

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Abbey of Melk: Sunday, February 2nd – Monday, February 3rd, 2025

Sunday:

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Guided tour of the Abbey
12:30 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.: Lunch
02:30 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.: Lectures
Dinner

Monday:

09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Lectures
12:00 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.: Lunch
01:30 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.: Lectures
Dinner

University of Vienna (Research Center RaT), Vienna: Tuesday, February 4th, 2025

09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Lectures
12:00 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.: Lunch
01:30 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.: Lectures
07:00 p.m. – 08:00 p.m.: Public Lecture
Dinner

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- Transport, board and lodging are provided.
 - Each lecture will last 40 minutes, followed by 20 minutes of discussion.

Abbey of Melk, Sunday, February 2nd, 02:30 pm. – 07:00 pm.:

NAME	TITLE
N. N.	Opening Speech
Prof. Dr. Dr. Isabella Guanzini (Catholic Private University of Linz/Austria)	<i>Books of Mercy. Revelation and Affection in Christianity and Islam</i>
Prof. Dr. Adnane Mokrani (Pontifical Gregorian University/Rome/Italy)	<i>When the Divine is Manifested/ Revealed in the Human: A Qur’anic Perspective</i>
Prof. Dr. Dina El Omari (University of Münster/Germany)	<i>“In the beginning was the Word”:</i> Representations of the Lógos in Light of the Koranic Word of Creation

Abbey of Melk, Monday, February 3rd, 09:00 am. – 12:00 pm.:

NAME	TITLE
Prof. Dr. Aysun Yaşar (University of Vienna/Austria)	<i>Controversial Attributes of God: Divine Justice and Suffering in Islam</i>
Prof. Dr. Fr. Guy-Raymond Sarkis (Saint Joseph Jesuit University / Beirut / Lebanon)	<i>Perceptions of the Other in Times of Crisis: Sermons by Maronite Patriarch Bechara Rai and Shiite Sheikh Ali Khatib as a Model</i>
Prof. Dr. Regina Polak (University of Vienna/Austria)	<i>‘When we open Ourselves to one another in Dialogue, we also open Ourselves to God.’ (John Paul II, Madras 1996): Test of Endurance in Christian-Muslim Dialogue after 7 October 2023.</i>

Abbey of Melk, Monday, February 3rd, 01:30 pm. – 06:00 pm.:

NAME	TITLE
Prof. Dr. Klaus von Stosch (University of Bonn/Germany)	<i>Learning from the Qur’anic Theology of Signs: How to Relate the Unity of Revelation with the Diversity of the Abrahamic Others</i>
Prof. Dr. Roberto Catalano (Sophia University Institute of Loppiano/Florence Italy)	<i>Together in Order to Witness the One God: a Figment of Imagination or a true Possibility?</i>
Mag. Awi Blumenfeld (University of Vienna/Austria)	<i>One history one G!D! Opportunity and Challenges in Historical Facts. The Land of Israel as Common Bridge to the Future</i>
Prof. Dr. Zekirija Sejdini (University of Innsbruck/Austria)	<i>„If the ocean were ink for the words of my Lord, the ocean would run out, before the words of my Lord run out“ (K 18:109). Beyond Bounds: The Islamic Insight into the Boundless Divine Presence.</i>

University of Vienna (Research Center RaT), Tuesday, February 4th, 09:00 am. – 12:00 pm.:

NAME	TITLE
Prof. Dr. Dr. Jakob Deibl (University of Vienna/Austria)	<i>Unity of God, Plurality of Imagination</i>
Prof. Dr. Mouhanad Khorchide (University Münster/Germany)	<i>Muslims read the Bible and Christians the Quran. On the way to a hermeneutics of interreligious appropriation of sacred texts.</i>
Prof. Dr. Bernhard Callebaut (Sophia University Institute of Loppiano/Florence Italy)	<i>Sociology and Religions that Behave as 'Brothers'. Exploring an Unprecedented Process of Cultural Change with the Abrahamic Other?</i>

University of Vienna (Research Center RaT), Tuesday, February 4th, 01:30 pm. – 06:00 pm.:

NAME	TITLE
Prof. Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Ali Shomali (Teheran/Iran)	<i>Unity of God and Unity in God? Restoring the Family of Abraham</i>
Prof. Dr. Dr. Kurt Appel (University of Vienna/Austria)	<i>The Quran as Gospel for Christians</i>
Prof. Dr. Dr. Piero Coda (Sophia University Institute of Loppiano/Florence Italy)	<i>Jesus Christ and the Presence of One God in History "Between" Us. A Christian Perspective</i>
Prof. Dr. Patrice Brodeur (University of Montreal/Canada)	<i>Between a Theology of World Religions and Religious Studies: the Case Study of Abrahamic Dynamics</i>
Prof. Dr. Susannah Heschel (Eli M. Black Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College)	<i>The Role of Islam in Judaism's Understanding of Christianity</i>

H. B. Dr. Lic. Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa (Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem)	<i>Conclusion: Public Lecture</i>
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