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Study Session *Nonviolence in Times of War: Meaning and Challenges*

Session I 9:00-12:30 By Invitation Only

9:00 *Introduction & Greetings*
Prof. Ambrogio Bongiovanni
Director of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies
Dr. Nicolás Paz
Pax Christi International / Catholic Institute for
Nonviolence
Dr. Mehool H. Sanghrajka MBE
Institute of Jainology

Moderator: Dr. Adnane Mokrani,
Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies

9:30 **Msgr. Michael Santiago**
Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue
Embracing Nonviolence as a Way of Life

10:05 **Dr. Mehool H. Sanghrajka MBE**
Institute of Jainology
*Understanding Nonviolence Through the Eyes of
the Religion of its Origin*

10:40 - 11:00 *Break*

11:00 **Dr. Nicolás Paz**
Pax Christi International / Catholic Institute
for Nonviolence
*Towards a Lived Theology of Nonviolence:
Insights from Practices*

11:35 **Dr. Paola Pizzi**
École Normale Supérieure de Lyon
*Nonviolence and Islam: The Development of the Concept
of Ġihād in the Thought of the Syrian Theologian and Preacher
Gawdat Sa'īd (1931-2022)*

12:10 - 12:30 *Discussion*

Session II 15:00-18:30 Public Session / Registration required

15:00 *Introduction & Greetings*
Fr. Pino Di Luccio, S.J.
President of Collegium Maximum
Prof. Ambrogio Bongiovanni
Director of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies

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15:20 **Prof. Pasquale Ferrara**
LUISS University / Reset Doc
Constructive Religions in the Global Disruption

15:55 **Prof. Nikita Dhawan**
Technical University Dresden
On the (Im)possibility of Nonviolence in Violent Times

16:30 - 16:50 *Break*

16:50 **Prof. Tom Woerner-Powell**
University of Manchester
*Fanon, Girard, Shariati: Sacrificial and Emancipatory
Non-Violence in Christianity and Islam*

17:25 **Prof. Wolfgang Palaver**
University of Innsbruck / Pax Christi Austria / OSCE
*There Are Degrees of Nonviolence: Why Absolute Pacifism
Is Self-Defeating*

18:00 - 18:30 *Discussion*

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Information

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*This one-day session will be conducted exclusively
in English, with no translation provided.*

*Registration on www.unigre.it is mandatory to attend
the event. Please register by April 16th at the latest.*