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**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
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***“The end of the world?
Crises, responsibilities, hopes”***

*3-4 March 2025
Augustinianum Institute
Via Paolo VI, 25 – Rome (Italy)*

MONDAY, MARCH 3th

Afternoon

First session: Crisis and paradigm shifts

Chairs: Bordeyne P., Palazzani L.

13:30 – Speakers and attendees' Registration

14:30 – Opening Address
Vincenzo PAGLIA (Vatican City)

15:00 – Scientific research and the image of the world we live in
Guido TONELLI (Italy)

15.30 – Life as we don't know it
Sarah STEWART JOHNSON (USA)

16 :00 - Coffee Break

16.30 – Co-creation and evolution of the human
François EUVÉ (France)

17:00 - Discussion

18:00 - Conclusion

Free evening

TUESDAY, MARCH 4th

Morning

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Second Session: Anthropocene and anthropocentrism

Chairs: Simpore J., De Paula Souza G.

9:00 – The 'anthropocene' debate
Jan ZALASIEWICZ (UK)

9:30 – The uniqueness of the human species: origin of imagination, foresight and capacity
for hope
Ian TATTERSAL (USA)

10:00 – Discussion

10:30 – Coffee Break

Third Session: Hopes and responsibilities for tomorrow's world

Chairs: Simard N., Bofarull M.

11:00 - The proposed establishment of a global biotechnology observatory
Sheila JASANOFF (USA)

11:30 – The educational perspective
Henk ten HAVE (The Netherlands)

12:00 – The health perspective
WHO Europe Representative TBC)

12:20 - Discussion

13:00 – Break

Afternoon

14:30 – 16:30 Nobel Laureates Panel: “What/Who will save the world?”

Moderator: Miriam DIEZ

Science

Katalin KARIKÓ (Hungary), Nobel Prize Laureate for Medicine, 2023

Economics

Paul ROMER (USA), Nobel Prize Laureate for Economics 2018

Politics

To be defined

Arts

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Artist Eugénia BALCELLS (To be confirmed)

Religion

José TOLENTINO DE MENDONÇA (Vatican City)

16:300 – Coffee Break

17:00 – Discussion with public and Panelists

18:00 - “Guardian of Life” Award

18:30 – Conclusion Remarks
Vincenzo PAGLIA (Vatican City)

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List of Speakers and Moderators

- BOFARULL B. Margarita, Professor of Moral Theology, Facultat de Teologia de Catalunya, Barcelona; Member of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical Academy for Life (Spain)
- BORDEYNE Philippe, Dean of the John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute for Marriage & Family; Member of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical Academy for Life (Vatican City)
- DE PAULA SOUZA Gleison, Secretary of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life; Member of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical Academy for Life (Vatican City)
- DIEZ Miriam, Faculty of Communications and International Relations, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona (Spain)
- EUVÉ François, Dean of the Theological Faculty of the Centre Sèvres, Paris (France)
- JASANOFF Sheila, Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Cambridge (USA)
- KARIKÓ Katalin, Nobel Medicine Prize Laureate 2023, Professor of Biochemistry, University of Pennsylvania (USA) and University of Szeged (Hungary); Ordinary Member of the Pontifical Academy for Life
- PAGLIA Vincenzo, President, Pontifical Academy for Life (Vatican City)
- PALAZZANI Laura, Professor of Philosophy of Law and Biolaw, Lumsa University, Rome; Member of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical Academy for Life (Italy)
- PEGORARO Renzo, Chancellor, Pontifical Academy for Life (Vatican City)
- ROMER Paul, Nobel Economics Prize Laureate 2018, Founding Director of the Center for the Economics of Ideas at the Boston College (USA)
- SIMARD Noël, Bishop of Valleyfield; Member of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical Academy for Life (Canada)
- SIMPORE Jacques, Director of the CERBA Biomolecular Research Centre of Saint Camille, University Saint Thomas d'Aquin (USTA), Ouagadougou; Member of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical Academy for Life (Burkina Faso)
- STEWART JOHNSON Sarah, Provost's Distinguished Associate Professor of Biology and the Science, Technology, and International Affairs program, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (USA)
- TATTERSAL Ian, Paleoanthropologist, Emeritus Curator with the American Museum of Natural History, New York City (USA)
- Ten HAVE Henk, Emeritus Professor of Healthcare Ethics, Duquesne University, Pittsburg, (USA); Research Professor, Anahuac University, Mexico City (Mexico); Corresponding Member of the Pontifical Academy for Life



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**TOLENTINO DE MENDONÇA José, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education
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TONELLI Guido, Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of Pisa (Italy)

ZALASIEWICZ Jan, Emeritus Professor of Palaeobiology, University of Leicester (UK)

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