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## Venice Seminars 2018

# Fountainheads of Toleration Forms of Pluralism in Empires, Republics, Democracies



Venice Seminars intend to explore the sources of toleration in diverse cultural and religious traditions, in both the secular liberal as in a confessional context, in different historical regions of the world, Western and Eastern, in Christianity as well as in Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Confucianism and Hinduism.

For each philosophical, theological and political tradition, the Seminars will discuss the turning points and critical moments that have led on the one side to an exclusivist, extremist and fundamentalist perspective and, on the other side, to an inclusive, pluralist, tolerant view.

The Seminars concentrate notably on the history of ideas while searching for the sources within the different cultural and religious traditions that lay the groundwork for toleration, the acceptance of differences and of the other, and that allow a plurality of confessions and conceptions of the world to live peacefully together.

Discussing the junctions that have opened the road towards cultural pluralism and integration, Venice Seminars intend to indicate exit routes from today's intolerant trends.

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The Summer School Workshops (June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) are conducted by **Stephen Macedo**, *Justice, Legitimacy, and the Limits of Toleration: When and Why Should we Respect Illiberal Communities?* **Ogan Yumlu**, *Toleration: an Instrumental or an Intrinsic Value?* and **Volker Kaul**, *To What Extent are Cultural and Religious Identities Sources of Toleration?*

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Working Language: English

## Thursday, 7 June (Giorgio Cini Foundation)

9.30 am – 10.00 am / **Introduction**

**Tiziana Lippiello**, Vice Rector Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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**Shaul Bassi**, Director Center for the Humanities and Social Change, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

**Giancarlo Bosetti**, Director Reset-Dialogues on Civilizations

10.00 – 11.00 am / **Opening Lecture**

**José Casanova**, *From Imperial Toleration of Religious Groups to Religious Freedom as an Individual Human Right*

11.15 am – 1.00 pm / Chair: **Murat Borovali**

**Ida Zilio Grandi**, *The Virtue of Tolerance. Notes on the Root S-M-H in the Islamic Tradition*

**Nayla Tabbara**, *What Does it Take to Spread an Islamic Pluralist Theology of Other Religions?*

**Cengiz Aktar**, *Turkey, Failure of Islam or Failure of Political Islam?*

2.00 pm – 2.45 pm / Chair: **Enrico Biale**

**Jacqueline Bhabha**, *Global Migration Policy: Can it Ensure Just, Safe and Regular Human Mobility?*

2.45 pm – 4.00 pm

**Federico Squarcini**, *To Tolerate, or Not to Tolerate, that is the Question. On A oka's Edicts, Empire and the Rhetoric of Tolerance in South Asia*

**Antonio Rigopoulos**, *Tolerance in Swami Vivekananda's Neo-Hinduism*

4.15 pm – 5.15 pm / Chair: **Marina Calloni**

**Seyla Benhabib**, *The Rise of Intolerance in the Post-Secular Age: A Dilemma*

## Friday, 8 June

(Auditorium Santa Margherita, Ca' Foscari University)

10.00 – 11.00 am / Chair: **Shaul Bassi**

**Homi Bhabha**, *The Barbed Wire Labyrinth: Thoughts on the Culture of Migration*

11.15 am – 1.00 am / Chair: **Tiziana Lippiello**

**Pei Wang**, *Zhong and Shu as Ancient Virtues. The Ethical Foundation of the Repeated Unifications in Chinese History and Lessons for Today*

**Massimo Raveri**, *Buddhist Esoteric Hermeneutics of the Plurality of Truths*

**Francesca Tarocco**, *Religion and the Secular State: A View from China*

2.15 – 4.00 pm / Chair: **Pasquale Ferrara**

**Ahmet Insel**, *Tolerance is not the Acceptance of Equality*

**Tatjana Sekulić**, *Nationalism and Language. The Curious Case of the 'Western Balkans'*

**Liav Orgad**, *Illiberal Liberalism: The Limits of European Tolerance*

4.15 – 5.45 pm / Chair: **Jonathan Laurence**

**Roundtable: Overcoming Intolerance in Different Cultural and Social Contexts**

Speakers: **Giuliano Amato, Seyla Benhabib, Homi Bhabha, David Rasmussen, Pei Wang**

6.00 – 6.45 pm / Chair: **Patrizio Fondi**

**Karen Barkey**, *Forms of Pluralism in Empire: The Narratives of Religious Forbearance*

## Saturday, 9 June (Giorgio Cini Foundation)

9.30 – 11.15 am / Chair: **David Rasmussen**

**Diego von Vacano**, *El Presidente Trump: Understanding the Decline of Toleration due to Populism through Latin American Thought*

**Alessandro Ferrara**, *Sideways at the Entrance of the Cave: Plato and Pluralism*

**Simon Goldhill**, *Infrastructures of Toleration and Pluralism*

11.30 – 12.15 pm

**Presentations of the Summer School Workshops**

12.15 – 1.15 pm / **Closing Lecture**

**Stephen Macedo**, *Toleration, Inclusion, and Solidarity*

Chair: **Volker Kaul**

1.15 pm / **Closing Remarks**

**Shaul Bassi**, Director Center for the Humanities and Social Change, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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