

Modes of
Knowing and
the Ordering of
Knowledge in
Early Christianity
III

Rome Seminar Series
29 May - 1 June 2019

IRCI Rome Campus Seminars

2019

Atheism, Religion and Experience (10—12 January)

Global Issues in Ethics III: Religion and Democracy (14—16 March)

Autonomy: Redeeming Autonomy: Agency, Vulnerability, and Relationality II (27—29 May)

2018

Texts, Traditions, and Early Christian Identities (28—30 September)

Moral Disagreement (7—9 September)

Varieties of Atheism (19—22 August)

Modes of Knowing and the Ordering of Knowledge in Early Christianity II (26—28 July)

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Moral Disagreement: Global Issues in Ethics II (18—20 March)

2017

Texts, Traditions, and Early Christian Identities (13—16 October)

Companions in Guilt Arguments in Metaethics (1—3 September)

Modes of Knowing and the Ordering of Knowledge in Early Christianity (27—30 July)

Negative Political Theology (23—26 July)

Cosmopolitanism and National Identity (16—18 March)

The Enigma of Suffering (3—6 January)

2016

Atheism and Christianity: Moving Past Polemic (20—22 September)

Conceiving Change in the Church: An Exploration of the Hermeneutics of Catholic Tradition (13—16 September)

The Rise of the Christian Intellectual in the Second Century (27—29 July)

2015

'Laudato Si': The Greening of the Church? (22—24 September)

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Welcome

On behalf of my colleagues in the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry I welcome you to the ACU/CUA Rome Campus.

The IRCI Rome seminar series commenced in September 2015, when the Campus was opened. The series provides an opportunity for the Institute to bring together leading scholars to address and explore key issues in their fields of study. The respective seminars are a practical expression of our ongoing commitment to innovative, high-quality, international research collaboration in the disciplines of philosophy and theology. I take this opportunity to thank Jonathan Zecher and the Modes of Knowing team for the work they have undertaken to bring together the wonderful program for this third seminar in the *Modes of Knowing and the Ordering of Knowledge in Early Christianity III*, this year focusing on the later centuries of Late Antiquity. My thanks also go to Professor Wayne McKenna, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at ACU, for his ongoing support and sponsorship of the IRCI Rome Campus Seminars.

I trust that this seminar will provide the opportunity to establish new connections and to enrich existing ones. I am sure there will be lively and engaging discussions and deliberations as you explore issues surrounding this significant topic.

Professor Peter Howard
Director,
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TIME

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

5pm-6:30pm

Rome Campus

Welcome reception

7:00pm

Dinner – Off Campus

[L'Antico Moro Roma](#)

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TIME	THURSDAY 30 MAY
9:30am – 10:30am	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Paul Blowers</p> <p>"World and Empire: Contrasting the Cosmopolitan Visions of Maximus the Confessor and George of Pisidia in Seventh-Century Byzantium"</p> <p>Respondent: Michael Champion</p> <p>Chair: Jonathan Zecher</p>
10:30am – 11:30am	<p>Sara Ahbel-Rappe</p> <p>"Bureaucratic Epistemologies and Ontologies: Lydus, Proclus, and Dionysius"</p> <p>Respondent: Andrew Radde-Galwitz</p> <p>Chair: Lewis Ayres</p>
11:30am – 12pm	<p>Coffee break</p>
12pm – 1:00pm	<p>Session 2</p> <p>David Runia</p> <p>"The Aëtian Placita and the Church Fathers: Creative Use of a Distinctive Mode of Ordering Knowledge"</p> <p>Respondent: Dirk Krausmüller</p> <p>Chair: Matthew Crawford</p>
1pm – 2:30pm	<p>Lunch break</p>
2:30 – 3:30pm	<p>Session 3</p> <p>John Magee</p> <p>"Boethius on the Ordering of Knowledge"</p> <p>Respondent: Helen Foxhall Forbes</p> <p>Chair: Paul Blowers</p>

3:30 – 4:30pm

Peter Van Nuffelen

"What is a good historian? Social role and historical ability in Late Antiquity"

Respondent: Michael Hanaghan

Chair: Dawn LaValle Norman

4:30 – 5:00pm

Coffee break

5pm – 6:00pm

Session 4

Sarah Gador-Whyte

"Liturgical Modes of Knowing: Coming to Know God (and Oneself) in Sixth-Century Hymns and Homilies"

Respondent: Sarah Foot

Chair: Helen Foxhall Forbes

Free evening

TIME	FRIDAY 31 MAY
	Session 5
9:30am – 10:30am	Sarah Foot "Modes of Knowing Bede's Homilies" Respondent: John Magee Chair: Peter Sarris
10:30 – 11:30am	Dirk Krausmüller "From Definitions to Etymologies: Doing Theology in Sixth- to Eighth-Century Byzantium" Respondent: Matthew Crawford Chair: Michael Hanaghan
11:30am – 12pm	Coffee break
	Session 6
12 – 1:00pm	Jeanne-Nicole Mellon Saint-Laurent "Knowing the Glutton in Late Ancient Syriac Literature" Respondent: Paul Blowers Chair: Andrew Radde-Galwitz
1pm – 2:30pm	Lunch break
	Session 7
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Helen Foxhall Forbes "Creating knowledge and knowing creation in late antique theological and scientific writing" Respondent: Dawn LaValle Norman Chair: Peter Van Nuffelen

3:30pm – 4:30pm	<p>Michael Champion "The Goal of Philosophy and Christian Ways of Knowing"</p> <p>Respondent: Lewis Ayres Chair: David Runia</p>
4:30pm	Free evening

TIME	SATURDAY 1 JUNE
9:00am – 12:30pm	<p>Group excursion: A guided tour of Santa Maria Antiqua, Temple of Romulus, Oratory of the Forty Martyrs, departing the hotel Donna Camilla Savelli at 9:00am sharp. <i>Please meet at the front desk.</i></p>
12:30pm – 2pm	<p>Lunch break</p>
2pm – 3pm	<p>Session 8</p> <p>Jonathan Zecher "Hermeneutics of Grief and the Organization of Emotions in Monastic Literature" Respondent: Jeanne-Nicole Mellon Saint-Laurent Chair: Sarah Foot</p>
3pm – 4pm	<p>Peter Sarris "The Dissemination and Appropriation of Legal Knowledge in the Age of Justinian" Respondent: Peter Van Nuffelen Chair: Michael Champion</p>
4pm – 4:30pm	Afternoon tea

4:30pm – 5:00pm

**Closing session – concluding discussion
(All participants)**

6pm – 7:00pm

Drinks in hotel rooftop garden

7:30pm

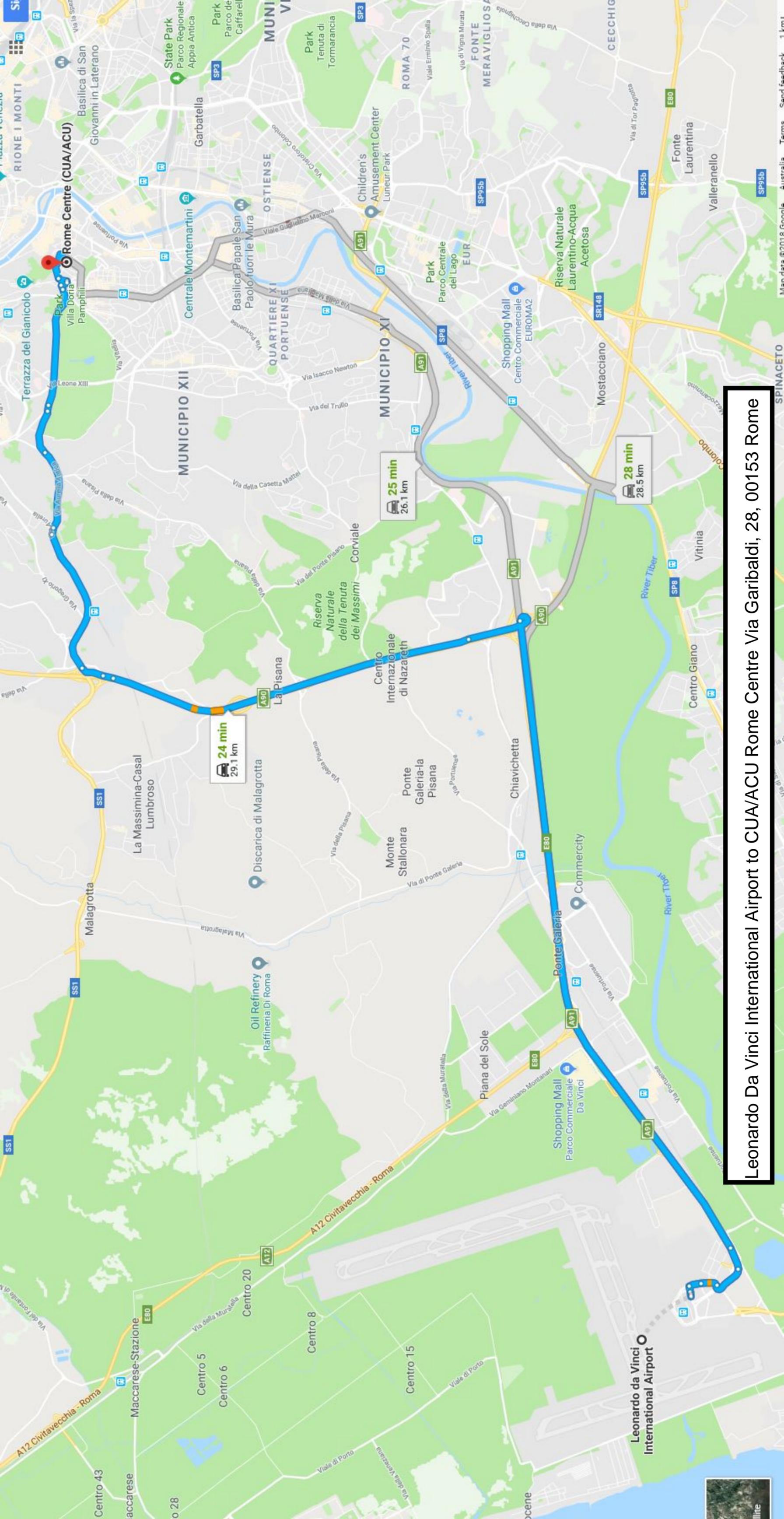
External dinner

[Hosteria la Botticella](#)

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Leonardo Da Vinci International Airport to CUA/ACU Rome Centre Via Garibaldi, 28, 00153 Rome

24 min
29.1 km

25 min
26.1 km

28 min
28.5 km



Practical Matters

Hotel: Donna Camilla Savelli, 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. There is also no designated footpath on the side of the road.

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
- Villa Farnesina – Renaissance frescoes

Some suggestions for food in Trastevere:

- Cave Canem (Piazza di. S. Calisto, 11).
- Da Enzo (Via dei Vascellari, 29).
- Trattoria Da Augusto (Vicolo De' Renzi, 15) no nonsense local
- Fatamorgana (Via Roma Libera, 11) for gelato.
- La Boccaccia (Via di Santa Dorotea, 2) for when on the run (pizza by the slice).
- I Suppli (Via San Francesco a Ripa, 137) for when on the run (Suppli - traditional Roman fried rice balls).

The Location

The Rome Campus lies within the Aurelian walls, approximately one-third of the way up the Janiculum Hill. Although the Janiculum is particularly well-known as the place where Garibaldi and his supporters fought to defend the newly established Republic of Rome in 1849 the site of the Campus also has some notable points of interest. Gió Ponti was involved in the design of the current building, which was built for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion in 1962-63. Within the confines of the previous structures and largely thanks to the work of Mother Marie Augustine and Mother Maria Agnesa the site was a place of refuge for Jews during WWII. Whole families were accommodated within the convent from October 1943 until the liberation of Rome in June 1944 (source: Notre Dame de Sion archives).

In the gardens is one other notable feature, which most likely dates from the first-century CE. It is a funerary relief of a man and a woman and an inscription. Dr Alan Cadwallader (formerly of ACU) has recently identified the relief and epitaph as *CIL* 6.16019, an item recorded in the seventeenth century but subsequently thought to be lost as the Janiculum Hill area was urbanised. Their apparent 'loss' was attested as recently as 1993, by Valentin Kockel in his work on Roman gravesites from the turn of the era. According to Dr Cadwallader, the relief and inscription belong together, making them quite unusual. It is likely that the original setting was a nearby grave structure, possibly situated in the vicinity of the Via Aurelia. The inscription suggests an interesting social history: they have Greek names (Anteros and Apollonia); they were ex-slaves who had belonged to different households and subsequently established their own household (source: A. Cadwallader, "CIL 6.16019 Rediscovered", *Antichthon* 52 (2018): 132-142.).

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*Front image: Saint Catherine's Monastery, Virgin and Child
with angels and Sts. George and Theodore. encaustic icon on panel, c. 600*



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