

PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE
PLENARY ASSEMBLY

**THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY
NEW CHALLENGES TO ANTHROPOLOGY**

Programme

**Wednesday 15 November
INAUGURAL EVENT**

17:00 OPENING OF THE PLENARY

Auditorium Jesuit General Curia, Borgo Santo Spirito, 4

Prulusion of Card. **Gianfranco Ravasi**, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture

Presentation of a RAI Documentary

Comments by **Leonardo Becchetti**, economist, Roma 2; **Zia Chishti**, Founder and CEO of Afiniti; **Paola Marion**, Psychiatrist; **Cinzia Caporale**, CNR researcher

Conducted by **Caterina Doglio**, TG1 journalist

**Thursday 16 November
MORNING**

07:15 Holy Mass. Principal celebrant Card. **Gianfranco Ravasi**

St. Peter's Basilica. Altar of the Tomb of St. Peter, Vatican Grotto

09:30 INTRODUCTION

Auditorium Jesuit General Curia, Borgo Santo Spirito, 4

Theme: *The Ground Map. Basic Anthropological Models*

Prof. **Francesc Torralba**, Professor of Applied Ethics, Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona

Prof. **Dominique Lambert**, Professor of Logic, Epistemology, Philosophy and History of Science, University of Namur

Moderator: Prof. **Isabell Naumann**, Professor of Systematic Theology, Catholic Institute, Sydney

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Group Work

12:00 Plenary Discussion

13:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON : I. MEDICINE AND GENETICS

15:00 Theme: *Re-designing human nature*

Prof. H.E. **Rafael Vicuña**, Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago del Chile

Prof. Fr. **Kevin FitzGerald**, SJ, Dr. David Lauler Chair, Center of Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University, Washington

Moderator: Prof. **Elena Giacchi**, Centre of Studies & Research in the Natural Regulation of Fertility, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 Working groups

17:30 Plenary Discussion

18:30 End of Session

Friday 17 November

08:00 Holy Mass. Principal celebrant: Card. **Charles Bo**, Archbishop of Yangon
Church of the Holy Spirit, Via dei Penitenzieri, 12

MORNING: II. NEUROSCIENCES

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09:00 Theme: *The Human Person, the Brain and the Soul*

Prof. **Filippo Tempia**, Professor of Physiology, Department of Neurosciences, University of Turin

Prof. Fr. **Juan José Sanguinetti**, Professor of Philosophy of Knowledge, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome

Moderator: Prof. **Laura Bastianelli**, Lecturer, psychologist and psychotherapist

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 Working Groups

11:30 Plenary discussion

13:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON: III. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

15:00 Theme: *In the Society of Intelligent Machines*

Dr. **Mustafa Suleyman**, Co-Founder and Head of Applied AI, DeepMind, London

Fr. **Eric Salobir**, OP, founder of OPTIC

Moderator: Dott.ssa **Giorgia Abeltino**, Director of Public Policy, Google Cultural Institute

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 Working Groups

17:30 Plenary Discussion

18:30 End of Session

Saturday 18 November

MORNING

07:30 Holy Mass. Principal celebrant Card. **Gérald Lacroix**, Archbishop of Quebec
Church of the Holy Spirit, Via dei Penitenzieri, 12

IV. CLOSING SESSION

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08:30 Synthesis: Bishop **Charles Morerod**, OP, Bishop of Lausanne, Genève and Fribourg
Toward the next plenary. First suggestions for themes

Moderator: Bishop **Paul Tighe**, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture

09:30 Conclusions: Cardinal **Gianfranco Ravasi**

09:45 Departure for the Apostolic Palace

11:00 **PAPAL AUDIENCE**

End of Plenary