

ETRFI Lecture Series Summary 2000-2013

YEAR: 1999-2000

TOPIC: Christian and Jewish Responses to Ethical Challenges of Today

Date	Subject	Speaker
28-Oct	New Challenges in Medical Ethics	Prof. David Heyd
18-Nov	Challenges of Medical Ethics for the Jewish Conscience of Today	Prof. Avraham Steinberg
16-Dec	Heroes and Virtues: Reviving a Tradition for Pastoral Guidance among Young People	Fr. Michael McGarry
20-Jan	Substance Abuse: Facts, Myths, Options, Ethical Considerations	Prof. Shlomo Einstein
4-Feb *	The History and Current Situation of the Russian Orthodox Church	Archbishop Mark
24-Feb	Ethical Problems of Experiments on Humans	Prof. Jacques Michel
30-Mar	AIDS as a Challenge for Faith and Medicine in our Time	Prof. Zvi Bentwich
3-Apr	The Implications of the Papal Visit on Ecumenical Life in the Holy Land	Prelate Msgr Richard Mathes
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27-Apr	Genetics and Ethics: Prenatal Diagnostics	Prof. Gideon Bach
6-Jun	The Setting of the Second Temple and its influence in the Herodian	Mr. Catriel Sugarman
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YEAR: 2000-2001

TOPIC: To Cure the Wounds that Divide Us

Date	Subject	Speaker
26-Oct	The Authority of Scripture: Canon and Community	Fr. Justin Taylor
30-Nov	Between Doubting Jews and Questioning Christians	Bodil F. Skjott
14-Dec	Meaning of Sacramentality in the Eucharist	Prof. Marcel Dubois & Bishop Aris Shirvanian
11-Jan	The 1700th Anniversary of Christianity in Armenia	Bishop Aris Shirvanian
22-Feb	Justification by Faith: An Ongoing Dialogue	Prof. Rudolf Pesch & Prof. Knud Jeppesen
22-Mar	Women in the Orthodox Churches	Dr. Kirsten Stoffregen Pedersen

16-Apr	* The Jews in John's Gospel & Liturgy	Fr. Prof. Lawrence Frizzell
10-May	Was Paul the Father of Christian Anti-Judaism?	Prof. John Gager
20-May	Latest Events of the International Liaison Committee to the Vatican	Prof. Michael Signer
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22-May	* Religious Pluralism & Chosenness: Are they Compatible?	Dr. Raphael Jospe
16-Jun	* The Significance of the Jubilee 2000	Sr. Anne Catherine Avril

YEAR: 2001-2002

TOPIC: Communal Identity in Judaism and Christianity

Date	Subject	Speaker
25-Oct	An Orthodox Jewish View of Christian Communities in the Holy Land	Yossi Klein Halevi
29-Nov	Jesuits & the Challenge of Dialogue in the Contemporary Middle East	Fr. David Neuhaus
20-Dec	Fatal Theologies that Misshaped Community: Restoration of Zion as a Response to the Holocaust	Prof. Pesach Schindler
31-Jan	The Building of the Identity of the Romanian Orthodox Church	Archimandrite Ieronim Cretu
26-Feb	In Honour of Dr. Kirsten Stoffregen Pedersen's 70th Birthday: Ps 151	Dr. Kirsten Stoffregen Pedersen; Dr. Steve Kaplan; Dr. Knud Jeppesen
11-Apr	Reconciliation - A Principle of Jewish Identity	Rabbi David Brodman
25-Apr	Taking Root in Jewish Ground: The Catholic Integrated Community	Prof. Rudolf Pesch

YEAR: 2002-2003

TOPIC: Sacred Time(s): Time of Grace – Time of Crisis

Date	Subject	Speaker
18-20 Sept	Sukkot-HeChag "The Feast" (In Memory of Fr. Isaac Jacob OSB)	Br. Pierre Lenhardt & Dr. Marc Bregman
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24-Oct	The Icon of Time: Reflections on Time as a Window unto Eternity	Fr. Guido Gockel
21-Nov	And I did not know: The Secret of Prayer"	Dr. Aviva Zornberg

19-Dec	The Spirituality of the Dead Sea Scrolls	Prof. James Charlesworth
24-Jan *	The Religious Significance of the State of Israel	Rabbi Dr. Eugene Korn
30-Jan	Past & Present in Midrashic Literature	Dr. Marc Bregman
27-Feb	Time of Crisis: The Example of the Councils of Ancient Antioch	Fr. Thomas Maier
27-Mar	A Time of Grace: The Sabbath from a Christian Point of View	Rev. Ermanno Garbi
5-Jan	Psychomachia in the Three Monotheistic Religions	Prof. Moshe Idel

YEAR: 2003-2004

TOPIC: Vision, Prophecy and Charisma in Jewish and Christian Thinking

Date	Subject	Speaker
30-Oct	Suffering and Divinity in the Qumran Scrolls	Prof. Dr. Israel Knohl
20-Nov	Shepherds after my Own Heart: Toward a Biblical Theology of Leadership	Dr. Tim Laniak
18-Dec	Emmanuel Levinas: Messianic Texts	Prof. Dr. Josef Wohlmuth
22-Jan	Who is a False Messiah?	Rabbi Daniel Roth
26-Feb	End-Time Thinking: Between Messianic Jews & Palestinian Christians	Dr. Gershon Nerel
25-Mar	The End of Prophecy? (In Memory of Fr. Isaac Jacob OSB)	Prof. Rachel Elijor
29-Apr	Chiara Lubich: Vision, Charisma - Prophecy?	Sonia Zelazo & Jordi Marjanedas

YEAR: 2004-2005

TOPIC: Abstinence and Festivity in Judaism and Christianity

Date	Subject	Speaker
28-Oct	Festivity and Self-Denial: Hasidism as World-Engaged Mysticism	Prof. Yehuda Gellman
18-Nov	Abstinence and Festivity in the Ethiopian Church	Dr. Kirsten Stoffregen Pedersen
3-Feb	What does Rabbi Judah Halevi Think about Living a Monastic Life? Ascetic	Mr. Avraham Zvi Shav-Aretz
24-Feb	40 Years of Nostra Aetate in Word and Deed: Isaac Jacob and Pierre Lenhardt	Br. Pierre Lenhardt
31-Mar	Fasting and Feasting in the German Lutheran Church - In everyday life and in the liturgy	Dompastor Wolfgang Gruesnick

28-Apr Balancing Abstinence and Festivity; What can we learn from Judaism? Rev. Dr. Geert Cohen Stuart

YEAR: 2005-2006

TOPIC: Secularism, Totalitarianism, Relativism: The Challenge of Secular Ideologies to Christian and Jewish Studies

Date	Subject	Speaker
27-Oct	Dictatorship of Relativism & the Right to a Non-Repressive Public Religious Culture	Prof. Benedict T. Viviano, op
17-Nov	Contextual Theology, Dogmatic Truth and the Reality of Change	Fr. William Russell, WF
15-Dec	Millenarianism, Modernity and the Baha'i Faith	Prof. Moshe Sharon
12-Jan	Relativism in Hellenistic Judaism and the Answer of Martyrdom in 2 Maccabees 7	Prof. Adrian Schenker, op
23-Feb	Pluralism without Relativism	Prof. Dr. Raphael Jospe
6-Apr	Secular Questions and Religious Answers: The Case of Presence and Absence of Women in Jewish Intellectual History (In Memory of Fr. Isaac Jacob OSB)	Prof. Rachel Elijor
27-Apr	David & Solomon's Jerusalem: Historicity of the Biblical Account in the Light of Archaeology	Prof. Dr. Gabriel Barkay

YEAR: 2006-2007

TOPIC: The Nature and the Meaning of the Human Person in Jewish and Christian Perspectives

Date	Subject	Speaker
21-Oct	Archaeological Excursion in Jerusalem	Prof. Gabriel Barkay
30-Nov	ETRFI's 40th Anniversary celebration	
21-Dec	God's First Partner: Judaism's Dispute of Abraham's Religiosity	Prof. Menachem Fisch

YEAR: 2007-2008

TOPIC: Religious Majority - Religious Minority

Date	Subject	Speaker
1-Nov	Christian Community as Diaspora: The Perspective of the First Letter of Peter	Prof. Dr. Prof. Johannes Beutler
29-Nov	Eusebius on Constantine: The Making of a Christian Emperor	Fr. Dr. Thomas Maier
20-Dec	The Holy Spirit in Judaism	Prof. Marc Bregman
28-Feb	Philosophical Exegesis of the Bible: A Minority Approach in Judaism	Prof. Rafael Yospe
27-Mar	Christian Minority in a Muslim Context: The Case of Burkina Faso	Fr. Andre-Leon Simonart, WF
24-Apr	Ethiopia and Nubia: Christians as Majority and Minority	Sr. Dr. Kirsten Stoffregen Pedersen

YEAR: 2008-2009

TOPIC: 60 Years State of Israel: Impact on Christian Thought and Practice

Date	Subject	Speaker
30-Oct	A Rediscovery of James, the Brother of the Lord: But What About His Authority as 'Bishop of Jerusalem?'	Fr. Prof. Etienne Nodet, op
20-Nov	Papias Revisited: 60 Years of Hebrew Gospel Studies in the State of Israel	Rev. Guido Baltes
18-Dec	Some Aspects about the Christian Minorities in Israel and the Middle East	Dr. Mordechai Zaken
22-Jan	Fr. Alexander Men on Jewish-Christian Interaction: A Personal Experience Under Authoritarian Regime	Dr. Alexander Zanemonets
26-Feb	The Israeli Jesus and the Palestinian Jesus: Between Pilgrimage and Political Tourism	Dr. Jackie Feldman
26-Mar	Notre Dame de Sion: Catholic Presence from the End of the Ottoman Period to the Present-Day State of Israel. Hardship and Dialogue (In Memory of Fr. Isaac Jacob OSB)	Br. Elio Passeto, NDS

30-Apr Revival of Hebrew and the Jewish Languages in Israel: Some Cultural Impacts on Church and Synagogue Archpriest Dr. Alexander Winogradsky

YEAR: 2009-2010

TOPIC: Dialogue and Repentance

Date	Subject	Speaker
29-Oct	Repenting Religious Rivalry	Prof. Dr. Raphael Jospe
19-Nov	Can Dialogue be Effective Without Communal Repentance?	Dr. Geert Cohen Stuart
10-Dec	The Birkat HaMinim: A Jewish Liturgical Response to Christianity	Prof. Ruth Langer
22-Jan *	Rabbinic Approaches to Christianity	Rabbi Dr. Eugene Korn
4-Feb	Ecumenical Dialogue in the Orthodox Church	Fr. Aleksander Winogradsky
25-Feb	Hardening of Hearts: A Model for Understanding Jewish-Christian Relations	Rev. Dr. Martin Vahrenhorst
25-Mar	The Theological Background of Justinian's Anti-Talmudic Legislation	Prof. Istvan Perczel
22-Apr	The Dead Sea Scrolls. Memory and Oblivion & Dialogue and Repentance (In Memory of Fr. Isaac Jacob OSB)	Prof. Rachel Elijor

YEAR: 2010-2011

TOPIC: The Theological Understanding of the State

Date	Subject	Speaker
4-Nov	Modern Concept of Statehood in the Middle East: Its Implications for Christians, Jews & Moslems	Dr. Mordechai Nisan
25-Nov	What is an Islamic State: Theory & Practice	Prof. Raphael Israeli
16-Dec	Two Jewish Understandings of the State: Maimonides' Ideal Commonwealth and Moses Mendelssohn's Instrumental State	Prof. Dr. Raphael Jospe
20-Jan	After Political Theology: The Ratzinger-Habermas Debate 2004 and Its Consequences for the Canon of Modernity	Prof. Christoph Schmidt

24-Feb	Human and Divine Ordinances According to the First Letter of Peter	Rev. Dr. Martin Vahrenhorst
31-Mar	Divine Providence: The Individual, Community and Land in Jewish Thought (In Memory of Fr. Jacob Isaac OSB)	Dr. Pesach Schindler
28-Apr	Kosovo Avenged and/or "Temple Mount in Our Hands": The Statehood of the Holy Land According to the Kosovo Cycle of the Balkan Epic Poetry	Protosyncellos Jovan Culibrk

YEAR: 2011-2012

TOPIC: Hymnodies in Jewish and Christian Traditions

Date	Subject	Speaker
3-Nov	Noah, Noah!: Biblical Song in Israeli Popular Culture	Naomi Cohn Zentner PhD Cand.
1-Dec	Judah Halevi: Philosopher-Poet of the Golden Age of Spanish Jewry	Prof. Rafael Jospe
22-Dec	Advent Hymns Ancient & Modern in Roman Catholic Tradition: Imploring our Definitive Redemption Through Song, Between Anamnesis, Firm Faith and Sure Hope	Fr. Aurelio Mule Stagno SDB
19-Jan	How Shall we Sing the Lord's Song... Back in Zion? How Synagogue Music Expresses and Influences Israeli Ashkenazi Identity	Amalia Kedem MA, PhD Cand.

YEAR: 2012-2013

TOPIC: Perceptions of Asceticism in Christian & Jewish Thought and Practice

Date	Subject	Speaker
1-Nov	Religious Significance of the Nazirite in the Torah	Prof. Dr. Israel Knohl
29-Nov	The Wilderness Cave of John the Baptist	Dr. Shimon Gibson
20-Dec	Asceticism and Celibacy at Qumran	Dr. Stephen Pfann
17-Jan	The Gospel of John and the Archaeology of Jerusalem	Prof. Dr. James Charlesworth
28-Feb	Saint or Sinner: Two Jewish Views of Asceticism	Prof. Dr. Raphael Jospe
21-Mar	The Daily Trials and Tribulations of Ascetics in Late Antique Egypt	Dr. Chrysi Kotsifou
25-Apr	From Photeini to Photeini: Hermits of the Jordan Valley Wilderness	Mr. Malcolm F. Lowe