

CALL

Protest and Proclamation: an Interreligious Perspective Towards the History of Prophetology

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN INTERRELIGIOUS STUDIES

25th – 29th July 2022

Villa Vigoni, Loveno di Menaggio,
Lake of Como (Italy)

Since the formation of their respective scriptural canons, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam have extensively resorted to prophetology not only for self-expression and internal controversies, but also vis-à-vis radical challenges posed by competing or rival religions. The study of prophetology is thus essential to trace the historical developments of the so-called Abrahamic religions from an interreligious perspective, namely from the point of view of their constructive or polemical interactions, conflicts, mutual influences, cultural transfers, and search for common grounds. Prophetological discourses thus turn out to be essential to outlining the boundaries of one own's theological or political sphere and, at the same time, to incorporate or delegitimize the self-proclaimed authority of other religions.

The recourse to prophetology is particularly relevant in times of crisis, when prophets – either founders of a religion or witnesses of the present – increase their influence as leading voices in the society, are passionately followed by many, politically contested, or even persecuted. Stemming from religious and social tensions, protests and proclamations are among the discursive forms and hermeneutical patterns whereby prophets detect the reasons of a crisis, outline its implications for the present, and foresee its final overcoming.

The Centre for Interreligious Studies based at the Almo Collegio Borromeo, Pavia, organizes on this topic an international summer school at Villa Vigoni, the German-Italian Centre for the European Dialogue, from 25 to 29 July 2022. During five working days, lectures and workshops on primary sources will be held by internationally renowned experts of each religious tradition. In an intellectually thrilling atmosphere, the summer school aims to provide an intensive discussion of the meanings and implications of prophetology in the history of the Abrahamic religions. The scriptures of each religion and a series of historical case studies from the antiquity to the early modern era will be comparatively discussed.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Angelika NEUWIRTH - Matthias MORGENSTERN
Saverio CAMPANINI - Luca ARCARI
Mercedes GARCÍA-ARENAL - Gerard WIEGERS
Roberto TOTTOLI - Mujadad ZAMAN

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APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Up to 10 positions for **advanced MA students, PhDs, and postdocs** are available. At the time of the submission of the application candidates shall be writing their MA thesis or attend a PhD or a postdoctoral program in history, literature, philology, Jewish studies, Christian studies, Islamic studies, or theology. The working language is English.

Applications, which can be written in English, Italian, or German, shall be submitted online **by 15th March 2022** at <https://tinyurl.com/summerschoolcsi2022>.

They shall include, as attached Pdf, a short cover letter (max. one page), a CV with possible publications (max. three pages), and the summary of an ongoing research project which participants shall be ready to discuss during the summer school (max. three pages). The results of the selection will be advertised by 15th April 2022. Candidates shall display a strong interest in the historical interactions of the Abrahamic religions and, possibly, a special interest in prophetological aspects of one or more of the three religions. Selected candidates are expected to actively participate in the five working days of the School and present their research projects (10-minute talk) during a session of the event.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Travel costs (max. 250,00 euro), meals, and overnighting at Villa Vigoni for four nights and five days (Monday to Friday) are fully covered by the summer school.

The first working session is scheduled on **Monday, the 25th July 2022, at 3 pm**, while the last session will end on **Friday, the 29th July 2022, by midday**. Participants are thus expected to reach Villa Vigoni by Monday at lunch time and leave on Friday after lunch. The detail programme will be available at www.centrostudinterreligiosi.it, while further information on logistics will follow in spring once the selection will be completed.

There are special arrangements for Covid-19 compliance and safe attendance. The information below is the current guidance and will be updated as advice changes. For your own protection and for the protection of academic and Institute staff, participants will be advised about the most up-to-date government requirements shortly before the course begins. This may include advice to take PCR tests before the start of the course and Green Pass. Participants are currently required to wear a FFP2 mask whilst they are in the building, including in classrooms. It is likely that there will still be a requirement for participants to have temperature-checks on arrival: participants who are unwell or show symptoms of COVID-19 on arrival will not be admitted.

CONTACTS

For any question regarding the programme, please write to the School coordinator: **Davide SCOTTO** (davide.scotto@unior.it).

For questions regarding the logistics, please write to:

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