

Conference: Christianity in Europe. Questions on Unity
Katowice, EuroScience City 2024
4-7 November 2024

4th November

10:00

Greetings

10:45

Panel discussion [POLISH/ENGLISH, translated]: The experience of synodality. In search of unity that respects plurality

Card. Grzegorz Ryś, Bp Jacek Grzybowski, Myriam Wijlens, Jerzy Sojka

Moderator: Grzegorz Strzelczyk

14:00

Session 2: Some national or regional experiences with the synodality (short presentations) [POLISH/ENGLISH, translated]

[Aušra Vasiliauskaitė \(Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania\)](#)

Hopes and challenges of the synodal process from the Lithuanian ecclesial perspective

[Radoslav Lojan \(Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia\)](#)

The experiences with the synodal process in Slovakia

[Josef Mikulášek \(Palacký University Olomouc, The Czech Republic\)](#)

Unity and diversity of the Catholic Church in the Czech Republic based on the experience of the synodal process

[Józef Kloch \(The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Poland\)](#)

Synod chases synod. The feasibility of their ideas and the context of the passing of time

5th November

9:30

Session 1: Questions from the Synod

[Myriam Wijlens \(University of Erfurt, Germany\)](#)

The Synod on Synodality: the process, the outcomes and the challenge of implementation in a worldwide Church

10:45

Session 2: Question of the doctrinal unity

[Michael Seewald \(University of Münster, Germany\)](#)

The unity of the Church and the mutability of her doctrine

[Damian Wąsek \(The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Poland\)](#)

The role of ecclesial structures in sustaining the doctrinal unity of the Church

14:00

Session 3: Europe: The pluralistic identity and the Christian unity

Alexandre Palma (Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal)

Europe, Christianity and the Church: roots and fruits

Alberto Lo Presti (Lumsa University, Rome, Italy)

Decentralization and identity: Europe and Christianity

15:00

Workshops for students

6th November

9:30

Session 1: Cultural pluralism and Christian unity in the global perspective

Margit Eckholt (University of Osnabrück, Germany)

Trans-lation and „esprit de finesse“. Theology in the service of synodal learning processes in a culturally plural World Church

Dirk Ansorge (Sankt Georgen Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology in Frankfurt, Germany)

Catholicity on trial: ecclesiological reflections on unity and diversity in the global Church

11:00

Session 2: Public responsibility of theology. What can unite us?

Jean Ehret (Luxembourg School of Religion & Society, Luxembourg)

How to do theology to foster unity?

Alex Villas Boas (Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal)

Theology between genealogies of power and genealogies of political spiritualities: an archaeological task to think about unity in plurality in the 21st century

14:00

Session 3

Emerging scholars

Krzysztof Pięta (University of Warsaw, Poland)

Reconciling Christianity with modernity: an attempt to vindicate Epicurus's legacy within the Catholic Church

Cirilo Boloron (Vienna):

Religious and cultural diversity as God's gifts to humanity

Taeha An (New Haven, Connecticut)

Soteriology and Community-building: theology of salvation in the current European social and political landscape

Patryk Zajęc (University of Vienna, Austria; University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland):

Political epistemology and the unity of mankind: Catholic Christianity's contribution to enhancing the human epistemic condition

7th November

9:30

Session 1: Christians for the European integration today. Some insights

[Urszula Pękala \(Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany\)](#)

Reconciliation - a concept for a European order? Experiences from Franco-German and Polish-German relations

[Jerzy Sojka \(Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw, Poland\)](#)

The Communion of Protestant churches in Europe and the European integration

Conclusion