

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Bible and Ecology

*Pontifical Biblical Institute
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The Jubilee Year 2025 marked several momentous ecological anniversaries: the eighth centenary of the *Canticle of the Creatures* by Saint Francis of Assisi (1224), the 40th anniversary of the first interreligious meeting on nature conservation in Assisi (1986), and the 10th anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato Si'* (2015). Desiring to share this common cause, the Pontifical Biblical Institute of the Pontifical Gregorian University—together with the NExUS initiative (Nurturing Exegetical Understanding of Scripture)—is organizing a conference dedicated to “*Bible and Ecology*” over the three days of November 6, 7, and 8, 2025.

Inspired by the biblical testimony of a God who listens to the cry of the poor and exploited—as in the Books of Exodus and Amos—the conference has a twofold objective. On the one hand, it seeks to bring the “existential margins” to the center of its reflection, bringing together academic voices from less privileged yet ecologically impacted contexts. On the other, it seeks to explore the possibility of developing an ecological biblical hermeneutics, in dialogue with other exegetical methods and approaches.

In this effort to listen, engage, and learn from each other, the conference will strive to promote an eco-biblical vision that reaffirms how, although ecologically wounded, we can still dare to join with peripheral voices to promote the healing vision of a new heaven and a new earth (cf. the Books of Ezekiel and Revelation).

The event will be in person and in English.

It can also be followed on the YouTube channel @pibiblico

List of speakers

Gina Hens-Piazza, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, USA

Peter Dubovský, Pontifical Biblical Institute of Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy

Michael K. Mensah, University of Ghana, Ghana

Jonathan Kavusa, Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs, D.R. Congo

Hilary Marlow, Cambridge University, UK

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Mary Marilou S. Ibita, De La Salle University, Philippines

Anne Elvey, Monash University, Australia

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Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

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