Texts, Traditions, and Early Christian Identities II

Rome Seminar Series 28 – 30 September 2018



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

> Convenor Francis Watson

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 Francis Watson and Sarah Parkhouse for all the work they have undertaken to bring together the wonderful program for this second seminar in the Texts, Traditions, and Identities research project. 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 this seminar will provide the opportunity to establish new connections and to enrich existing ones. I am sure there will be lively and engaging discussions and deliberations as you explore issues surrounding this significant topic.

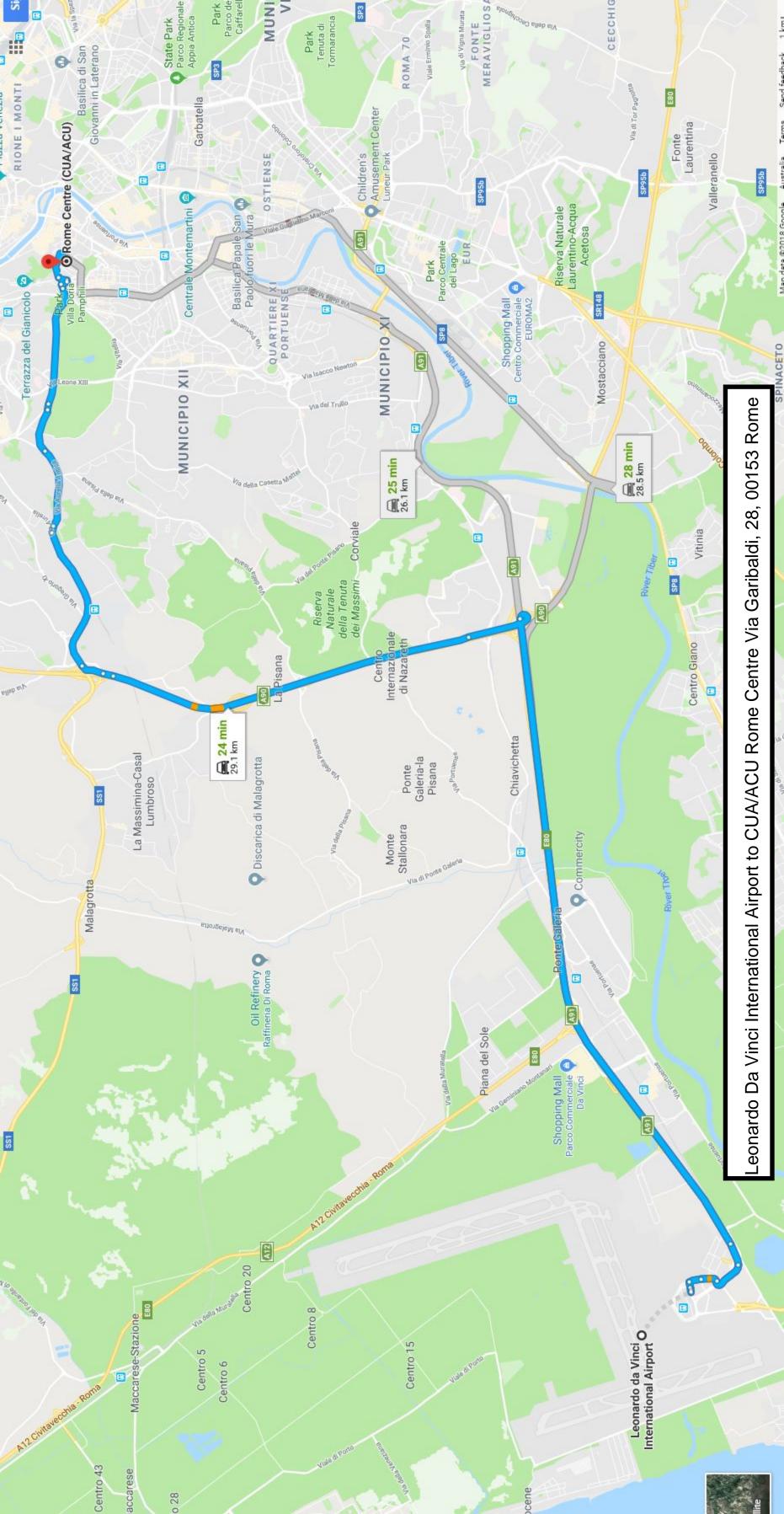
Professor David Runia Director, Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, ACU September, 2018

TIME	FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER		
2:45-3:00pm	Welcome		
3:00-4:30pm	Session 1		
	Mark Goodacre		
	Hypostasis of the Archons and Re-imagining Genesis		
	Respondent: Ismo Dunderberg		
4:30-5:00pm	Coffee, tea and refreshments		
5:00-6:30pm	Session 2		
	Devin White		
	Many Heresies, One Rule: Irenaeus's <i>regula fidei</i> as Invective		
	Respondent: Reimund Bieringer		
6:30-8:00pm	Reception – balcony of Rome Campus		
8:00pm	Dinner		
	Campus dinner		

	TIME	SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
	9–10:30am	Session 3
		David Litwa The Curse of the Creator: Gal 3:13 and the Origin of Gnostic Demiurgy Respondent: John Barclay
	10:30-11am	Morning Break
	11-12:30pm	Session 4
		Jos Verheyden Ptolemy's Letter to Flora: A Failed Attempt at Solving a Bur(de)ning Question Respondent: Tobias Nicklas
	12:30-2:00pm	Lunch
	2:00-3:30pm	Session 5
		Francis Watson Jesus versus the Lawgiver: Narratives of Apostasy and Conversation Respondent: Tobias Nicklas
	3:30-4:00pm	Afternoon tea
	4:00-5:30pm	Session 6
		Jonathan Cahana Who are "like the angels"? Redemption through Sin in the <i>Gospel of Judas</i> Respondent: Ismo Dunderberg
	7:00pm	Dinner: Nanarella Piazza di San Calisto 7A, 00153 Rome

TIME	SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER		
9:00-10:30am	Session 7		
	Sarah Parkhouse (by Skype)		
	Mary the "heretic" in the <i>Gospel of Mary</i> : The "Master Narrative" within the "Counter Narrative"		
	Respondent: Ismo Dunderberg		
10:30-11am	Morning tea		
11:00-12:30pm	Session 8		
	Kimberly Fowler (by Skype)		
	Resurrection in the <i>Exegesis on the Soul</i> Respondent: Tobias Nicklas		
12.30-2:00pm	Lunch		
2:00-3:30pm	Session 9		
2.00 0.000111	David Sim		
	Narrative, Counter-Narrative and Restoring the Original Story in Early Christian Gospels: Mark and Matthew as Test Cases		
	Respondent: John Barclay		
3:30-4:00pm	Afternoon tea		
4:00-5:30pm	Session 10		
	Outi Lehtipuu "Only the one who has attained resurrection can die": Belief in the Resurrection of the Flesh as Counter- Narrative		
	Respondent: Reimund Bieringer		
	Closing discussion		
8:00pm	Dinner: Hosteria La Botticella <u>http://www.ristorantelabotticella.com/contact</u> Vicolo del Leopardo 39/A, 00153, Roma		

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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, "A Note on CIL 6.16019 in Light of its Rediscovery," *forthcoming*).

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