

Monday, 15 May

2.00 pm Institutional greetings from the Department
Director FRANCESCA SOFIA

2.30 pm **Introduction**
FRANCESCA SBARDELLA
GIUSEPPINA PAOLA VISCARDI

SESSION I

Religion as a Human Phenomenon

Panel moderator: Roberto Brigati

2.45 pm ARMIN W. GEERTZ (Aarhus University),
Lectio Magistralis: *A Biocultural Approach to
Mysticism*

3.45 pm JEPPE S. JENSEN (Aarhus University),
Cognition in Religion as Social Facts

4.15 pm LORENZO MAGNANI (Università di Pavia), *Faith
and Its Pervertibility. Sacred and Sacrifice: The
Violent Boundaries of Divinity*

4.45 pm Debate

8.00 pm Dinner

Tuesday, 16 May

10.15 am Institutional greetings from
FRANCESCA CENERINI - Section Coordinator
of Storia antica
CRISTIANA NATALI - Section Coordinator of
Studi antropologici, orientali e storico-religiosi

SESSION II

At the Core of the Question

Panel moderator: Laura Carnevale

10.30 am JESPER SØRENSEN (Aarhus University), *Why
Cultures Persist? Towards a Cultural Immunology*

11.00 am ROBERTO ALCIATI (Università degli Studi di
Firenze), *The Prehistory of the Cognitive Science
of Religion: Notes from a Classroom*

11.30 am Coffee Break

12.00 am EMILIANO URCIUOLI (Università di Bologna),
*"I get no thrill out of being called a scientist."
Jonathan Z. Smith and the Cognitive Science of
Religion*

1.00 pm Lunch

SESSION III

History and Science

Panel moderator: Lia Giancristofaro

3.00 pm FRANCESCO PAOLO DE CEGLIA (Università
degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro), *Criminals, Saints
and some Vampires. The Limits of Nature and the
Power of Death in Different Early Modern
European Contexts*

3.30 pm LECH TRZCIONKOWSKI (Jagiellonian University
in Kraków), *What kind of History does the Scientific
Study of Religion need? Advances in Historiography,
CSR and the Future of the Study of Religion(s)*

4.00 pm Coffee Break

4.30 pm LUCA ARCARI (Università di Napoli Federico II),
*Brain, Mentality, Religions: Further on the
Relationships between CSR and History of Religions*

5.00 pm Final debate and conclusion of the work



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