



**PLURIEL 2ND CONGRESS
ROME: 26-28 JUNE 2018**

ISLAM AND BELONGING

The notion of belonging offers the double advantage of being less unyielding than the concept of identity and closer to the phenomena of "recompositions". The notion may lead our reflection to sociological, political and theological fields, which is specific to modernity. Indeed, contemporary transformations need to be dealt with through the modes of transition, rupture and antagonisms that interact with tradition and modernity.

From this perspective of unity/diversity, uniqueness/multiplicity, how are the notions of singular and plural linked to the theme of belonging? How can we grasp the multiple characteristics of modern pluralism, and the plurality of belongings and opinions within Islam? Contrary to totalizing discourses that consider Islam as a global referent, the modes of belonging to Islam are, on the contrary, as rich as they are diversified. In other words, plurality is not the privilege of modernity, insofar as it can obey other logics.

From this synthetic introduction, three main themes emerge: citizenship, territory(ies), community(ies).

I – Membership(s) and Citizenship

- 1) Comparative Study Among European States
- 2) Comparative Study Among Southern Mediterranean Countries
- 3) Comparative Study Among Muslim authors and/or actors

II – Belonging(s) and Territory(ies)

- 1) Concepts and Categories
- 2) Interreligious Dialogue and Territory
- 3) Geopolitics and Territory

III – Belonging(s) and Community(ies)

- 1) Community(ies), plurality, alterity
- 2) Community(ies) and fraternity
- 3) Community(ies) under reconstruction

Tuesday 26th June

6:00 pm / Words of Welcome

Rector of the Gregorian University / P. Nuno da Silva Gonçalves

President of the PISAI/Valentino Cottini

President of the FUCE/Thierry Magnin

Opening Speech

John L. Esposito

**The Challenge of Global Religious Pluralism in the 21st
Century: Redefining Religious Identities**

Chairman: Michel Younès

Wednesday 27th June

9:00/9:30 General Introduction

Leïla Babès

9:30/10:30 Plenary Conference

Ridwan Al-Sayyed

Chairman: Tobias Specker

11:00/1:00pm Panel Discussion – **Belongings and Communities**

✚ Emmanuel Pisani

“*Al-Wala wa-el-bara*: an Issue of Controversy in Contemporary Islam About the Perception and the Status of the Other”

✚ Dirk Ansorge

“Religious affiliation, belonging and apostasy: a case study of Christian and Moslem conceptions”

✚ Jaume Flaquer

“Islamic religious education in Public schools. A study on its implementation, curriculum and social impact on the Spanish case”

✚ Marco Demichelis

“When religion divides the “community”. Dynamics of violence and pacification within Arab levant”

Moderator: **Roula Talhouk**

3:00/5:00pm Panel Discussion - **Belongings and Territories**

✚ Ali Mostfa

“Islam and Belonging: Between Continuity and Rupture”

✚ Gonzalo Villagran

“A comparative approach to the concepts of the Common Good and Maslaha”

✚ Wael Saleh

«Belonging(s) and Territory(ies) Through the Prism of Religion»

✚ Alessandro Ferrari

«Religious Freedom: an Instrument for Managing [Citizen] Pluralism on Both Sides of the Mediterranean»

Moderator: **Michel Younès**

5:30/7:00pm Workshops (PLURIEL Network Researchers)

✚ 1st Group: **Sociological Approach** - Thom Sicking

✚ 2nd Group: **Geopolitical Approach** - Gonzalo Villagran

✚ 3rd Group: **Theological Approach** - Tobias Specker

Thursday 28th June

9:00/10:30 Plenary Conference

Gianlouca Parolin

“The Jinsiyya Obsession and the Muwatana Veil : The Constitutional Politics of Citizenship in the 21st Century”

Chairman: **Diego Sarrío**

11:00/13:00pm Plenary Conference – Belongings and Citizenships

 **Michaela Neulinger**

“No belonging for believers? A comparative study of Talal Asad's and Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im's discussions of Muslims and their (non-)belonging in the secular-liberal state”

 **José Luis Llaquet**

«Contextualising Islam in Contemporary Spain by Focusing on the Existing Network of Associations and Muslim Foundations”

 **Anja Zalta**

“House of agreement - the Islamic tradition of Bosniaks and its Europeanness”

 **Anna Hager**

“The foundations of Citizenship of non-Muslims - Contemporary Readings of Egypt and Lebanon”

Moderator: **Thom Sicking**

3:00/3:30pm Closing Remarks and End of Congress

Laurent Basanèse

3:30/4:00pm Final Lecture

Cardinal Tauran

- **Dick Anso**rg, Docteur en théologie, Professeur en théologie dogmatique - Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen, Franckort (Germany)
- **Leila Babès**, Docteur en sciences politiques. Professeur de sociologie des religions et d'islamologie, Université Catholique de Lille, France
- **Laurent Basanèse**, Docteur en études arabes, civilisations islamiques et orientales, doctorat canonique en études arabes et islamiques, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Roma, Italy
- **Marco Demichelis**, PhD in History of Islamic Political Thought and Theology, Marie Curie Experienced Research Fellow, Institute for Culture and Society, University of Navarra (Spain)
- **Allessandro Ferrari**, PhD Canon Law, PhD Law and Religion, Insubria University (Como and Varese), Italy
- **Jaume Flaquer**, Docteur en Sciences Religieuses, maîtrise en philosophie et en théologie, Docteur en Sciences Religieuses, Facultad de Teologia de Catalunya, Spain
- **Anna Hager**, Ph.D. Arabic Studies
- **José Luis Llaquet**, Ph.D. in Law and in canon Law, Honoris Causa Doctorate, Universidad Loyola Andalucía, Spain
- **Ali Mostfa**, Docteur en études anglophones. Maître de conférences sur le monde arabo-musulman et les représentations interculturelles, Université Catholique de Lyon France
- **Michaela Neulinger**, PhD Theology, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- Emmanuel Pisani, Docteur en théologie et en philosophie, Institut Catholique de Paris, France
- **Wael Saleh**, Ph.D. en sciences humaines appliquées, Université de Montréal et Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada
- **Diego Sarrio**, Ph.D. in Theological & Religious Studies, Licentiate in Arabic and Islamic Studies, Pontificio Istituto di Studi Arabi e d'Islamistica (PISAI), Roma - Italia
- **Thom Sicking**, Docteur en sociologie, Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, Liban
- **Tobias Specker**, Docteur en théologie. Professeur à la Faculté de théologie de Francfort.
- **Roula Talhouk**, Docteur en anthropologie et en Sciences Religieuses, Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, Liban
- **Gonzallo Villagran**, Docteur en théologie, Faculté de Théologie de Grenade, Spain
- **Michel Younès**, Docteur en théologie et en philosophie, Université Catholique de Lyon, France
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