

Venice Seminars – Close Encounters Across all Divides

Fountainheads of Tolerance

Forms of Pluralism in Empires, Republics, Democracies

Giorgio Cini Foundation – Ca' Foscari University of Venice



Venice

Thursday, 7 June

(Giorgio Cini Foundation)

9.30 am – 10.00 am / **Introduction**

Tiziana Lippiello, Vice Rector Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Pasquale Gagliardi, Secretary-General Giorgio Cini Foundation
Shaul Bassi, Director Center for the Humanities and Social Change, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Giancarlo Bosetti, Director Reset-Dialogues on Civilizations

10.00 – 11.00 am / **Opening Lecture**

José Casanova, *From Imperial Toleration of Religious Groups to Religious Freedom as an Individual Human Right*

11.15 am – 1.00 pm / Chair: **Murat Borovali**

Ida Zilio Grandi, *The Virtue of Tolerance. Notes on the Root S-M-H in the Islamic Tradition*

Nayla Tabbara, *What Does it Take to Spread an Islamic Pluralist Theology of Other Religions?*

Cengiz Aktar, *Turkey, Failure of Islam or Failure of Political Islam?*

2.00 pm – 2.45 pm / Chair: **Enrico Biale**

Jacqueline Bhabha, *Global Migration Policy: Can it Ensure Just, Safe and Regular Human Mobility?*

2.45 pm – 4.00 pm / Chair: **José Casanova**

Federico Squarcini, *To Tolerate, or Not to Tolerate, that is the Question. On A oka's Edicts, Empire and the Rhetoric of Tolerance in South Asia*

Antonio Rigopoulos, *Tolerance in Swami Vivekananda's Neo-Hinduism*

4.15 pm – 5.15 pm / Chair: **Marina Calloni**

Seyla Benhabib, *The Rise of Intolerance in the Post-Secular Age: A Dilemma*

Friday, 8 June

(Auditorium Santa Margherita, Ca' Foscari University)

10.00 – 11.00 am / Chair: **Shaul Bassi**

Homi Bhabha, *The Barbed Wire Labyrinth: Thoughts on the Culture of Migration*

11.15 am – 1.00 pm / Chair: **Tiziana Lippiello**

Pei Wang, *Zhong and Shu as Ancient Virtues. The Ethical Foundation of the Repeated Unifications in Chinese History and Lessons for Today*

Massimo Raveri, *Buddhist Esoteric Hermeneutics of the Plurality of Truths in Contemporary Japanese Spirituality*

Francesca Tarocco, *Religion and the Secular State: A View from China*

2.15 – 4.00 pm / Chair: **Pasquale Ferrara**

Ahmet Insel, *Tolerance is not the Acceptance of Equality*

Tatjana Sekulić, *Nationalism and Language. The Curious Case of the 'Western Balkans'*

Liav Orgad, *Illiberal Liberalism: The Limits of European Tolerance*

4.15 – 5.45 pm / Chair: **Jonathan Laurence**

Roundtable: Overcoming Intolerance in Different Cultural and Social Contexts

Speakers: **Giuliano Amato, Seyla Benhabib, Homi Bhabha, David Rasmussen, Pei Wang**

6.00 – 6.45 pm / Chair: **Patrizio Fondi**

Karen Barkey, *Forms of Pluralism in Empire: The Narratives of Religious Forbearance*

Saturday, 9 June

(Giorgio Cini Foundation)

9.30 – 11.15 am / Chair: **David Rasmussen**

Diego von Vacano, *El Presidente Trump: Understanding the Decline of Toleration due to Populism through Latin American Thought*

Alessandro Ferrara, *Sideways at the Entrance of the Cave: Plato and Pluralism*

Simon Goldhill, *Infrastructures of Toleration and Pluralism*

11.30 – 12.15 pm

Presentations of the Summer School Workshops

12.15 – 1.15 pm / **Closing Lecture**

Stephen Macedo, *Toleration, Inclusion, and Solidarity*
Chair: **Volker Kaul**

1.15 pm / **Closing Remarks**

Shaul Bassi, Director Center for the Humanities and Social Change, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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The Summer School Workshops (June 4th–6th) are conducted by **Stephen Macedo**, *Justice, Legitimacy, and the Limits of Toleration: When and Why Should we Respect Illiberal Communities?*

Ogan Yumlu, *Toleration: an Instrumental or an Intrinsic Value?*

Volker Kaul, *To What Extent are Cultural and Religious Identities Sources of Toleration?*