

THEME

In 1994 Eric Hobsbawm defined the short 20th century (from the start of the First World War until the fall of the Soviet Union) as the 'age of extremes'. It was a century that saw the rise and decline of competing ideologies such as fascism and communism, of swift economic growth and decline, of the transformation of colonial imperialism into more subtle attempts at world dominance, and of the shift from romantic 19th-century nationalism to 'nationalism in a world of nation states' (Breuilly). These evolutions did not go unnoticed by the Dominican Order, famous for incorporating Karl Barth's principle of holding the Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. With regard to the long 19th century, Benedict Viviano once stated that 'no group in the church was more helpful in enabling the episcopal and papal magisterial to face up to the new cultural and political challenges' than the Dominicans. But how did they do this in the 20th century?

The research focus of this conference is the sometimes ambivalent attitude of Dominicans – individually or in a group – towards the ideologies that have dominated Europe in the past century, such as nationalism, fascism, nazism and communism. Did they propose strategies of resistance, accommodation or collaboration, and what was their underlying motivation to do so? How did their stance impact the position of the Order and the Church, both on the local and the general level? How did this influence their self-understanding (*ad intra*) and their public image (*ad extra*)? Did this generate conflicts within the Order? Were there long-term consequences, perhaps even until today? In short, how did they live up to the motto of the Order, *Veritas*, in a context of diverse ideological claims to truth?

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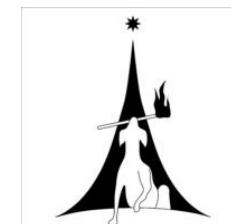
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VERITAS IN A TIME OF GREAT TRUTHS?

Dominicans and the 20th-Century Ideologies in Europe



19-21 November 2021
Leipzig

FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER

2-2.30 p.m. Welcome and introduction
By Elias H. Füllenbach OP
(Institut zur Erforschung der Geschichte des Dominikanerordens im deutschen Sprachraum, Cologne)

Session 1, presided by Elias H. Füllenbach OP

2.30-3.15 p.m. Albert Maria Weiß OP:
Ideologiekritiker und Ideologe
By Prof. Dr. Claus Arnold
(Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz)

3.15-4 p.m. Bible Scholar Vincent Zapletal and His Reflections on the Social, Political and Ecclesiastical Challenges of the First Half of the 20th Century
By Prof. Dr. Tomáš Petráček (Karlsuniversität, Prague)

4-4.30 p.m. Coffee break

Session 2, presided by Prof. Dr. Claus Arnold

4.30-5.15 p.m. An American Prelude:
The Holy Office and the Worker Question in the 19th Century
By Dr. Sabine Schratz OP
(Lumen Dominican Centre, Dublin—Institutum Historicum OP, Rome)

5.15-6 p.m. Eine falsche Philosophie führt zu einem falschen Denken:
Der strikte Thomismus als philosophische Grundlage dominikanischer Ideologiekritik
By Dr. Carsten Barwasser OP
(Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Vallendar)

6-7 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Public evening lecture:
Aurelius Arkenau OP und die Dominikanerprovinz Teutonia im Nationalsozialismus
By Elias H. Füllenbach OP

SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Session 3, presided by Dr. Anton-M. Milh OP

9.00-9.45 a.m. Franziskus Maria Stratmann and Antonin-Gilbert Sertillanges:
Two Different Responses to Patriotic Nationalism and Pope Benedict's Internationalism, 1914-1930
By Dr. Chiara Tessaris (Domuni Universitas)

9.45-10.15 a.m. Coffee break

10.15-11.00 a.m. Différentes attitudes des dominicains italiens des provinces Utriusque Lombardie et Saint Pierre Martyr vis-à-vis du fascisme (via Zoom)
By Alberto Casella OP (Milan)

11.00-11.45 a.m. Les liaisons dangereuses du Maître de l'Ordre Stanislas Gillet
By Dr. Augustin Laffay OP
(Archivum Generale OP, Rome)

12.00 Lunch

3-3.15 p.m. Coffee break

Session 4, presided by Dr. Sabine Schratz OP

3.15-4.00 p.m. The Dominicans and Irish Nationalism, 1915-1923
By Dr. Brian Heffernan (KU Leuven)

4.00-4.45 p.m. The Dominicans and Flemish Nationalism, 1914-1945
By Dr. Anton-M. Milh OP (KU Leuven)

6 p.m. Visit of the University Church (former Dominican church) and evening prayer

7.30 p.m. Dinner at Auerbachs Keller

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Session 5, presided by Dr. Viliam Dóci OP

10-10.45 a.m. Czech Dominicans Struggling with Marxism, 1945-1948
By Dr. Petr Macek (University of Hradec Králové)

10.45-11.00 a.m. Coffee break

11.00 a.m.-12.00 Discussion with impulses by

Dr. Damian Bieger OFM
(Provinzbeauftragter der Franziskaner für Geschichte und kulturelles Erbe, Dortmund)

Dr. Klaus-Bernward Springer
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12.00 Lunch