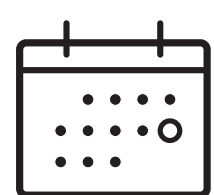


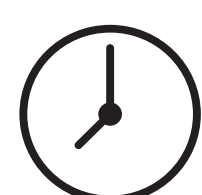
Hastening the End

Messianisms and International Politics

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08.45 am –
05.45 pm



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PROGRAM

08:45 | **Participants registration**

09:00 | **Opening remarks and introduction**

Damiano Palano, ASERI Director, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

H.E. Msgr Mario Delpini, Archbishop of Milan

Claudia Sorlini, Vice-President Fondazione Cariplo

Cristiana Mele, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Alessandro Banfi, Director of Communication, Oasis International Foundation

09:45 | **Session I**

Chair: **Michele Brignone**, Oasis International Foundation

09:45 | **H.B. Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa**,

Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem (video address)

10:00 | *When the Nation Becomes Sacred: Religion, Nationalism, and the Politics of Redemption*

Jocelyne Cesari, University of Birmingham and Georgetown University

10:30 | Discussion

10:50 | Coffee Break

11:15 | **Session II**

Chair: **Paolo Maggolini**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

11:15 | *Reading the Gospel in Washington? The Misuse of Christian References in Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy*

Blandine Chelini-Pont, University Aix-Marseille

11:45 | *The State as Redemption: Religious Zionism and Redemptive Politics in Israel*

Shlomo Fischer, The Jewish People Policy Institute

12:15 | Discussion

12:45 | Lunch

14:30 | **Session III**

Chair: **Giorgia Perletta**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

14:30 | *What Remains of the Islamic Revolution? Religion, Politics, and Society in Iran*

Farhad Khosrokhavar, Emeritus Director of Studies, EHESS, Paris

15:00 | *A Caliphate for the End Times: The Apocalyptic Thought of the Islamic State*

Aymen Tamimi, Independent scholar

15:30 | Discussion

16:00 | Coffee Break

16:15 | **Session IV**

Chair: **Claudio Fontana**, Oasis International Foundation

16:15 | *Jerusalem, Capital of Expectations: Religious Messianisms and Political Conflict*

Martino Diez, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Oasis International Foundation

16:45 | *Hamas: Between Pragmatic Politics and Eschatological Imaginaries*

Michele Brignone, Oasis International Foundation

17:15 | Discussion and final remarks

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