, 27, 00153 Roma

Campus address: Via Garibaldi, 28, 00153 Roma

Please note that the walk from the hotel to the Campus is uphill, approximately a quarter of the way up the Janiculum Hill. Although a relatively short distance the walk does involve a climb, part of which is at a steady incline. There is also no designated footpath on the side of the road.

### Some nearby places of interest

- Fontana dell'Acqua Paola
- Museo della republica Romana e della memoria Garibaldina
- Piazza Garibaldi (including the Vittoriano Monument)
- Orto Botanico
- San Pietro in Montorio (including Tempietto del Bramante)
- Villa Pamphili
- Santa Maria in Trastevere
- Villa Farnesina Renaissance frescoes

## Some suggestions for food in Trastevere:

- Cave Canem (Piazza di. S. Calisto, 11).
- Da Enzo (Via dei Vascellari, 29).
- Trattoria Da Augusto (Vicolo De' Renzi, 15) no nonsense local
- Fatamorgana (Via Roma Libera, 11) for gelato.
- La Boccaccia (Via di Santa Dorotea, 2) for when on the run (pizza by the slice).
- I Suppli (Via San Francesco a Ripa, 137) for when on the run (Suppli traditional Roman fried rice balls).

### The Location

The Rome Campus lies within the Aurelian walls, approximately one-third of the way up the Janiculum Hill. Although the Janiculum is particularly well-known as the place where Garibaldi and his supporters fought to defend the newly established Republic of Rome in 1849 the site of the Campus also has some notable points of interest. Gió Ponti was involved in the design of the current building, which was built for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion in 1962-63. Within the confines of the previous structures and largely thanks to the work of Mother Marie Augustine and Mother Maria Agnesa the site was a place of refuge for Jews during WWII. Whole families were accommodated within the convent from October 1943 until the liberation of Rome in June 1944 (source: Notre Dame de Sion archives).

In the gardens is one other notable feature, which most likely dates from the first-century CE. It is a funerary relief of a man and a woman and an inscription. Dr Alan Cadwallader (formerly of ACU) has recently identified the relief and epitaph as *CIL* 6.16019, an item recorded in the seventeenth century but subsequently thought to be lost as the Janiculum Hill area was urbanised. Their apparent 'loss' was attested as recently as 1993, by Valentin Kockel in his work on Roman gravesites from the turn of the era. According to Dr Cadwallader, the relief and inscription belong together, making them quite unusual. It is likely that the original setting was a nearby grave structure, possibly situated in the vicinity of the Via Aurelia. The inscription suggests an interesting social history: they have Greek names (Anteros and Apollonia); they were ex-slaves who had belonged to different households and subsequently established their own household (source: A. Cadwallader, "CIL 6.16019 Rediscovered", *Antichthon* 52 (2018): 132-142.).

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