PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE
PLENARY ASSEMBLY

THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY
NEW CHALLENGES TO ANTHROPOLOGY

Programme

Wednesday 15 November
INAUGURAL EVENT

17:00 OPENING OF THE PLENARY

Auditorium Jesuit General Curia, Borgo Santo Spirito, 4
Prolusion of Card. Gianfranco Ravasi, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture
Presentation of a RAI Documentary
Comments by Leonardo Becchetti, economist, Roma 2; Zia Chishti, Founder and CEO of Afiniti; Paola Marion, Psychiatrist; Cinzia Caporale, CNR researcher
Conducted by Caterina Doglio, TG1 journalist

Thursday 16 November
MORNING

07:15 Holy Mass. Principal celebrant Card. Gianfranco Ravasi
St. Peter’s Basilica. Altar of the Tomb of St. Peter, Vatican Grotto

09:30 INTRODUCTION

Auditorium Jesuit General Curia, Borgo Santo Spirito, 4
Theme: The Ground Map. Basic Anthropological Models
Prof. Francesc Torralba, Professor of Applied Ethics, Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona
Prof. Dominique Lambert, Professor of Logic, Epistemology, Philosophy and History of Science, University of Namur
Moderator: Prof. Isabell Naumann, Professor of Systematic Theology, Catholic Institute, Sydney

10:30 Coffee Break
11:00 Group Work
12:00 Plenary Discussion
13:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON: I. MEDICINE AND GENETICS

15:00 Theme: Re-designing human nature
Prof. H.E. Rafael Viciano, Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago del Chile
Prof. Fr. Kevin FitzGerald, SJ, Dr. David Lauler Chair, Center of Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University, Washington
Moderator: Prof. Elena Giacchi, Centre of Studies & Research in the Natural Regulation of Fertility, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome

16:00 Coffee Break
16:30 Working groups
17:30 Plenary Discussion
18:30 End of Session
Friday 17 November

08:00 Holy Mass. Principal celebrant: Card. Charles Bo, Archbishop of Yangon
Church of the Holy Spirit, Via dei Penitenzieri, 12

MORNING: II. NEUROSCIENCES

Auditorium Jesuit General Curia, Borgo Santo Spirito, 4
09:00 Theme: The Human Person, the Brain and the Soul
Prof. Filippo Tempia, Professor of Physiology, Department of Neurosciences, University of Turin
Prof. Fr. Juan José Sanguinetti, Professor of Philosophy of Knowledge, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome
Moderator: Prof. Laura Bastianelli, Lecturer, psychologist and psychotherapist
10:00 Coffee Break
10:30 Working Groups
11:30 Plenary discussion
13:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON: III. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

15:00 Theme: In the Society of Intelligent Machines
Dr. Mustafa Suleyman, Co-Founder and Head of Applied AI, DeepMind, London
Fr. Eric Salobir, OP, founder of OPTIC
Moderator: Dott.ssa Giorgia Abeltino, Director of Public Policy, Google Cultural Institute
16:00 Coffee Break
16:30 Working Groups
17:30 Plenary Discussion
18:30 End of Session

Saturday 18 November

MORNING

07:30 Holy Mass. Principal celebrant Card. Gérald Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec
Church of the Holy Spirit, Via dei Penitenzieri, 12

IV. CLOSING SESSION

Auditorium Jesuit General Curia, Borgo Santo Spirito, 4
08:30 Synthesis: Bishop Charles Morerod, OP, Bishop of Lausanne, Genève and Fribourg
Toward the next plenary. First suggestions for themes
Moderator: Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture
09:30 Conclusions: Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi
09:45 Departure for the Apostolic Palace

11:00 PAPAL AUDIENCE
End of Plenary