PRESENTATION

INTER-RELIGIO is a cross-border inter-university network, located in the Upper Rhine region. It aims to respond to the challenges posed by interreligious relations in Europe, by proposing a range of education programs and researches focused on the transversal knowledge of religions. This project is part of the Upper Rhine Interreg V program, and it is co-funded by European Union (ERDF fund).

Three international conferences will be the occasion for a dissemination of the on-going researches carried at Heidelberg (Oct. 2018), Strasbourg (Nov. 2018) and Basel (Apr. 2019).

The conference on the « academic status of theology », organized from the 5th to the 7th of November 2018 at the University of Strasbourg, intends to determine what answers could respond to certain evolutions of the contemporary religious landscape, characterized by a discourse favouring communitarianism fall back and diverse forms of fundamentalism. Reflective thinking concerns the approaches to theology and religious facts at university, with a willingness to favour the reciprocal knowledge of religions in academic context.

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**Day 1**

05.11.18

09:00–10:00 / **Opening of the conference**
- Welcome address speech
  - Michel DENEKEN, President of the University of Strasbourg

Introduction and presentation of the INTER-RELIGIO project
- Francis MESSNER, Emeritus Research Director at CNRS UMR DRES 7354, Professor, University of Strasbourg

10:00–12:30 / **The emergence of academic theology**
- The scholastic theology
  - Isabel IRIBARREN, University of Strasbourg
- The emergence of scientific theology at the university
  - Fritz LIENHARD, University of Heidelberg
- The birth of natural theology
  - René HEYER, University of Strasbourg

14:00–17:00 / **The different types of confessional theology**
- Catholic theology
  - Michel DENEKEN, University of Strasbourg
- Protestant theology
  - François DERMANGE, University of Geneva
- Islamic theology
  - Ruggero VIMERCATI-SANSEVERINO, University of Tübingen
- Buddhist theology
  - Kyong-Kon KIM, University of Strasbourg

**Day 2**

06.11.18 (cont.)

14:00–17:00 / **Public actors’ perception of the role of theology in society**
- Jean-Michel CROS, Project officer for religious worship of Strasbourg
- Didier LESCHI, President of the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII)
- Yves LE TALLEC, Departmental advisor of the Department of Bas-Rhin
- Lukas OTT, Head of cantonal and urban development of Basel-City

**Day 3**

07.11.18

09:00–12:00 / **The status of theology in religious laws**
- The Protestant churches disciplines
  - Jean-Paul WILLAIME, École pratique des Hautes Études
- The Canon law
  - Patrick VALDRINI, Pontifical Lateran University
- The Hebraic law
  - François-Xavier LICARI, University of Lorraine
- The Islamic law
  - Moussa Abou RAMADAN, University of Strasbourg

14:00–16:30 / **The legal status of theology in the universities. Comparative perspectives.**
- Germany - Heinrich DE WALL, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
- France - Francis MESSNER, University of Strasbourg
- Switzerland - Paloma BRAUN, University of Basel
- Denmark - Bent Flemming NIELSEN, University of Copenhagen