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Conference on Jaivnaitaktha*

**Theme: Insights into Bioethics in an
Indian Context**

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16th and 17th May 🕒 **Starting At:**

2025 09:00AM

📍 **Location:** 📍 **Zoom:**

**Dr. Mar Theophilus
Institute of Management
Studies, Sanpada, Navi
Mumbai, India.**

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Sessions

Day 1 : 16th May



09:00 am

Registration & Conference
Inauguration

Tea Break

Session 1
10:00 am

Ethical considerations
related to different
medical procedures/topics

Lunch

Session 2
1:30 pm

Ethical considerations
related to different
medical procedures/topics

Tea Break

Session 3
4:00 pm

Contemporary Bioethical
practices followed in
Hospitals

Light Dinner



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Session - 1

Ethical considerations related to different medical procedures/topics



Dr. Bobby George
Bioethics in Healthcare

10:10am - 10:40am
+
Q & A - 10 min



Dr. Meena Kumar
Ethical issues and myths in organ donation for transplantation

10:55am - 11:25am
+
Q & A - 10 min



Dr. Chandra Viswanathan
Ethical considerations related to Blood transfusion

11:40am - 12:10am
+
Q & A - 10 min



Session - 2

Ethical considerations related to different medical procedures/topics



**Dr. Priyanka
Harshavardhan Vora**

*Ethical challenges in Assisted
Reproduction - Surrogacy and IVF*

1:40pm - 2:10pm
+
Q & A - 10 min



Dr. Dhananjaya Saranath

Ethical Issues in Cancer Vaccination

2:25pm - 2:55pm
+
Q & A - 10 min



Dr. Shailaja Gada Saxena

*Ethical aspects of Prenatal
diagnosis*

3:10pm - 3:40pm
+
Q & A - 10 min



Session - 3

Contemporary Bioethical practices followed in Hospitals



Dr. Olinda Timms

Moderator: Introduction to the session and speakers

4:10pm - 4:25pm



Dr. Yashashri Shetty

Challenges in review and approving Clinical trials by Ethics Committee

4:30pm - 5:00pm

+

Q & A - 10 min



Dr. Vergis Paul

Challenges from own experiences in implementing Bioethics

5:15pm - 5:45pm

+

Q & A - 10 min



Session - 3

Contemporary Bioethical practices followed in Hospitals



Dr. Roopa Verghese

Challenges from own experiences in implementing Bioethics

5:50pm - 6:20pm
+
Q & A - 10 min



Dr. K.B. Bali

Contemporary Ethical Practices Followed at my Institution- challenges and solutions

6:35pm - 7:05pm
+
Q & A - 10 min



Dr. Olinda Timms

Concluding remarks to the session

7:15pm - 7:25pm

Observations



Dr. Vijay Aruldas

Day 1 - Concluding remarks

7:30pm - 7:50pm

Sessions

Day 2 : 17th May



Session 4
09:30 am

Artificial Intelligence and
Technological Ethics

Lunch

Session 5
1:30 pm

Bioethics from the
perspectives of Religions

Tea Break

Session 6
5:00 pm

'Vision' for a deeper
understanding and practice
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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ETHICS

35 MIN

+ 10 (Q&A)



PROF. DR. MARIA K.
CHORIANOPOULOU



MS. ARGYRO
MARINOPOULOU

9:40 AM - 10:15 AM

“Meet the Thanabots: The Digital Eusapia - the City of the Dead - in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”

Abstract: This paper explores the relationship between death and Artificial Intelligence (AI), examining the ethical implications of the presence-absence status of the deceased in the digital realm. The paper commences with the phenomenological experience of death, where the corpse constitutes a paradoxical boundary between existence and non-existence. It then introduces the notion of “digital remains” – the online footprints left behind by the deceased – which contribute to a sense of continuity in their existence. AI is emerging as a mechanism for “digital resurrection”, with thanabots acting as simulators of the deceased, thus allowing communication with them. This new situation parallels Eusapia, Italo Calvino’s fictional city, where the living and the deceased coexist through mirrors of reality. The final question concerns the ethical dimension of this technology: is it a form of “digital immortality” or merely an illusion of consolation in the face of mortality? The answer is not clear, as AI is redefining the threshold between life and death, shifting the paradigm of existential perception.

35 MIN

+ 10 (Q&A)



DR. VASUDEVA
UPADHYAYA K. S.

10:30 AM - 11: 05 AM

“Artificial Intelligence and Bioethics”

Regarding use of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics in modern medical treatment



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ETHICS

35 MIN

+ 10 (Q&A)



**PROF. DR. PETROS
PANAGIOTOPOULOS**

11:20 AM - 11:55 AM

“Artificial Intelligence, as a challenge for Christian Orthodox Ethos”

Abstract: The presentation examines the impact of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Generative AI) on modern society, highlighting both its potential and the concerns it raises. It discusses overall technological progress and the changes it brings to everyday life, comparing it to historical technological revolutions. It is emphasized that while we cannot accurately predict the future, it is certain that new technologies will continue to emerge. Special mention is made of the Church's stance on technological progress. While fear and alarmism often prevail, it is stressed that the Church must stay informed and make use of new opportunities to serve its mission while safeguarding the human aspect of relationships. The discussion also touches on changes in human socialization due to digital applications and social networks. Furthermore, the presentation highlights the distinction between techno-optimists and techno-pessimists – those who embrace technology versus those who view it with skepticism. Ultimately, it underscores the importance of a balanced and critical approach to harness the positive aspects of technology while mitigating its negative consequences.



BIOETHICS FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF RELIGIONS

35 MIN

+ 10 (Q&A)



PROF. DR. IOANNIS
LADAS

1:30 PM - 2:05 PM

“Orthodox Christian Bioethics: Challenges and Perspectives in the 21st Century”

Abstract: Orthodox Christian bioethics explores the moral questions that arise from the use of biotechnology and genetic engineering in the beginning, preservation, and extension of human life, through the theological and ethical lens of the Orthodox Christian Church. It also addresses issues concerning the natural environment and the living beings that inhabit it. Unlike inter-Christian and interreligious bioethics, which seek points of convergence or possible compromises among different religious traditions – or examine bioethical concerns in light of the shared legacy of the first millennium of the Christian Church – Orthodox bioethics engages these issues through the Holy Scriptures, sacred tradition, and the writings of the Church Fathers. Topics of concern include abortion, artificial reproduction, surrogacy, experimentation on humans and animals, environmental protection, and cremation. The relevance of Orthodox Christian bioethics has increased in response to the rapid advances in medicine and biotechnology, which raise complex moral dilemmas and pastoral challenges for the various Orthodox Churches. This presentation focuses on both the enduring value of Orthodox bioethics and the particular challenges and prospects it faces in the 21st century, especially in an age of crisis and transformation.

35 MIN

+ 10 (Q&A)



MS. SHERIN SUJITH
VARGHESE

2:20 AM - 2: 55 AM

“Personhood in Orthodox Christian Bioethics”

Abstract: Christianity is the highest manifestation of the Person of God in the person of the human being through the mystery of Incarnation. What if our identity isn't defined on our own, but revealed through a relationship with God Himself? As the image of the Divine Image, we are not autonomous entities, but relational beings. When this connection is lost, the understanding of one's own personhood is lost, resulting in depersonalisation. It threatens the very essence of being human, as “what is at stake is the human being's possibility to grow in the likeness of God”, as only in this light is the “created being or the person brought about”. Orthodox Christian bioethics, therefore, is not just an abstract concept – it stems from a living, transformative experience with God. This journey enriches us with a genuine moral perspective, inviting us to rethink the prevailing views of philosophy.



BIOETHICS FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF RELIGIONS

35 MIN

+ 10 (Q&A)



REV. FR. DR.
ALEXANDER M ISAAC

3:10 PM - 3:45 PM

“Bioethics: A Conversation Between Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Traditions on Reproductive Genetics”

Abstract: Discourses in Bioethics involve ethical questions related to biological life processes. The limited scope of the present discussion narrows down to Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Surrogate Motherhood in the Indian contexts. Reproductive health rights and informed consent are important ethical considerations from a secular perspective. Commodification and commercialization of human reproductive tissue are at stake in reproductive genetics. Ethical deliberations revolve around the intersections of gender, caste, class, religion, and ethnicity. Different religious traditions have a plurality of moral voices regarding bioethics. The ethical frameworks used by mainline Christian denominations for bioethics also vary considerably. The bioethical perspectives of Roman Catholics, Orthodox, and Protestant traditions are critically and theologically explored. A conversation between concepts of solidarity (shared moral values), sacredness of life (covenant), and human dignity (rights), can foster a harmony of ethical voices.

4:00 PM - 4: 35 PM

“Bioethical Questions from the Perspective of Orthodox 'Virtue Ethics'”

Abstract: What are the essential elements of an Eastern Christian approach to ethics, in terms of its sources, methods and applications? Even while countenancing the array of specific bioethical issues we face in our day — including sexual ethics, embryonic and stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia — it is prudent to step back and attend to meta-ethical reflection, i.e., a consideration of the “first principles” of theological ethics within an Eastern Christian context. Here the category of “virtue” (aretē) is paramount: it enables us to perceive the contemporary significance for ethics of such classic loci theologici as Scripture, the Fathers, liturgy, iconography and hagiography.

35 MIN

+ 10 (Q&A)



PROF. DR. BRIAN
BUTCHER

Session - 6



Panel Discussion :

“**Vision** for a deeper understanding and practice of Bioethical principles in healthcare institutions”

5:10 PM ONWARDS



Dr. Olinda Timms
Moderator



Dr. Vijay Aruldas



Fr. Dr. Alexander
M Isaac



Dr. Roopa Varghese



Prof. Dr. Brian
Butcher



Dr. Vergis Paul



Mr. Sujith Varghese
George

Speaker Profiles



Dr. Bobby George

VP, Group Head Regulatory Affairs, Reliance Life Sciences Pvt Ltd

Dr. Bobby holds a Masters and Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Panjab University, with 27 plus years of industrial experience. At Reliance Life Sciences he is currently responsible for all their regulatory services across Pharmaceuticals, Biosimilars, Plasma derived products and Vaccines in both domestic and export markets. He is the recipient of several awards like IDMA award, CL Malhotra award, Jewel of India award etc. He has to his credit 36 publications in both national and international peer reviewed journals, book chapters and has authored a popular book titled “The Act That Wasn’t” on healthcare regulations.



Dr. Meena Kumar

Professor of surgery at Dr. DY Patil Medical college and Hospital

Dr. Meena retired from Sion hospital as Professor and HOD Surgery in 2015 after 35 years of service. She has 45 years of teaching UG and PGs. Special area of interest are Trauma, Cadaver organ transplant and Oncosurgery. Founder member of Zonal transplant coordination centre, Founder member of National deceased donor transplant network. Trained transplant coordinators all over India.



Dr. Chandra Viswanathan

Physician, Researcher & Manufacturer, Consultant: PlasmaGen Biosciences

Dr. Chandra has over 43 years' experience in Transfusion Medicine, Plasma Fractionation, and Applied Biology. She has led large teams across plasma product manufacture, clinical research, stem cell translation, and plasma sourcing. She has set up GMP-compliant plasma fractionation plants, Schedule M compliant blood banks, and a public cord blood bank. An evidence-based researcher, she champions safe and accessible Plasma Derived Medicinal Products (PDMPs) for needy patients. She has served on national committees shaping India's plasma and stem cell policies. Her experience includes several clinical trial audits across global agencies like USFDA and EMEA. She is actively supporting the manufacture of new plasma products and working to improve blood donation consistency and availability for all needy Indians.



Speaker Profiles



Dr. Priyanka Harshavardhan Vora

Gynaecologist , Obstetrician & Fertility Specialist

Dr. Priyanka Harshavardhan Vora is currently working as a Fertility Specialist in Rupam Polyclinic. She has completed her post-graduation in Obstetrics & Gynecology from Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity Hospital. She then worked for 10 years in the Reproductive Unit at the same institute helping it achieve newer heights. Having keen interests in the field of reproductive medicine she has undergone training in infertility abroad. She holds a Masters in Reproductive Medicine (UK) and Diploma in Reproductive Medicine (Kiel, Germany). She has 27 publications in national & international journals, in addition she has contributed to 20 chapters on the topic of infertility in coveted textbooks. She has been awarded 22 awards for her exemplary research work on various national and international platforms



Dr. Dhananjaya Saranath

Board member, Swasthya Vriksha Foundation, Nagpur

Dr. Dhananjaya Saranath holds a Ph.D., FMAS (Fellow of the Maharashtra Academy of Sciences), M.Sc., M.T (American Association of Clinical Pathologist). She has extensive experience in Molecular Oncology as Head, Laboratory of Cancer Genes, Cancer Research Institute, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, India. She was a Member-at-Large, Council of the International Academy of Oral Oncology; Assessor, National Accreditation Board of Laboratory & Calibration testing, India, and College of American Pathologists, USA; and Past President of the Indian Association of Cancer Research. She has done pioneering studies on molecular basis of oral cancer, and translation research on preventive aspects through cervical cancer and breast cancer focusing on elimination of cervical cancer in Indian women HPV vaccination, HPV screening, cancer awareness in urban and rural school girls. She has received several prestigious National and International awards, for her pioneering molecular studies and translational research projects, recently awarded the 'Mahatma Award for Life Time Achievement', 2022. She has successfully mentored 25 students towards their Ph.D. degree from Bombay University, edited a book 'Contemporary Issues in Oral Cancer' Oxford Press, 2000, contributed several chapters in national and international Books, and authored 125 publications in peer reviewed international and national journals.

Speaker Profiles



Dr. Shailaja Gada Saxena

Business Head: Diagnostics and Regenerative Medicine; Reliance Life Sciences

Dr. Shailaja holds an MBBS, MSc Genetics (UK) and PhD. At Reliance Life Sciences she is currently responsible for Diagnostics, Cord Blood Repository and Stem Cell Research. She has worked in area of genetics, in vitro fertilization, preimplantation genetics diagnosis, ovarian tissue cryopreservation and embryonic stem cell, with two patents to her credit. She is one of the pioneers of Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis in India. Involved with COVID-19 testing and handling more than 30000 tests/ day. Current focus in translational medicine aims towards cost effective applications of molecular diagnostics testing in diagnostics, prognostics and in targeted therapy.



Dr Yashashri Shetty

Additional Professor, in the Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital, Head of GMI Bioethics unit of KEM Hospital.

Dr Yashashri completed her MBBS and MD Pharmacology from Government Medical College, Aurangabad, later did DBM from IGNOU, New Delhi. She is being trained at international workshops in rational use of medicines in community, Pharmacokinetics – Pharmacodynamics modeling, Research Ethics in Australia and Asia Pacific Clinical Oncology Research Development Workshop [ACORD], Medical Statistics and Medical writing. Dr. Shetty serves on the advisory board of Task Force of training modules of Dept. of Biotechnology, Govt. of India. She also serves as external officer for CDSCO (Drug Controller of India) in inspecting BA/BE centers and clinical trial sites. She is the executive committee member of the Forum for Ethics Review Committees in India (FERCI) and also on board of (South Asian chapter – American College of Clinical Pharmacology (SAC -ACCP). She also serves on various Scientific Review committees as a Clinical Pharmacology expert of different institutes. She has 16 years' experience of being a part of Ethics committee and 8 years as Member Secretary, and now currently working as Chairperson of Sion Podar Ayurvedic College IEC, Chairman of Ethics Committee of Yoga Institute, Santacruz, Co chair of Bombay Hospital Ethics committee and member of Foundation of Medical Research Ethics committee, Colaba.

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Dr. Vergis Paul

Professor of Surgery & Medical Superintendent, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (MOSC) Medical College Hospital, Kerala.

Dr. Vergis holds a MBBS, MS in General Surgery, Fellowship in minimal access surgery, Fellowship Association of Colon & Rectal Surgeons India, International Travelling Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery.



Dr. Roopa Verghese

Executive Director at The Center for Bioethics, New Delhi

Dr. Roopa is an OBGYN and Bioethicist by profession. Along with being the Reproductive and Child Health coordinator in Emmanuel Hospital Association, she also heads the Centre for bioethics, India as its Executive Director and is also the Medical Superintendent at Christian Hospital Chattarpur. She has been working at various mission settings and has a passion to train and equip individuals in resource limited settings. Has many papers to her credit and also has authored three books along with her contribution to various other books in the field of OBGYN and bioethics.



Dr. K.B. Bali

Assistant Medical Superintendent and Head of Department Otolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery at Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Karnataka, India

Dr. Bali has vast international experience of thirty five years in his subject. After his postgraduation from King George Medical University in the year 1988, he has several international fellowships in Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery and allied fields. He has been trained and worked in several countries abroad. His area of interest is Base of Skull Surgery and other Head and Neck Surgery using advanced techniques e.g. Laser and Coblation. He has several international and national publications under his Cap and conducted and chaired several international and national workshops in different areas of his field.

Speaker Profiles



Dr. Olinda Timms

**Adjunct Professor at the Dept of Health and Humanities
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Dr. Olinda is an Anesthesiologist and alumnus of Christian Medical College, Vellore and has worked as Consultant Anesthesiologist at Private and Mission Hospitals in Bangalore since 1987. Her interest in the field of Medical Ethics led to a Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, a Post Graduate Diploma in Bioethics from the Indian Council of Medical Research, and is a Fellow in Research Ethics from WIRB, Seattle. She has been teaching and publishing on Bioethics and Medical Ethics; her book 'Biomedical Ethics' was published by Elsevier in 2016. She serves on Hospital and research ethics committees as well as consultative bodies in National Medical Commission (NMC) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Dr Olinda is Council member of the The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) National Bioethics Forum and Vatican appointee on the Pontifical Academy for Life.



Dr. Vijay Aruldas

Independent Consultant with focus on Strategy, CEO mentoring and evaluations

Dr Vijay MBBS from CMC Vellore with a doctorate in Management from IIM Ahmedabad. He is currently serving as chair of the Board of ICMDA (International Christian Medical and Dental Association). He served as General Secretary of Christian Medical Association of India, 2000-2012, Served on the Advisory Group for Community Action (National Rural Health Mission) of Govt of India and on Boards of several mission hospitals including Emmanuel Hospital Association; Leprosy Mission; Christian Hospital Bissamcuttack Odisha; Asha Kiran Hospital Lamtaput Odisha. Has taught strategy for healthcare organisations at several institutions including BITS Pilani, TISS Mumbai, CMC Vellore, Chitkara University Chandigarh. He has also facilitated strategy development for Leprosy Mission, Sightsavers India, CBM India, Vision2020 India and several individual NGOs and hospitals.



Speaker Profiles



Dr. Maria K. Chorianopoulou, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)

Dr Maria is an Assistant Professor of Practical Philosophy – Medical Ethics in the Department of Philosophy at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (appointed 2022). She earned her PhD (2017), MA in Ethics (2011) and BA in Philosophy (2008) from the same university, all with highest distinction. She has taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses at NKUA, the Open University of Cyprus and other academic programmes, covering Applied Ethics, Human Rights and Philosophy of Technology. Her research lies in Practical Philosophy, Bioethics, Medical Ethics, human rights and environmental ethics, resulting in two monographs – Bioethics and Rights (2018) and From Practical Philosophy to Medical Ethics (2021) – and more than 20 peerreviewed articles and book chapters. Dr Chorianopoulou is also a Research Fellow at NKUA’s Laboratory of Applied Philosophy, serves on the Executive Committee of the Hellenic Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, reviews for the journal Bioethica, and has received SYLFF (2008) and NKUA Outstanding Performance (2009) scholarships.



Ms. Argyro Marinopoulou

PhD candidate at the Department of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

She studied Theology at the Department of Social Theology and Religious Studies of the Faculty of Theology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She holds a master’s degree in Philosophy with a specialization in Ethics from the Faculty of Philosophy at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; a master’s degree in Bioethics from the Open University of Cyprus (OUC); and a master’s degree in Theology from the Hellenic Open University (HOU). She is a research fellow at the Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory of the Department of Philosophy at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and a member of the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC), also known as The Thanatology Association, based in New York. She has published articles in scientific journals and conference proceedings and has participated in global and international conferences.

Speaker Profiles



Dr. Vasudeva Upadhyaya K. S.

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Dr. Vasudeva also works as the Member Secretary, Institutional Ethics Committee, Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence and Editorial Board Member, Awareness Journal (International). He has Post Graduate teaching experience of 32 years and is currently a Post graduate Guide and Examiner. He is a member of Indian Society of Anesthetists (ISA) and Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC). He was formerly, Professor and HOD, Dept. of Anesthesia, Pain management and Critical Care at St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru. His special interests include teaching, pediatric and transplant anaesthesia, pain and palliative care, Integrative and Complimentary medicine, regional blocks, difficult airway management.



Prof. Dr. Petros Panagiotopoulos

Associate Professor at the Theology Department of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Dr. Petros studied Physics and Theology at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and received a Masters Degree and a PhD from the Theology Department of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He worked as Editor-in-Chief of the 'Pemptousia' website, in its Greek and English edition. He is a lecturer at the Theological School of the Orthodox University of the Congo and Corresponding Member of the Pontifical Academy for Life in Vatican. He teaches the courses "Introduction to Ethics", 'Christian Ethics and Bioethics', 'Modern Science and Orthodox Theology', 'Pastoral Theology and Scientific Ethics' and 'Modern Trends in Mission' at Thessaloniki. He is a member of the authors' team of the new Church Education books (Pastoral Theology) and of the Program on Confession of the Foundation for Pastoral Education of the Archdiocese of Athens. He is also member of the editorial board of the Pastoral Review of the Church of Greece 'Efimerios (Pastor)'. His books:

- "Sections and Incompatibilities. Natural sciences and Theology" (2019).;
- "Quality of Life: Request, measurement, equivocation" (2022).

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Prof. Dr. Ioannis Ladas

Professor at the Antiochian House of Studies (AHOS), California, USA

He studied Theology at the University of Athens and Philosophy at the University of Patras. He holds master's degree in Philosophy and master's degree in Theology. He attended postgraduate courses in Theology at the Protestant School of the University of Charles in Prague and in Philosophy at the Bosphorus University in Istanbul. He holds PhD in Philosophy from the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Athens and PhD in Theology from the School of Theology at the University of Thessaloniki. His research activity focuses on the broad field of Applied Ethics, mainly Bioethics. Moreover, he has participated in European research programs and in World and International theological and philosophical conferences. He is a member, among others, of the Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory.



Prof. Rev. Dr. Alexander M Isaac

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Prof. Rev. Dr. Alexander M. Isaac teaches Ethics in the Department of Theology and Ethics at the United Theological College, Bengaluru. Eco Ethics is his primary area of research. He holds a Master's Degree in Science and Theology and took his Doctoral Degree from Boston University in Ethics. He also teaches Religion and Science at UTC. He has published on creation, bioethics, hermeneutics, and eco-justice. An ordained minister of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church.



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Dr. Brian is as well as sessional lecturer at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto and Agora University (on-line). He serves as Advisor for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. For almost two decades, he has taught courses in theology, religious studies and the humanities, with a particular focus on the heritage of the Orthodox and Eastern-Rite Catholic Churches. His research interests include liturgy, sacred music, patristics and hermeneutics. His first major monograph has recently been published with Fordham University Press: Liturgical Theology After Schmemmann: An Orthodox Reading of Paul Ricoeur.

Speaker Profiles



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