



## IRCI Rome seminars

# The Essential Legacy of Post-Chalcedonian Christology: A Hymn to the Emperor Justinian

When theologians reflect on the person of Christ, what do they understand to be the fundamental legacy of early Christian thought? One common answer is to reference the Council of Chalcedon in 451. Indeed, since the late nineteenth century theologians have commonly referred to “Chalcedonian Christology” as if that term designated a clear set of principles articulated in 451. The term is, however, often used to speak of principles that were only stated clearly a century or more later. The Christological disputes of the two centuries after Chalcedon are in fact fundamental in shaping how subsequent tradition – Eastern and Western – would understand Chalcedon. Within this period I want to highlight the contribution of the Emperor Justinian, suggest a different way of conceiving (and teaching) Patristic Christology, and end in a modern key by suggesting that doing so enables us to imagine new ways of taking forward our contemporary dialogue with the Oriental Orthodox, or “Miaphysite,” churches who refused to accept Chalcedon itself.

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### DATE & TIME

Thursday 22 September 2022, 6pm

### VENUE

Australian Catholic University  
Villa Maria Rome Campus,  
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### REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

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The public lectures will be held in English; however, Italian simultaneous translation headsets will be available for attendees to use. Please indicate at Registration page.

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