

Roma (a)cattolica. Pluralisation of Religion in Rome between the End of the Papal State and the Beginning of Fascism (1870–1922)

International Conference
Rome, 17 – 19 November 2022



Collage of four religious buildings in Rome, on top left to bottom right: Evangelical Lutheran Christ Church, Waldensian Church, St. Paul's Within the Walls (Episcopal Church), Great Synagogue (all photos: Wikimedia Commons).

Rome is a religiously plural city. On the one hand, this is a banality: it applies to all major European cities. On the other hand, it is not self-evident, because Rome became a plural city relatively late and in a relatively short time. In fact, the perception of the city is often more characterised by Catholicism and secularism than by religious pluralism.

One can state quite precisely when this pluralism emerged: in the half century between the end of the Papal State and the beginning of fascism (1870–1922). A clear sign are the buildings being constructed at that time: A synagogue and several Anglican, Waldensian, Methodist, Lutheran, Reformed and Baptist churches were built in the space of

a few decades. The conference seeks to address this phenomenon from a comparative and transnational perspective. The transnational aspect is so important because for many religious communities, integration into the urban society was accompanied by new processes of negotiating confessional and national identities.

A comparative view, on the other hand, can bring to light the structural implications for the city's society, which was catapulted into the 20th century as if in fast motion. It is fortunate that two anniversaries are coming up in 2022: 100 years of the Lutheran Church in Via Sicilia and 100 years of the Waldensian Faculty in Rome. They are more the occasion than the content of the conference.

Conference venue

Facoltà Valdese di Teologia
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Conference jointly organised by the German Historical Institute in Rome, Centro Melantone (Institute for Ecumenical Studies), the Waldensian Faculty of Theology, the Anglican Centre and the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU).

Scientific committee: Proff. Martin Baumeister, Mark Chapman, Daniele Garrone, Martin Wallraff

Thursday, 17 November, 14.30 – 20.00

- 14.30 Martin Baumeister and Martin Wallraff
Welcome address
- 15.00 Mark Chapman
R. J. Nevin, Builder of the American Church
- 16.15 Massimo Rubboli
Anglo-American Baptist Missionaries in the heart
of the Roman Catholic Church
- 17.00 Diego Pinna
Difendere la Città eterna. Dibattiti in Curia sulla presenza
dei protestanti a Roma dopo il 1870

- 19.00 *Public lecture*
Daniele Menozzi
Il cattolicesimo davanti a una città secolare

Friday, 18 November, 9.00–18.00

- 9.00 Mario Toscano
L'evoluzione dell'ebraismo romano dal 1870 al 1904:
l'inaugurazione del Tempio maggiore,
simbolo dell'emancipazione e della libertà
- 9.45 Anna Foa
Ebrei a Roma dopo il 1870: integrazione,
assimilazione, identità
- 11.00 Martin Baumeister
Una chiesa per il papa. San Gioacchino ai Prati
come monumento di "teologia politica"
nella Roma postunitaria
- 11.45 Jeremy Morris
Roman holidays: Anglicans and the Lure of the Past
- 14.00 Field trip
Cimitero acattolico, Non-Catholic Cemetery, guided tour
by Nicholas Stanley-Price (member of the Advisory
Committee and historian)
St. Pauls Within the Walls

Saturday, 19 November 2022, 9.00–16.00

- 9.00 Lothar Vogel
Prati nel 1922: l'edificio della Facoltà valdese
di teologia a Roma
- 9.45 Laura Ronchi
La presenza dei Valdesi nello spazio pubblico
- 11.00 Laura Popa
Educating the Nation as Protestant Faith-Based Mission:
Waldensian Women Teachers in Rome
- 11.45 Paolo Zanini
La Santa Sede e il cattolicesimo italiano di fronte
alla predicazione evangelica dopo l'Unità
- 14.00 Ortwin Dally
Il protestantesimo di lingua tedesca e il mondo
della ricerca accademica a Roma: L'esempio dell'Istituto
di Corrispondenza Archeologica e dell'Istituto
archeologico dell'Impero tedesco
- 14.45 Martin Wallraff
The difficult path of German Protestants towards their own
Church Building
- 15.30 Daniele Garrone
Conclusions

Sunday, 20 November 2022

Christuskirche, Via Sicilia 70, Roma

- 10.00 Ecumenical service
Liturgy: Rev. Michael Jonas
Sermon: Rev. Jeremy Morris

