

Who Cares? Society, Religions, and the Concern for the Other

2nd Religion and Society Conference
Faculty of Theology, University of Malta

Junior Conference

Wednesday, 27 May 2026

08:00–08:45 Registration & Coffee

08:45–09:15 Keynote: Prof. Dr Sigrid Müller – *The Mediterranean as Source for Intercultural Theological Ethics*

Panel 1 Foundations of Care: Normative, Theological, and Ethical Perspectives

09:15 Mimoza Paluca – *Reflections for a Pedagogy of Care*

09:30 Augustine Chen – *Ultimate Concern and Unconditional Charity: Tillich and Aquinas on Care Beyond Vulnerability*

09:45 Adam Widera – *Toward an Evolutionary-Ethical Grounding of Contemporary Care Ethics*

10:00 Julio César Cárdenas Arenas – *Who Is Worth Caring For? Religious Otherness and Moral Responsibility in Ibn Taymīyah*

10:15–10:30 Panel Discussion

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

Panel 2 When Care Harms: Power, Discipline, and Limits

11:00 Anil Davis – *When Discipline Is Framed as Care*

11:15 Rafaella Figueredo – *When Christianity Doesn't Care*

11:30 Paul Draganoff – *Men Who Care: Toward a Theological Framework of Caring Masculinities*

11:45 Carol George – *Care, Caste, Communio: Dalit Margins and Synodal Responsibility*

12:00–12:15 Panel Discussion

12:15–13:30 Lunch Break

Panel 3 Caring Across Borders: Pluralism, Crisis, and Global Responsibility

13:30 Yousef Khasho – *Including Judaism in Abrahamic Dialogue*

13:45 Sophia Kounavi – *Orthodox Canons and Pastoral Care for the "Other"*

14:00 Yiming Zhang – *Jesuit Humanitarian Care Amid Crisis*

14:15 Amal Raj Mariasubriyan – *The Vatican and the Rare Earth Minerals Crisis*

14:30–14:45 Panel Discussion

14:45–15:00 Coffee Break

Panel 4 Learning to Care: Pedagogy, Formation, and Cultural Mediation

15:00 Stefan Patrick Kovac – *Unity of Creation and Division*

15:15 Nicholas Dalli – *Developing an Ethics-Oriented History Pedagogy through Inter-Religious Discourse*

15:30 Caterina Luzi – *Cultivating Empathy in a Religious Museum*

15:45 Yana Georgieva Fileva – *Should I Care: Vision of the Bulgarian New Ageism for a New Society*

16:00–16:30 Discussion & Closing Remarks

18:30–20:30 Screening of the short film "Cookie Box", followed by networking reception