



L-Università ta' Malta  
Faculty of Theology

## **Roundtable Programme**

**25 April 2026 – Theology Board Room**

09:00–09:30

Registration & Coffee

09:30–09:40

Welcome and Opening Remarks

09:40–10:50

Keynote Presentation: **Language, race, identity: Tolkien in and out of his time**

Prof. Thomas Honegger

Q&A and discussion

10:50–12:30 — Session 1: Contributions (20 minutes for each presentation, followed by 20 minutes of session discussion)

Contributions 1: **Tolkien, Language, and the Outsourcing of Cultural Memory** – Myron Ellul

Contribution 2: **Conquerors and Conquered: The Irony of Invasion and Re-evaluating Anglo-Saxon Identity in Tolkien's The Homecoming of Beorhtnoth** – James Moffett

Contribution 3: **The Middle Ground of Tolkienian Myth: Tolkien and Barfield after Taylor** – Robert Falzon

Contribution 4: **“I Will Diminish”**: Renunciation and Moral Power in Lórien – Peter M. Farrugia

Session discussion: 20 min

12:30–13:15 Lunch Break (45 minutes)

13:15–14:55 — Session 2: Contributions (20 minutes for each presentation)

Contribution 5: **Symbolic Hunger and Sub-Creation: Tolkien, Jung, and the Question of Meaning** – Mariana Debono

Contribution 6: **The Theological Implications Behind the Big and Small People** – Martina Juričková

Contribution 7: **Eä, El, Arda, and Varda: Tolkien’s Gnostic Goddess** – Giovanni Costabile

Contributions 8 and 9: **Heavenly Tongues: The Music of Creation in Tolkien, Christian Mysticism, and the Sanskrit Tradition** – Charlò Camilleri and Michael Zammit

14:55–15:10

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

15:10–16:35

Session 2 Discussion & General Roundtable

16:35–16:45

Closing Remarks