

Religion and Culture  
A Multicultural Discussion  
Festschrift in Honour of Francis X. D'Sa

Saturday, November 26, 2011

Arrival of seminar participants.

Registration: 05.00—07.15 PM

Opening Session + Happy Hour: 07.30—08.00 PM. Introduction of each person to the group.

Supper: 08.00—09.00 PM.

---

Mass timing: 06.45 AM.

<u>Meal timings (daily)</u> :	Breakfast:	07.30 AM.
	Coffee:	10.30 AM.
	Lunch:	12.30 PM.
	Tea:	04.00 PM.
	(Happy Hour)	07.30 PM.
	Supper:	08.00 PM.

---

Sunday, November 27, 2011

08.30-09.00 Opening Service.

09.00-09.30 Inaugural Address. (Chairperson: MIRJAM SCHAMBECK --)

09.30-10.30 1<sup>st</sup> Session. (Chairperson: JOAO J. VILA-CHA -- Note issues for group discussion)

10.30 Coffee.

10.45-12.30 2<sup>nd</sup> Session. (Group Discussion: 4 groups and 4 secretaries for reports)

12.30 Lunch.

02.30-04.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Session. (Chairperson: KLAUS BEURLE -- Note issues for group discussion)

04.00 Tea.

04.30-06.00 4<sup>th</sup> Session. (Group Discussion: 4 groups and 4 secretaries for reports)

(Happy Hour) 07.30 PM.

Supper: 08.00 PM.

---

Monday, November 28, 2011

09.00-10.30 5<sup>th</sup> Session. (Chairperson: JOHNSON P. JOHNSON -- Note issues for group discussion)

10.30 Coffee.

10.45-12.30 6<sup>th</sup> Session. (Group Discussion: 4 groups and 4 secretaries for reports)

12.30 Lunch.

02.30-04.00 7<sup>th</sup> Session. (Chairperson: ANAND AMALADASS -- Note issues for group discussion)

04.00 Tea.

04.30-06.00 8<sup>th</sup> Session. (Group Discussion: 4 groups and 4 secretaries for reports)

By 08.00 PM all the 16 reports should be handed over to the Steering Committee who will prepare the discussion points for the two plenary sessions on the following day.

(Happy Hour) 07.30 PM.  
Supper: 08.00 PM.

---

### Tuesday, November 29, 2011

- 09.00-10.30 9<sup>th</sup> Session. (Chairperson: RUDOLF HEREDIA -- moderates the discussion)  
10.30 Coffee.  
10.45-12.30 10<sup>th</sup> Session (Chairperson: JACOB PARAPPALLY -- moderates the discussion)  
12.30 Lunch.
- 02.30-04.00 Final Session :( Chairperson: BETTINA BAEUMER to preside)
- D'LIMA.
- (a) Presentation of a Consensus Report: JACOB PARAPPALLY & ERROL  
(b) Sharing of the benefits of such a seminar and the proceedings.  
(c) Evaluation: what you liked; what you would like changed.
- 07.00 (Felicitation + book release, toast and Dinner)  
--Felicitation – Jochen Hilberath  
--Book release (by bishop to Francis)  
--Toast (Joaquim Reis)  
--Response by Francis D'Sa.  
--Supper.
- 

Steering Committee: Errol D'Lima, Jacob Parappally, Gerard V. Hall and Maria Roberta Cappellini. (with help from Richard D'Souza and Orville De Silva)

Office material (laptop, stationary and accessories) to be provided by Clemens

---

### Plan of the Seminar

The first two days November 27-28, 2011 will be devoted to (A) the presentation of the papers for 5-7 minutes + three minutes for clarification and (B) Group discussion of the significant points that emerge from the papers presented.

The group reports from sessions 2, 4, 6 and 8 will be handed to the Steering Committee that will prepare the agenda for the plenary sessions on day three.

The first two sessions (9 and 10) on day three will discuss the agenda prepared by the Steering Committee and the outcome will be handed to the Steering Committee that will prepare the Consensus Report.

---

### Tasks of the Steering Committee

1. Appoint the Chairperson for each of the sessions: to keep time, to keep the focus during the session and to gather the "fruits" of each session.
2. Appoint the secretaries in each group for the reports.
3. Appoint two secretaries to follow the proceedings and note ideas/intuitions that could be included in the Consensus Report.
4. Consider suggestions made by the participants before and during the seminar and act on them.
5. Prepare the Consensus Report and make a copy available to each participant.

Religion and Culture Discussion Groups  
(Order for Presentations)

Group One Dialogue and Culture: Hermeneutical Methodology 1<sup>ST</sup>. SESSION: 9.30-10.30

1. *Culture and Civilization: A Philosophical Probe into their relation.* JOHNSON PUTHENPURACKAL.
2. *The Dialogical Dialogue (For a mutual fecundation in the relationship with the other.)* ANNA MARIA NATALINI.
3. *Nyayavaisesika Ethic: Its Transcendental Foundation – A Culture of Reason and Religion.* JOHN VATTANKY.
4. *The Pathic Dimension of Life: Compassion and Gratitude as Existential Categories.* JOAO J. VILA-CHA.
5. *The Lioness Tale Prison Project: Lit-Up: Journey into Freedom.* DIANE PENDOLA.
6. *The Significance of Great and Small Traditions:* KLAUS BEURLE.
7. *The Claim of Uniqueness:* BERND JOCHEN HILBERATH

Group Two Dialogue and Culture: Hermeneutical Attempts 3<sup>RD</sup>. SESSION: 2.30-4.00

1. *Method and Principles of Inculturation and Interreligious Dialogue in the Kristapuranas of Thomas Stephen.* NELSON FALCAO.
2. *The Encounter of Christianity with China in Mission History.* GEORG EVERS.
3. *Gandhiji and the Prophet.* ASGHAR ALI ENGINEER.
4. *Cuius Regio Eius Religio: Portuguese Colonial Power and Christianization of Goa.* ROQUE MESQUITA.
5. *The Mystery of Christ in our History.* JACOB PARAPPALLY.
6. *Towards an Interspiritual Path of Divine Love: The Secret of Secrets in the Bhagavad Gita and the Gospels.* WILLIAM KEEPIN.
7. *The Typology of Modern Yoga:* KARL BAIER.

Group Three Dialogue and Culture: Prospects and Practice 5<sup>TH</sup>. SESSION: 9.00-10.30

1. *Indra's Cunning as a Metaphor for Modernity: The Indic Experiment.* RUDOLF C. HEREDIA.
2. *[Prospects of Inter-religious Dialogue.* JOAQUIM VICTOR FERRAO.]
3. *Intrareligious Dialogue.* YAKSHI.
4. *How to face the plurality of religions: Approaches to the Understanding of Interreligious Competence.* MIRJAM SCHAMBECK.
5. *The Mission of the Church in Civic Space.* ERROL D'LIMA.
6. *Fostering the Culture of Remembrance in Solidarity with the suffering victims. Reflections on Religion and Culture.* ANAND AMALADASS.
7. *The Question of Identity suggests the nature of mission as a Christian:* JURGEN LOHMAYER.

Group Four Dialogue and Culture: Encounters 7<sup>TH</sup>. SESSION: 2.30-4.00

1. *To dialogue is to become more human.* FERNANDO ROBLES CAPALLA.
2. *Poison of the Mind and Deadly Sins. A Christian – Buddhist Dialogue.* BERNHARD NITSCHKE.
3. *The Secular Artifact Archetype Between Art and Religion.* MARIA ROBERTA CAPPELLINI.
4. *Engineered Culture: The Body of Relationships and Technology of Presence.* KURUVILLA PANDIKATTU.
5. *Raimon Panikkar's Intercultural and Interreligious Hermeneutics.* GERARD HALL.
6. *Religion and Culture: A Woman's Perspective.* CLEMENS MENDONCA.
7. *Studying Christianity: Intercultural and Interreligious:* THOMAS SCHREIJAECK.

