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***The Rise of the Christian Intellectual in  
the Second Century***

**27-29 July 2016**

## **IRCI Rome Campus Seminars**

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Australian Catholic University**

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**Held at the Rome Campus of  
Australian Catholic University/Catholic University of America  
Via Garibaldi, 28, 00153 Roma, Italy**

**Convenor: Professor Lewis Ayres  
Professor of Catholic and Historical Theology, Durham University and  
Professorial Fellow, Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic  
University**

# Welcome

On behalf of my colleagues in the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry I welcome you to the ACU/CUA Rome Campus for second IRCI Rome seminar, entitled 'The Rise of the Christian Intellectual in the Second Century.'

The Rome seminar series provides an opportunity for the Institute to bring together leading scholars to address and explore key issues in their respective fields of study. They are a practical expression of our ongoing commitment to innovative, high quality, international research collaboration in the disciplines of theology and philosophy. I extend my particular thanks to Professor Lewis Ayres for all his work as convenor of this seminar and to Professor Wayne McKenna, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research), for his support and sponsorship of the seminar series.

Over the next two days I trust this seminar will provide the opportunity to establish new connections and to enrich existing ones. My best wishes for lively and engaging discussions and deliberations.

**Professor James McLaren**

Director

Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, ACU

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# Program

| <b>Time</b>      | <b>Wednesday 27 July</b>                                                                       |
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| <b>3:30-4:00</b> | <b>Arrival and Welcome</b>                                                                     |
| <b>4:00-5:00</b> | Tobias Nicklas<br>“The Apocalyptic Seer – An Intellectual?”                                    |
| <b>5:00-6:00</b> | Christoph Markschies<br>“Epicureans in Herculaneum and Valentinians in Rome – a comparison”    |
| <b>6:00-7:00</b> | Stephen Carlson<br>“Papias’s Apparent Preference of the ‘Living and Lasting Voice’ Over Books” |
| <b>7:00</b>      | <b>Drinks</b>                                                                                  |
| <b>7:30</b>      | <b>Dinner at Rome Campus</b>                                                                   |

| Time        | Thursday 28 July                                                                                                                          |
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| 9:30-10:30  | Azzan Yadin-Israel<br>"Textual Interpretation and Authorized Transmission"                                                                |
| 10:30-11:30 | Matyáš Havrda<br>"Intellectual independence and the role of philosophy in Christian and medical discourse of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> century" |
| 11:30-11:45 | <b>Morning Coffee</b>                                                                                                                     |
| 11:45-12:45 | Matthew Crawford<br>"Tatian, Celsus, and the Prospects of 'Christian Philosophy' in the Late Second Century"                              |
| 12:45-1:15  | <b>General Discussion: Comparative Themes</b>                                                                                             |
| 1:30-3:00   | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                              |
| 3:00-4:00   | Lewis Ayres<br>"A Rule for Truth Seeking: Does the Appearance of the Rule of Faith Presuppose a Vision of Intellectual Expertise?"        |
| 4:00-4:15   | <b>Afternoon coffee</b>                                                                                                                   |
| 4:15-5:15   | Benjamin Edsall<br>"The Catechumenate and other institutions"                                                                             |
| 5:15-6:15   | Francesca Schironi<br>"Explaining an Author with the Author Himself": Benefits (and Risks!) of a Very Famous Aristarchean Principle"      |
| Evening     | <b>Free time</b>                                                                                                                          |

| <b>Time</b>        | <b>Friday 29 July</b>                                                                                     |
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| <b>9:30-10:30</b>  | Gretchen Reydam-Schils<br>“Becoming Like God: Platonist and Stoic Elements in Clement.”                   |
| <b>10:30-11:30</b> | H. Clifton Ward<br>“Clement of Alexandria, Exegetical Performance, and the Discourse of Academic Culture” |
| <b>11:30-11:45</b> | <b>Morning Coffee</b>                                                                                     |
| <b>11:45-12:45</b> | W. Martin Bloomer<br>“Arnobius on the limits of language and human inquiry”                               |
| <b>1-1:30</b>      | <b>Final Seminar Discussion:</b> The Path to Publication                                                  |
| <b>1:30</b>        | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                              |

# Participants

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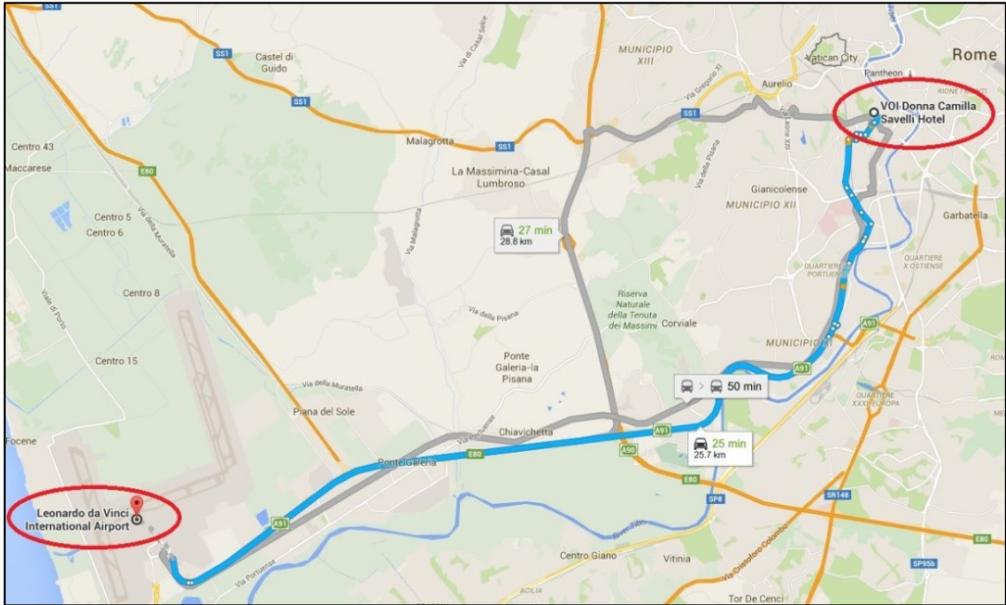
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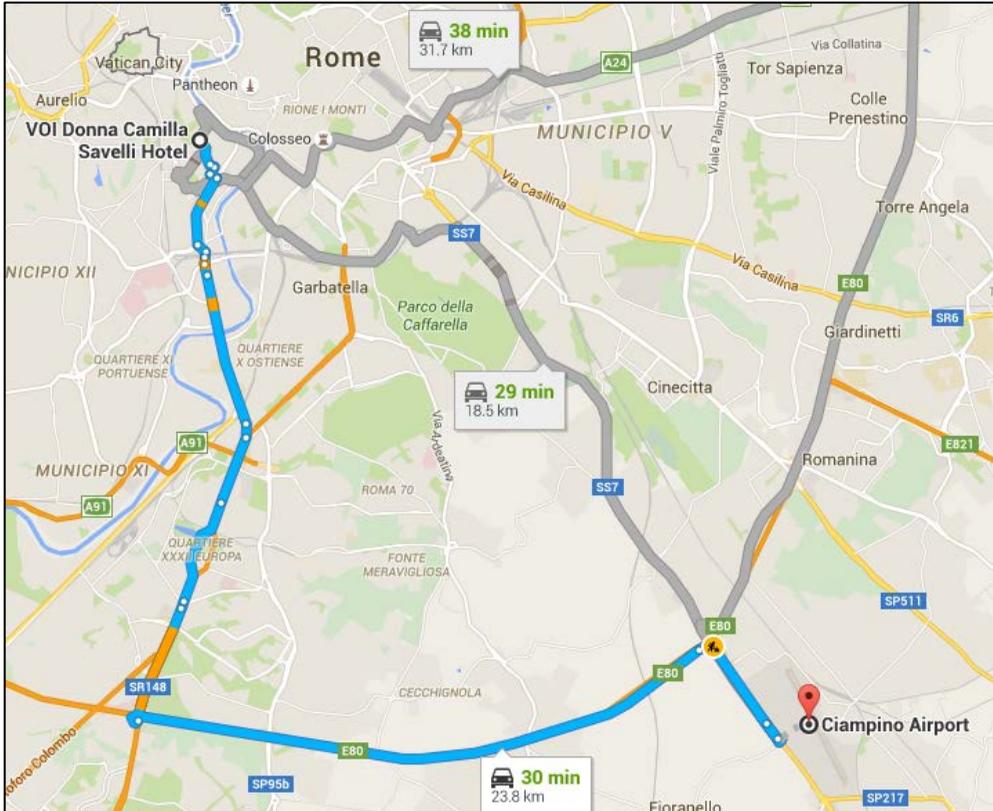
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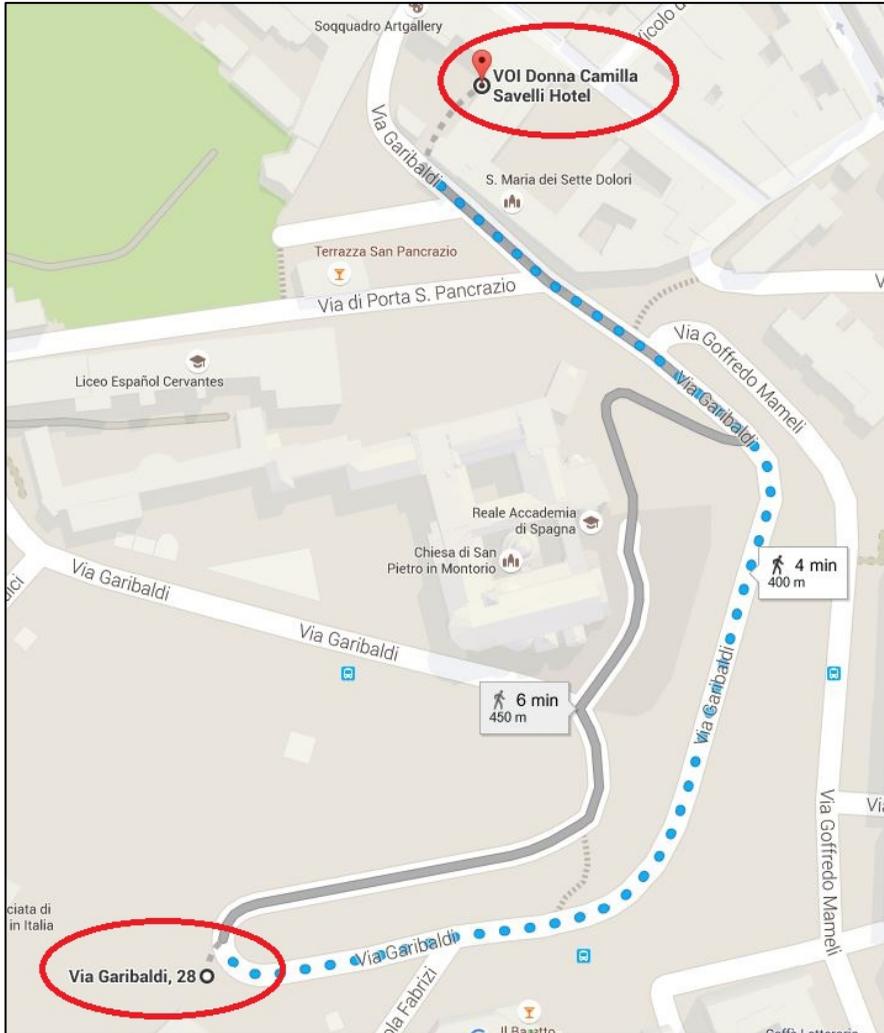
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# VOI Donna Camilla Savelli Hotel to ACU Rome Centre



## **Practical Matters**

Hotel address: Via Garibaldi, 27, 00153 Roma

Campus address: Via Garibaldi, 28, 00153 Roma

Please note that the walk from the hotel to the Campus is uphill, approximately a quarter of the way up the Janiculum Hill. Although a relatively short distance the walk does involve a climb, part of which is at a steady incline.

The seminar room has air-conditioning. However, as the seminar is taking place at the height of summer please dress accordingly (i.e. light weight and informal).

## **Some nearby places of interest**

Fontana dell'Acqua Paola

Museo della repubblica Romana e della memoria Garibaldina

Piazza Garibaldi (including the Vittoriano Monument)

Orto Botanico

San Pietro in Montorio (including Tempietto del Bramante)

Villa Pamphili

Santa Maria in Trastevere

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