

# RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS IN THE FACE OF THE CRISIS OF THE LIBERAL SYSTEM

## *The case of Islam*

Religions newly play a considerable role in the public space, to an extent that was hardly imaginable until recently. In the new century, religiosity seems to consist of a flourishing of beliefs and belongings – but in the context of secularised societies. This leads to the risk of ephemeral 'DIY (do it yourself)' and unscrupulous spiritualities, borrowing "updated" symbols from traditional beliefs, for purposes that often do not relate to the experience of 'genuine' religiosity.

The void that has emerged with the crisis of the great secular ideologies of the last century cannot be filled by a trivializing appeal to religious-racial identities, which often results in an increasingly widespread and worrisome religious illiteracy as well as in a 'politicization'. Understanding these dynamics does not only mean describing and analysing them, but involves the delicate task of imagining possible strategies to channel useful energies into initiatives to counter problematic deviances.

**h. 9.30**

### Welcome and Introduction

Angelo BIANCHI, Dean of the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy  
Marco RIZZI, Director of the Department of Religious Studies

**h. 10.00**

### First Session: History

Paolo BRANCA, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore  
*Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age d'Albert Hourani  
37 ans après*

Mostfa MOHAMED-ALI, Maître de conférences - Université  
Catholique de Lyon

*Le bricolage religieux. Entre ambivalence et domestication  
des symboles*

Fr. Paolo NICELLI, Pime - Venerable Ambrosian Library  
*Islām and Religious Plurality in South-East Asia*

**h. 11.30**

### Second Session: Is the Past coming back?

Fabio INTROINI, Giulia MEZZETTI, Università Cattolica  
del Sacro Cuore - ISMU

*An ecological perspective for exploring jihadist radicalization  
processes. A theoretical proposal*

Michele ESPOSTI-ONGARO, PhD, University of Pavia - Pluriel  
*History Teaching and Reorientation of History in the Public  
School Textbooks of the Gulf Countries. The Case of Kuwait*

Paolo GONZAGA, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Pluriel  
*Islamic Radical Literature: from the Muslim Brothers to Isis*

**h. 13.00-14.30**

### Lunch buffet

**h. 14.30-17.30**

### Third Session: Experiences from the fields

Antonio CUCINIELLO, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore -  
ISMU

*Interpreting the Muslim World in some Italian Textbooks*

Marco DEMICHELIS, University of Navarra

*The "Ijazah" of Education. New Identities and History  
for a non-radicalized perspective of Islam in Europe*

Davide TACCHINI, F-Schiller-Universität, Jena, Germany  
*Human Mobility, Refugees and Reconciliation in the MENA  
Region*

Khaled QATAM, Former Prof. of Arabic, University of Parma  
*The image of the current Islamic guides and its reflection  
in the new Muslim generations*

### Conclusions and perspectives

Mons. Khaled AKASHEH, Bureau Chief for Islam  
at the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious dialogue  
*Le Document d'Abou Dhabi sur la Fraternité humaine,  
pour la paix mondiale et la coexistence commune signée  
par le pape François et le Grand Imam d'al-Azhar*

Illustrazione di Ali Hassoun (Milano-Beirut), Primavera Araba

## International conference

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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