



A NATURAL LAW DISCUSSION

From the Ancients to
Contemporary Thought

The Crisis and Renewal of
Natural Law in the Modern World

Key Themes and Challenges
for Church and State

Università Europea di Roma
1–3 October 2026

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE

1-3 October 2026

VENUE

Università Europea di Roma (UER)

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Thursday, 1 October 2026

08:15 **Mass**

09:00 **Registration and Welcome from the Co-hosts**
Moderator: John Klink

Co-hosts:

Prof. Padre Pedro Amador Barrajon Muñoz, Rettore, (UER)

Prof. Aniello Merone, President, Law School (UER)

Prof. Jane Adolphe, President, International Catholic Jurists Forum

Avv. Emilio Artiglieri, President, Lumen De Lumine Foundation

Prof. Diego Poole, Founding Member, Iuris Naturalis Societas

Prof. Mauro Ronco, President, Centro Studi Livatino

10:00 **Keynote Lectio Magistralis**
Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke

11:00 *Break*

11:15 **Round Table I: The Discovery of Natural Law (*From the Greeks to the Scholastics*)**
Moderator: Fulvio Di Blasi

Participants: J. Budziszewski, A. Favaro, Daniel B. Gallagher, Diego Poole

12:30 *Audience Questions*

13:30 *Lunch*



Thursday, 1 October 2026 (cont.)

Presentations: 30 min · Responses: 10 min

14:30

Panel I: Reason and Moral Knowledge

Moderator: Daniel B. Gallagher

"Father Knows Best: Natural Law in Augustine and the Fathers of the Church"

– J. Budziszewski

Response: Rev. Piotr Mazurkiewicz

"Perseity and the Sapiential Grasp of the Natural Law" – Daniel B. Gallagher

Response: Antonio Vernacotola Gualtieri d'Ocre

"Thomas Aquinas on Natural Law" – Rev. Vladimiro Caroli, OP

Response: Fulvio Di Blasi

"Nature and Morality" – Paolo Pagani

Response: Pietro Polieri

17:10

Break

17:30

Round Table II: Natural Law and Legal Positivism

Moderator: Tommaso Scandroglio

**Participants: Iain Benson, Fulvio Di Blasi, Rev. Carlos José Errázuriz M.,
Markus Krienke, Antonio Vernacotola Gualtieri d'Ocre, Aldo Rocco Vitale**

19:00

Audience Questions

19:45

Cocktails

20:30

Organized Dinner

Friday, 2 October 2026

Presentations: 30 min · Responses: 10 min

08:15

Mass

09:00

Panel II: Ius vs. Lex

Moderator: Michal Gierycz

“The Re-Semanticization of Natural Law in the Personalist Horizon” – Rev. Livio Melina

Response: Diego Poole

“Thomistic Juridical Realism and the Essence of Ius” – Rev. Carlos José Errázuriz M.

Response: Tommaso Scandroglio

“Natural Law, State and Authority” – Andrea Favaro

Response: Aldo Rocco Vitale

11:00

Break

11:20

"The Prudential Turn? Natural Law after Veritatis Splendor and Amoris Laetitia" – Diego Poole

Response: Markus Krienke

12:00

Audience Questions

13:00

Lunch

Friday, 2 October 2026 (cont.)

Presentations: 30 min · Responses: 10 min

14:00

Panel III: Natural Law, Justice, and Bioethics

Moderator: Andrea Favaro

“Natural Law and the School of Salamanca” – Simona Langella

Response: Javier Espinoza De Los Monteros

“Natural Law and End of Life” – Mauro Ronco

Response: Carmelo Leotta

“Natural Law and New Technologies” – Francesco Zini

Response: Giulia Bovassi

16:00

Break

16:20

“Natural Law and Constitutionalism” – Filippo Vari

Response: Antonio Casciano

17:00

Round Table III: Natural Law and Justice

Moderator: Aldo Rocco Vitale

**Participants: Iain Benson, Javier Espinoza De Los Monteros, Daniele Onori,
Pietro Polieri, Aleksander Stępkowski**

18:30

Audience Questions

19:15

Cocktails

20:00

(Open) Dinner

Saturday, 3 October 2026

Presentations: 30 min · Responses: 10 min

08:15

Mass

09:00

Panel IV: Natural Law, Human Rights, and the Global Order (*Politics, Diplomacy, UN Debates*)

Moderator: Filippo Vari

“Papal Magisterium and the Natural Law” – Rev. Piotr Mazurkiewicz

Response: Michal Gierycz

“The Church and the Contemporary Debate: Natural Rights and Human Rights” – Aleksander Stępkowski and Grégor Puppink

Response: Daniele Trabucco

10:30

Break

10:45

"Implicit and Explicit Metaphysics of Modern Law" – Iain Benson

11:15

Round Table IV: Natural Rights or Human Rights?

Moderator: Grégor Puppink

Participants: Jane Adolphe, Iain Benson, Aleksander Stępkowski

12:00

Closing Lectures

Moderator: Aniello Merone

“Natural Law, Reason, and Faith: the Cultural Mission of the Church” – Rev. Prof. Salvatore Vitiello (Lumen de Lumine Foundation)

“Natural Law in the Contemporary Debate” – Fulvio Di Blasi (International Catholic Jurists Forum)

13:00

Lunch and Final Greetings

