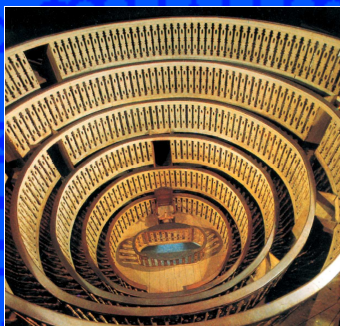


Università degli Studi di Padova



Lecture Series

# “Religion and Bioethics”

May 26-28, 2014  
Padova, Italy

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## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

In our globalized and multicultural societies, religions play an important role since they profoundly shape the different cultures. Given this phenomenon, the traditional modern strategy of managing conflicts by separating public and private sphere doesn't work anymore. Indeed, many authors have suggested that we live in post-secular societies, in which religious attitudes and secular values are closely interconnected and influence each other.

Also for this reason, it has become more and more evident that bioethical issues cannot be dealt with just with principles and rules, because they always involve dimensions of meaning. Since the most important sources of meaning for the life of many people come from religious traditions, reference to religions also in bioethics is inescapable.

Yet, the more such reference and consideration of religions become inevitable, the more bioethics must create the conditions for a fruitful dialogue among these traditions and between religious and secular persons.

The *lecture series* explicitly identifies the basis for this dialogue in the anthropological dimension. Such strategy seems to make possible and justify, better than other approaches, the link between bioethics and religions.

## CONTENTS

*Contents* of the course include: (1) a critical analysis of different approaches on the relationship between bioethics and religion; (2) a sociological perspective on the interaction between religious attitudes and secular values; (3) anthropological presuppositions and bioethical implications of important Western and Eastern religious traditions: Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam.

As to the *methods*, the course will combine lectures, group discussions and workshops. Since the course will have participants from different religious traditions, group discussions will be of particular interest and a source of reciprocal enrichment.

All course activities and materials are in English.

## PARTICIPANTS

The course should be of interest for:

- healthcare professionals working in multicultural settings;
- healthcare ethics committees members;
- healthcare chaplains;
- hospital volunteers;
- philosophers and sociologists interested in the role of religion in the public sphere;
- theologians dealing with the inter-religious dialogue.

**PROGRAMME DAY 1 - MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014**

Morning

9.00-9.15: Welcome by the scientific coordinator  
**CORRADO VIAFORA**

9.15-10.45: The relationship between bioethics and religion: comparing different approaches  
**MASSIMO REICHLIN**

10.45-11.15: *Break*

11.15-13.00: The relationship between bioethics and religion: comparing different approaches  
*Group work and plenary discussion coordinated by* **MASSIMO REICHLIN, CORRADO VIAFORA, ENRICO FURLAN**

13.00: *Lunch*

Afternoon

14.30-16.00: Christian religion: anthropological presuppositions  
**MASSIMO REICHLIN**

16.00-16.30: *Break*

16.30-18.00: Christian religion: bioethical implications  
**MASSIMO REICHLIN**

## PROGRAMME DAY 2 - TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014

### Morning

9.00-10.30: Hinduism: anthropological presuppositions  
**ANTONIO RIGOPOULOS**

10.30-11.00: *Break*

11.00-13.00: Hinduism: bioethical implications  
**ANTONIO RIGOPOULOS**

13.00: *Lunch*

### Afternoon

14.30-16.00: Buddhism: anthropological presuppositions  
**MARCELLO GHILARDI**

16.00-16.30: *Break*

16.30-18.00: Buddhism: bioethical implications  
**MARCELLO GHILARDI**

19.30: *Dinner*



**PROGRAMME DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014**

Morning

9.00-10.30: Islamic religion: anthropological presuppositions

**MOHAMMED GHALY**

10.30-11.00: *Break*

11.00-13.00: Islamic religion: bioethical implications

**MOHAMMED GHALY**

13.00: *Lunch*

Afternoon

14.30-16.00: Religious attitudes and secular values

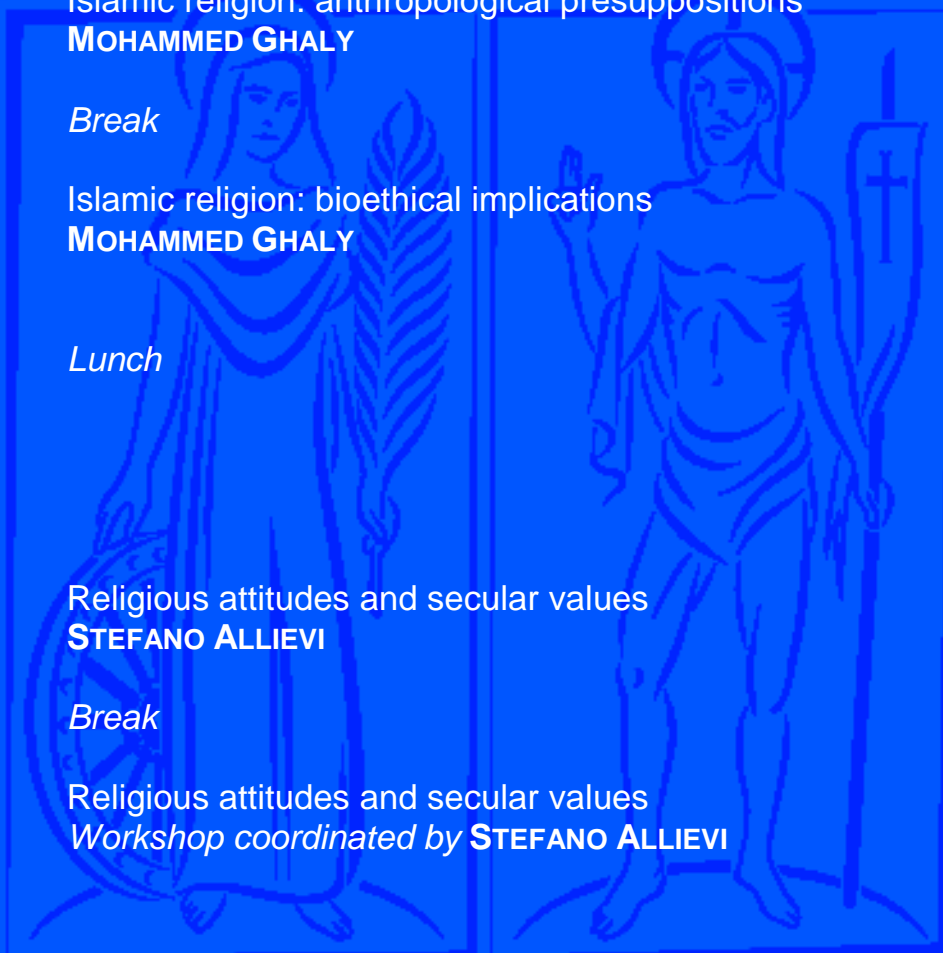
**STEFANO ALLIEVI**

16.00-16.30: *Break*

16.30-18.00: Religious attitudes and secular values

*Workshop coordinated by* **STEFANO ALLIEVI**

18.00: *Farewell cocktail*



## REGISTRATION

Registration to the course will be open from December 1, 2013.

The course fee is:

- € 600 for early registration (until April 25, 2014);
- € 700 for registration after April 25, 2014 (from April 26 to May 19, 2014);
- € 350 for university students and PhD candidates.

The fee includes tuition and course materials, as well as refreshments, three lunches and a dinner.

Detailed information on registration and payment will be available at <http://www.fisppa.unipd.it/master-bioethics>.

Participants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Please visit [www.masterbioethics.org](http://www.masterbioethics.org) under *Intensive Courses* for information.

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## ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER OF BIOETHICS

The lecture series is part of the Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics (EMMB), a master programme organised by a consortium of three European universities: KU Leuven (Belgium), Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen (The Netherlands) and Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy).

Participants of the intensive course will therefore join EMMB students from all over the world.