## International Theological Conference

**“Resilience in a Troubled World”**

7-9 November 2018

### Programme

#### 7 November 2018

**Venue:** The Oratory, St John’s Co-Cathedral, Valletta

**Keynote Lecture**

18:30 H.E. President of Malta Marilouise Coleiro Preca  
18:45 Halík Tomáš  

**Opening Address**  
**Resilience in an age of uncertainty**

#### 8 November 2018

**Venue:** University of Malta, Valletta Campus

**Plenary Session I**

9:00 Berry John Anthony  
9:30 Roszak Piotr  
10:00 Discussion  
10:30 Break

**Kierkegaard as a theological resource for Guardini’s resilience in his time and ours**

**Sources of resilience in Thomas Aquinas**

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**Plenary Session II**

11:00 Furnal Joshua  
11:30 Mroż Mirosław  
12:00 Discussion & Break for Lunch

**Romano Guardini on virtues. An ethics of the “living concrete” in the world having trouble with human destiny**

**Junior Session**

14:30 Zammit Mark  
15:00 Catania Mariella  
15:30 Scerrí Carl  
16:00 Break

**The awakening Church: Resilience and the people of God in Guardini**

**“From fragments to wholeness”: Guardini’s concept of ‘living unity’ in the context of the liturgical act**

**A humane and humanising God: Karl Barth’s foundation for a Christian praxis**

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**Plenary Session III**

16:30 Bongiovanni Ambrogio  
17:00 Camilleri Charlo  
18:00 Discussion

**Religiosity in our time. Being resilient through the courage of interfaith encounter**

**“Nothing can stop God from reaching us.” Resisting aggressive popular sovereignty: Romano Guardini and Raphael Tijhuis, O.Carm.**
9 November 2018  
Venue: University of Malta, Valletta Campus

Plenary Session IV
9:00  DELICATA Nadia  Resilience in an age of technocracy
9:30  BURNELL Joel  Learning to sail on the open sea: Bonhoeffer on resilience
10:00 Discussion
10:30 Break

Plenary Session V
11:00  SCERRI Hector  Kenosis and hiddenness: A Paradox for the Christian
11:30  SULTANA Mark  Combatting acedia: The neptic antidote
12:00 Discussion & Break for Lunch

Junior Session
14:30  BUTTIGIEG Dorianne  Thomas Merton: A man for our times. A prophet for all times
15:00  GRIMA Tyrone  Nothingness and absence as a means of resilience: a dialogue between the spirituality of Simone Weil and Thomas Merton
15:30  RAFTERY Marie  The role of forgiveness in building resilience
16:00  FELICE Nikki  C.S. Lewis and resilience as key to the cultivation of virtue & Christian identity

Plenary Session VI
16:30  DU PLESSIS Amanda L.  A pastoral encounter with the stranger: Resilience from hostility to hospitality in human response
17:00  GARCÍA MAESTRO Juan Pablo  Resilience considered from the viewpoint of excluded persons: What kind of Christianity has a future?
17:30 Discussion
18:00 Break

Concluding Lecture
18:30  CONWAY Eamonn  The commodification of resilience: Rediscovering the virtue of Christian hope for a troubled world