



International Conference on Comparative Theology

Identities transformed or transgressed?

Exploring new frontiers in comparative theology and interreligious learning.

Tuesday 23 - Wednesday 24 July 2019

Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Professor Francis X Clooney, the leading authority on comparative theology, has described the discipline as deep learning across religious borders. It “marks acts of faith seeking understanding, which are rooted in a particular faith tradition but which, from that foundation, venture into learning from other faith traditions”.

Clooney’s articulation of the central premise and core activity of comparative theology provides an important corrective to the dominant ethos of our times: one marked by a binary opposition of ‘us against them’. Rather than fuelling modern day identity politics, comparative theology provides a means of transcending boundaries and occupying hybrid spaces of religious encounter and dialogue. While some may see such an encounter with difference as transgressive, comparative theology maintains that it is precisely in learning with and from the other that one’s own identity is enriched.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- **Professor Francis X Clooney SJ**, Harvard University, Parkman Professor of Divinity and Professor of Comparative Theology
- **Professor Catherine Cornille**, Boston College, Newton College Alumnae Chair of Western Culture and Professor of Comparative Theology
- **Professor Marianne Moyaert**, VU Amsterdam, Professor of Comparative Theology and Hermeneutics of Interreligious Dialogue
- **Reverend Dr Diego Sarrió Cucarella**, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISAI), Rector and Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies and editor of the PISAI journal *Islamochristiana*
- **Dr Emmanuel Nathan**, Australian Catholic University, Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies and Comparative Theology
- **Dr Makoto Sawai**, Kyoto University, Japan, has a research focus largely on mystical Islam

- **Fr Yesudasan Remias**, KU Leuven, studies the Hebrew Bible alongside the majority Hindu traditions of his native India

In addition, a number of conference participants will present papers.

REGISTRATION FEES

General: AUD \$300

Unwaged and non-ACU students: AUD \$150

ACU staff and students: Free to attend

Online registration is essential and includes two-day conference, coffee breaks and lunches.

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