



**Annual Workshop of the Transnational Research Group**

**“The Global Pontificate of PIUS XII. Catholicism in a Divided World,  
1945-1958”**

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Thursday, 11 April 2024

09:30 *Welcome, Introduction*

## **I The Catholic Church Facing the Challenges of Post-War Liberalization**

09:45 – 10:35 Sam Kuijken (Leuven), Julian Sandhagen (Rome)

*Between Altar and Embassy: Reconsidering Papal Diplomats in Modern Times*

10:35 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 11:50 Aurel Dewarrat (Fribourg)

*Decolonizing the Church in Cameroon: The Conflict Between the Missionaries and the Native Priests*

11:50 – 12:40 Nina Valbousquet (Rome)

*Postwar reconstruction, the Vatican and DPs camps: a microhistory of Cinecittà*

12:40 – 13:40 *Lunch break*

## **II The Cold War(s) and the Catholic Church**

13:40 – 14:30 Viktoriia Serhiiienko (Warsaw)

*Vatican Policy Toward the USSR Under Pius XII and John XXIII: Anti-Communism vs. Realpolitik?*

14:30 – 15:20 Daniel McDonald (Oxford)

*Catholicism and the Inter-American Cold War*

15:20 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50 – 16:40 Marion Dotter (Munich)

*“Charity against Communism”? The Catholic Church and Eastern European State socialism after 1945*

16:40 – 17:30 Katarzyna Nowak (Vienna)

*Knocking on the Vatican’s Gates. Refugee Writing to the Holy See, 1944–1958*

19:00 *Dinner*

Friday, 12 April 2024

### **III The Catholic Church in High Modernity: Between Theology and Social Reality**

09:00 – 09:50 Patrick Houlihan (Dublin)

Religious Humanitarianism During the World Wars, 1914–1945: Between Atheism and Messianism

09:50 – 10:40 Noah Benninga (Jerusalem)

Vatican II, Historical Consciousness, and Hermeneutical Principles

10:40 – 11:10 *Coffee break*

11:10 – 12:00 Martina Weisz (Jerusalem)

Opting for the Rich: Church, Dictatorship and Class Struggle in the Argentinean Province of Jujuy

12:00 – 12:50 Angela Cimino (Rome)

What Future for the Holy Land? The Holy See, the United Nations, and the Question of Palestine in 1947

12:50 – 13:50 *Final discussion*

14:00 *Lunch*