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Bologna, Sunday 18th - Thursday 22nd of June, 2017

Participation Panel CITER

Citizenship and Ecclesiality

For a paradigm of universalistic communitarianism
Theological, philosophical and juridical paths

The question addressed in the seminar is whether it is possible to think of a paradigm of universalistic legitimation of citizenship starting from the notion of ecclesiality.

The objective is, in other words, to discuss the hypothesis that the ecclesial form constitutes a principle of universalistic communitarianism in which community belonging legitimizes itself as an inclusive and emancipatory factor of universalization and not of exclusive and regressive particularism. In this perspective, ecclesiality presents itself as a general model of non-sovereignist (clerical or statist) community belonging normatively bound to a principle of universalization. This principle is not postulated exclusively (as in classic liberalism and prevalently on the horizon of human rights) from the point of view of the individual subject of the law, but also from the point of view of the community. The protection of the plurality of particular traditions - values, culture, and religion – becomes, in this way, not an obstacle to the universalization of the law around the principle of human dignity, but a factor of promotion of this process.

The seminar is organized from an interdisciplinary perspective, combining theological (J.T.Mendonça, T.Bartolomei), philosophical (M.Nicoletti) and legal (M.Poiars Maduro, R.Sapienza) approaches to this theme, and also from an international perspective, gathering Portuguese and Italian researchers, whose different working paths find a significant meeting point in the hypothesis in question.

Key words:

Ecclesiality. Citizenship. Globalization. Universalism. Individual. Community. Early Church. Pauline Universalism.

PROGRAM

Thursday 22nd of June
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Palazzo Isolani (Room 2)
P.zza S. Stefano
Bologna, Italy

Father José Tolentino Mendonça – *Two paradigms of universality: the 'rest' and the whole*

Teresa Bartolomei – *Ecclesiality as a form of communitarian universalism in S. Paul and in the Acts of the Apostles: a single people made up of many nations*

Michele Nicoletti – *For a theological-political interpretation of the concept of citizenship*

Rosario Sapienza - *Human rights and citizenship. For an integration of the universalistic principles of the law's legitimation*

Miguel Poiares Maduro - *For a non-statist concept of citizenship. The Europe of Citizens vs. the Europe of the States*

Language: Italian

List of the participants

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