

Prolusion

Rev. Dr Konrad Grech S.J., EuroMed Jesuits' Province

Rev. Prof. Stefan Attard, Dean Faculty of Theology
University of Malta

Keynote

Prof. Keith Sciberras. University of Malta

Interventions

Dr Edgar Vella, Cathedral Museum

Rev. Dr Nicholas J. Doublet, University of Malta

Rev. Dr Jonathan Farrugia, University of Malta

Prof. Roberto Regoli, Pontificia Università Gregoriana

Prof. Sabina Pavone, Università di Napoli L'Orientale

Dr Francesca Fariello, Università di Napoli L'Orientale

Prof. Carmel Cassar, University of Malta

Prof. Stanley Fiorini, University of Malta

Prof. Maria Concetta Di Natale, Università degli Studi di Palermo

Mr Christian Mifsud - Ms Franceen Galea, University of Malta

Dr Roberta Cruciata, Università degli Studi di Palermo

Prof. Pierfrancesco Palazzotto, Università degli Studi di Palermo

Dott. Nicola Attinasi, Università degli Studi di Palermo

Prof. Gauvin Alexander Bailey, Queen's University, Canada

Prof. Luisa Elena Alcalá, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Prof. Alexandra Curvelo, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

Dr Mark Sagona, University of Malta



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Morning Session

9:00 Institutional Opening Addresses:
HE Mgr Joseph Galea Curmi (Auxiliary Bishop of Malta)
HE Mgr Savio Hon Tai Fai (Apostolic Nuncio)
Rev. Dr Konrad Grech SJ (Euro-Mediterranean Province)
Rev. Prof. Stefan Attard (Dean Faculty of Theology - University of Malta)

9:30 Keynote Speaker: Prof. Keith Sciberras
(Faculty of Arts – University of Malta)

Proceedings

Chair: Mgr Dr Edgar Vella (Mdina Cathedral Museum, Malta)

10:00 Rev. Dr Nicholas J. Doublet (Faculty of Theology - University of Malta): The Jesuits' Mission in Hospitaller Malta: Confronting Spiritual and Political Challenges in the Mediterranean Frontier (17th–18th Century)

10:20 Rev. Dr Jonathan Farrugia (Head of Department Church History, Patrology & Palaeochristian Archaeology - Faculty of Theology - University of Malta): The apocryphal Maltese traditions related to Paul and Publius collected by a local Jesuit. An analysis of Hieronymus Manduca's manuscript "De S. Publio Principe Melitensi"

10:40 Prof. Roberto Regoli (Pontificia Università Gregoriana): Il Cardinale Consalvi e la restaurazione della Compagnia di Gesù.

11:00 Questions

11:10 Coffee Break

11:30 Prof. Sabina Pavone (Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo - Università di Napoli L'Orientale): Conversions, Jesuits, and Slaves: Some Case Studies between Naples and Malta.

11:50 Dr Francesca Fariello (Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo - Università di Napoli L'Orientale): Matteo Ricci and the parable of the "friendly king". An evangelisation mission to China: a diplomatic bridge and the spread of Mediterranean world's classical history and knowledge

12:10 Prof. Carmel Cassar (Faculty of Economics, Management & Accountancy - Director of Institute of Maltese Studies - University of Malta): The Collegium Melitense and the Evangelisation of the Levant & the Maghreb

12:30 Prof. Stanley Fiorini (University of Malta): Maltese Jesuits' missionary activity in the post-restoration period to 1900

12:50 Questions

13:00 Lunch in the Sacristy

Afternoon Session

Chair: Prof. Maria Concetta Di Natale (Honorary Professor - Università degli Studi di Palermo)

14:30 Dr Christian Mifsud (Principal Curator for Research and Documentation of Historic Buildings - Heritage Malta) - Ms Franceen Galea (Curator of the National Museum of Archaeology - Malta): Mission and Materiality: Revisiting the Jesuit Complex in Valletta through an Archaeological Lens

14:50 Dr Roberta Cruciata (Dipartimento Culture e Società - Università degli Studi di Palermo): Alabastro, corallo e marmo mischio: cultura materiale e artistica gesuita nel regno di Sicilia e nelle isole maltesi

15:10 Prof. Pierfrancesco Palazzotto (Dipartimento Culture e Società - Università degli Studi di Palermo): Per una riflessione sull'influenza della spiritualità Ignaziana nell'arte di Giacomo Serpotta

15:30 Dott. Nicola Attinasi (Dipartimento Culture e Società - Università degli Studi di Palermo): Un artista per i Gesuiti: Antonio Grano (1660-1718). Le committenze della Compagnia ad un protagonista dell'arte a Palermo tra XVII e XVIII secolo

15:50 Coffee Break

16:00 Prof. Gauvin Alexander Bailey (Alfred and Isabel Bader Chair in Southern Baroque Art - Department of Art History & Art Conservation - Queen's University, Canada) The Jesuits and the Iconography of Saint Rosalie in Palermo and New Spain

16:20 Prof. Luisa Elena Alcalá (Departamento de Historia y Teoría del Arte - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid): Jesuit Procurators from Spanish America and their Mediterranean travels: mapping circulation and the acquisition of objects of art and devotion

16:40 Prof. Alexandra Curvelo (Departamento de História de Arte (DHA) - Universidade NOVA de Lisboa): Constructing a Universal Christianity: The Role of the Painting Seminary in the Japanese Mission

17:00 Concluding Intervention
Dr Mark Sagona (Head of Department Art and Art History - Faculty of Arts - University of Malta) In the footsteps of Overbeck: the context for Giuseppe Hyzler's altarpiece of St Ignatius of Loyola

17:20 Questions



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