

## **Festival of Theology: Theology and the University – Trinity College Dublin 19th to 21st May 2022**

**Biography:** Prof. Dirk Ansorge, Sankt Georgen, Frankfurt

Dirk Ansorge is a Catholic theologian, born in 1960 in Gelsenkirchen (Germany). He studied philosophy and Catholic theology in Bochum, Jerusalem, Strasbourg, Tuebingen, and Muenster. For a couple of years, Ansorge was lecturer of theology at the Catholic Academy of the Diocese of Essen. Since 2011, he holds the Chair of Dogmatic Theology (with History of Dogma and History of Theology) at Sankt Georgen College of Philosophy and Theology, a Jesuit institution for higher education in Frankfurt am Main. From 2014 to 2018, he was vice-rector of the College.

Ansorge teaches dogmatic theology and history of dogma with particular interest in theology of creation, theology of sacraments, Christology, and Ecclesiology. At present he is the head of Alois-Kardinal-Grillmeier-Institute for History of Dogma, Ecumenism, and Interreligious Dialogue. He has published a number of books and articles in Systematic Theology and History of theology. Inter alia, he published articles on theological aspects of secularity and secularization, on the relationship between the Church and the State, and on the impact of the Christian Faith on European culture.

Ansorge is Fellow of DFG-graduate school „Theology as Science“ (German research funding organisation), Member of European Society of Catholic Theology (ESCT), Member of the European Academy of Religion (EuARE), member of the University Platform for Research on Islam in Europe and Lebanon (PLURIEL), member of Jesuit networks on Christian-Muslim relationship and on secularization in Europe. Currently, Ansorge is the vice-president of the Association of Catholic Faculties in Germany. He will be the president of the Association from January 2023 on.