



REET/SU/FVT Conference

Political theology, or theological politics?

Facoltà Valdese di Teologia (AULA MAGNA)
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Thursday, 6 November 2025

| Time | Activity | Chair |
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| 17:30–18:15 | Greetings Diac. Alessandra Trotta, Moderator of the Waldensian Tavola Past. Dr. Albrecht Philipps, Landeskirchenrat of the Church of Westphalia | |
| 18:15–18:55 | Paper 1 – Prof. Daniel Beros, REET <i>Faith as empire's weapon.</i> | Prof. Len Hansen, SU |
| 18:55–19:35 | Paper 2 – Prof. Fabrizio Bosin, Pontifical Faculty Marianum <i>The method of Johann Baptist Metz' New Political Theology.</i> | Prof. Ezequiel Silva, REET |

Friday, 7 November

| Time | Activity | Chair |
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| 08:45–09:00 | Arrival, opening devotion (10 min) and announcements (5 min) | |
| 09:00–09:40 | Paper 3 – Dr. Mario Lupoli, FVT <i>Temporality as a constitutive dimension of political theology.</i> | Prof. Jeremy Punt, SU |
| 09:40–10:20 | Paper 4 – Prof. Len Hansen, SU <i>Mysticism and politics?! The "mysticism of (wide) open eyes" in the political theology of Johann Baptist Metz and Dorothee Sölle.</i> | Prof. Darío Barolin, REET |
| 10:20–10:50 | Tea/coffee break (30min) | |
| 10:50–11:30 | Paper 5 – Prof. Ezequiel Silva, REET <i>Politics after politics. Towards a theological critique of neoliberal governance.</i> | Prof. Lothar Vogel, FVT |
| 11:30–12:10 | Paper 6 – Prof. Eric Noffke, FVT <i>Romans 13:1-7. Some new readings of an old debate on Paul and the state.</i> | Prof. Len Hansen, SU |

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| 12:10–13:40 | Lunch (90min) | |
| 13:40–14:20 | Paper 7 – Prof. Jeremy Punt, SU <i>The political use of the Bible today: trajectories, validations, and theological implications.</i> | Prof. Daniel Beres, REET |
| 14:20–15:00 | Paper 8 – Prof. Darío Barolin, REET <i>Smallness, prophetic incidence and life-giving practices. A biblical reading.</i> | Prof. Nadine Bowers du Toit, SU |
| 15:00–15:30 | Tea/coffee break (30min) | |
| 15:30–16:10 | Paper 9 – Prof. David Roldán, REET (Online) <i>Contemporary readings on Paul's Theology: The Latin American contribution.</i> | Prof. Ezequiel Silva, REET |
| 16:10–16:15 | Closing | |
| 19:30 | Conference Dinner | |

Saturday, 8 November

| Time | Activity | Chair |
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| 08:45–09:00 | Arrival, opening devotion (10 min) and announcements (5 min) | |
| 09:00–09:40 | Paper 10 – Prof. Peter White, SU <i>Life in its Fullness: The Missional Role of the Classical Pentecostal Churches in Ghana in Promoting Good Governance, Transparency, and Accountable Leadership in Africa's Growing Democracy.</i> | Prof. Marco Fornerone, FVT |
| 09:40–10:20 | Paper 11 – Dr. Daniel Rocha, DREST <i>"Bringing Heaven to Earth": the Kingdom of God and eschatological expectations in C. Peter Wagner's Dominion Theology</i> | Prof. Jeremy Punt, SU |
| 10:20–10:50 | Tea/coffee break (30min) | |
| 10:50–11:30 | Paper 12 – Prof. Demaine Solomons, SU <i>From Pulpit to Parliament: Reconciliation as Political Theology in South Africa.</i> | Prof. Eric Noffke, FVT |

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| 11:30–12:10 | Paper 13 – Prof. Reggie Nel, SU <i>Dangerous memory or fad of yesteryear? From South African Black Theology and Kairos to today.</i> | Prof. Daniel Beros, REET |
| 12:10–13:40 | Lunch | 1H30 (90min) |
| 13:40–14:20 | Paper 14 – Prof. Henry Mbaya, SU <i>Kamuzu Banda of Malawi: Sacralization and legitimation of an autocratic state 1964-1994.</i> | Prof. Fulvio Ferrario, FVT |
| 14:20–15:00 | Paper 15 – Prof. Nadine Bowers Du Toit, SU <i>Toxic Empathy? The challenge of rightist discourse on development and diakonia.</i> | Prof. Eric Noffke, FVT |
| 15:00–15:30 | Tea/coffee break | (30min) |
| 15:30–16:10 | Paper 16 – Prof. Nicolás Iglesias, REET (Online) <i>The political use of religion and the rise of authoritarianism.</i> | Prof. Darío Barolin, REET |
| 16:10–16:30 | Closing | |

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