Teaching and research in theology in the Catholic tradition is the academic mission of the Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin. It celebrates the tenth year of this academic mission in 2022. What better way to celebrate than the hosting of ‘a festival of theology’, taking as its theme ‘theology in the University, the challenges, the relevance, the difficulties’? What is a university for? What role can theology play in its life? What is the relevance of this enterprise for the university, for society, for church? What about the critical role of academic freedom? How does the academic study of theology differ from the various other academic approaches to the study of religion? An international body of academics will examine these questions over three days, 19th - 21st May, 2022.
Programme

Thursday 19th May

6.00pm Public Lecture

Dr Cornelius Casey
Founding Director Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin
*Theology in a Conversation About Hope*

Chair: Prof Neville Cox, Registrar, Trinity College Dublin
Note of Thanks: Fr Tom Layden SJ, Chair of Loyola Institute Trust

Friday 20th May

9.00 - 10.00am Registration

10.00 - 11.00am

Prof. Sharon Rider
Uppsala University, Sweden
*Higher Education as a Road to Somewhere*

Chair: Prof Shane Allwright, Pro-Chancellor, Trinity College Dublin

11.00 - 11.30am Coffee

11.30 - 1.30pm Parallel paper session

Organized in collaboration with the Irish branch European Society of Catholic Theology

1.30 - 2.30pm Lunch

2.30 - 4.30pm

Prof. Dirk Ansorge
Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, Sankt Georgen
*Mutual Benefit: Arguments in Favour of the Presence of Catholic Theology at Secular Universities*

Prof. Fáinche Ryan
Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin
*The University: a refuge of truth, and truthfulness?*

Prof. Josef Quitterer
University of Innsbruck
*Assuming True Beliefs — The Contribution of Theology for a Healthy University*

Chair: Prof. Michael Kirwan, Director, Loyola Institute

4.30 - 4.45pm Break

4.45 - 5.45pm

Prof. Sergio-Thomas Bonino
Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome
*The Genetic Code of Catholic Theology; ‘Theology Today: Perspectives, Principles and Criteria’ (ITC 2012)*

Chair: Prof. Fáinche Ryan, Loyola Institute
Saturday 21st May

10.00 - 11.00am
Prof. Massimo Faggioli
Villanova University
*Theology between the University and the Church as a “Field Hospital”*
Chair: Ursula Halligan

11.00 - 12.00 noon
Prof. Ethna Regan
Dublin City University
*The ‘Problem’ of Theology in the University: contestations, complexities, and contributions*
Chair: Dr Elizabeth Cotter, Loyola Institute Trust

12.00 - 1.00pm  Lunch

1.00 - 2.00pm
Prof. Michael Conway
Pontifical University, St Patrick’s College, Maynooth
*Vetera novis augere: New Tasks for Theology in Contemporary Culture*
Chair: Dr Patrick Riordan, Loyola Institute Trust

2.00 - 3.15pm
Prof. Michael Kirwan
Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin
*The Migration of Theology: Journey to a Promised Land, or an expedition “behind enemy lines”?

Prof. Robert Wozniak
Pontifical Academy of Theology, Kraków
*Toward an academic universalism. Rethinking science and the university*
Chair: TBC

3.15 - 3.45pm  Coffee

3.15 - 4.45pm
Prof. Lieven Boeve
KU Leuven, Belgium
*Recontextualizing Theology at the University: Identity, Dialogue and Difference*
Chair: Dr Cornelius Casey, Loyola Institute

4.45 - 5.00pm  Closing words
Registration and Further Details
The conference is open to all and will be held in the JM Synge Theatre, Arts Block, Trinity College Dublin.

Registration €75 (Early bird €60). Student rate €30.
This includes lunch on Friday and Saturday, and tea/coffee each day.

For registration, details of speakers and abstracts of papers see https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/conferences/festivaloftheology_homepage.php

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