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The Global Pontificate of Pius XII: Catholicism in a Divided World, 1945-1958

4th Internal Project Workshop

08 – 09 May 2025

**University of Fribourg
Misericorde Salle Jäggi 4112**

Thursday, 8 May 2025

09:30 Welcome & Introduction
Simon Unger & Siegfried Weichlein

I The Cold War and the Catholic Church

09:45 – 10:35 Marion Dotter (Munich)
“Papal Diplomacy in the Cold War. Hybrid Strategies against Communism of
Apostolic Nuncios after the Second World War in Central Europe”

10:35 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 11:50 Viktoriia Serhienko (Warsaw)
“The Vatican and the Lviv Pseudo-Council of 1946: Assessments of the Event
and Prospects for Missionary Work in the USSR”

11:50 – 12.40 Julian Sandhagen (Rome / Berlin)
“Martyrs, Traitors and Weak Men: Bishop Joseph P. Hurley and the Fight for
Catholic Unity in the Face of Socialist Repression in Postwar Yugoslavia”

12:40 – 13.40 *Lunch break*

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II From Latin America to the Middle East

- 13.40 – 14:30 Daniel Mc Donald (Oxford)
“US-Latin American Catholic Relations from WWII to the Cold War”
- 14.30 – 15:20 Martina Weisz (Jerusalem)
“Claretian Missionaries, the 'New Evangelization' and social conflict at the Mina El Aguilar”
- 15.20 – 15:50 *Coffee break*
- 15.50 – 16:40 Angela Cimino (Rome)
“From Silence to Struggle: The Holy See and the Question of Palestine (1947-1950)”
- 16.40 – 17:30 Noah Benninga (Jerusalem)
“Pius XII, the Catholic Church, and the Holocaust in the Thought of Stanisław Musiał SJ”
- 19:00 *Dinner*

Friday, 9 May 2025

III Decolonization and Internationalism

- 09:00 – 09:50 Aurel Dewarrat (Fribourg)
“Papal Diplomacy and Decolonization : The Apostolic Delegate Marcel Lefebvre Confronting Imperial and Ecclesial Reconfigurations in French Africa (1948-1959)”
- 09:50 – 10:40 Sam Kuijken (Leuven)
“The Breakthrough of Catholic Internationalism during the Pontificate of Pius XII: Concluding Insights”
- 10:40 – 11:10 *Coffee break*

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- 11:10 – 12:00 Nina Valbousquet (Rome)
“Jewish-Catholic Conversion, Deconversions, and Inter marriages: Mixed Identities in the Aftermath of the Holocaust” (via Zoom-Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89357292716?pwd=wn3Gz2PoeTLiOM7Cwj7tHnE9bktlMZ.1>
Meeting-ID: 893 5729 2716 - Kenncode: 997933
- 12:00 – 13:00 General discussion: The epistemic role of Anticommunism in research on the Global Pontificate of Pius XII
- 13.00 – 14:00 *Lunch break*
- 15:00 – 17:00 Guided Tour “Colonial and postcolonial Fribourg”
(Treffpunkt: Aula Magna der Universität)
- 19:00 *Dinner*

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