

# **The Franciscan Tradition: Retrieval and Innovation**

**The Second International Franciscan Studies Conference**

**12-14 March 2024  
Durham University**

## **DRAFT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

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## **Tuesday 12 March (Marriott Durham Royal Country Hotel)**

**08.00 - 08.45**    **Mass** (*optional*) – *Venue TBC*

**09.00**            **Registration – Cromwell Suite**

**10.15**            **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**10.30 - 12.00**    **Plenary session – Cromwell Suite**

Giuseppe Buffon, OFM (Pontifical Antonianum University): *A rule that saves? The Capuchin response to the institutional crisis.*

**12.00**            **Lunch**

**13.00 - 14.30**    **Parallel Sessions**

### **Personal Reflections and Historiographies – Cromwell Suite**

Martin Murray (University of the West of Scotland): *Renewal of Franciscan life in the English province in the light of Vatican II: a personal reflection.*

Willem Marie Speelman, OFS (Tilburg University): *Transitus, or how Franciscans discover the Mystery behind their personal problems (and reinvent Franciscan core values).*

Tiago Tavares Oliveira (University of Lisbon): *The Importance of Franciscan Historiography in Brazil through Novo Orbe Seráfico Brasília.*

### **Bonaventure on Philosophy, Theology and Science – Bowes Room**

Christopher Cullen, SJ (Fordham University): *"I Saw Eternity the Other Night": Bonaventure on Truth and Certitude.*

Thomas Piolata, OFM Cap. (Durham University and Pontifical Antonianum University): *Bonaventure on the Circularity of Divine Life and the Procession of the Holy Spirit.*

William Crozier (Durham University): *Franciscan Physics: Colour, Light, and Transparency in St Bonaventure's Quaestiones de Colore.*

**14.30 - 14:50**    **Refreshments**

## 14.50 - 16.20 Parallel Sessions

### **Franciscan Observance in Portugal: contexts, materialities and (re)significances – Cromwell Suite**

João Luís Fontes (New University of Lisbon) and Maria Filomena Andrade (Open University, Portugal): *To reform and to support: from the Franciscan observance to the strict observance.*

Rolando Volzone (DINÂMIA'CET-Iscte; CHAIA-UÉ, Portugal): *Understanding the ecological and cultural systems of Franciscan observance.*

Victor Mestre (Independent researcher at VMSA architects, Portugal) and Sofia Aleixo (CHAM – FCSH NOVA; EA and IHC-pólo CEHFCi – UÉvora): *Rescuing places of cultural memory, (re)building spiritual environments.*

### **Franciscan Tradition, Theology and Innovation – Bowes Room**

Dom Abbott (KU Leuven and UAntwerpen): *Medieval Christological Innovation: Christ's Role in the Universe in Bonaventure and Duns Scotus.*

Ian Campbell (Queen's University Belfast): *Cardinal Lorenzo Brancati da Lauria (1612–1693) and Angelo Volpi da Montepeloso (d. 1647): Retrieval, Innovation, and Orthodoxy in Later Seventeenth Century Franciscan Political Thought.*

Liam Kelly, OFM (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick): *The End of the Romance: Exploring St Francis of Assisi and his movement through the lens of René Girard's mimetic theory.*

## 16.20 - 16.30 Comfort Break

## 16.30 - 18.00 Parallel sessions

### **Poverty and Franciscan Living – Cromwell Suite**

Owen Earnshaw (Durham University): *Lady Poverty as an Icon.*

Simon McMurtary, TSSF (Independent scholar): *Harmony in Simplicity: Utilising Franciscan insights into Poverty in Contemporary Interfaith Engagement with Zen Buddhism.*

Benjamin Luke Johnson, OFM Cap. (University of Notre Dame, Australia): *Humility and Poverty: Insights for Contemporary Franciscan Living.*

## **Franciscanism in the Contemporary Age – Bowes Room**

Bronagh Ann McShane (University of Limerick): *Praying Hearts: The Poor Clare Order and Digital Media.*

Elizabeth Peck (Independent scholar): *A Vision for Franciscan Education in Homes and Schools.*

Krisztián Fenyves (Pázmány Péter Catholic University): *Rebuilding the Church: Franciscan perspectives of the renewal.*

**18.15 - 18.45**    **Evening Prayer** (*Optional*) – Venue TBC

**19.30**            **Dinner**

## **Wednesday 13 March (Marriott Durham Royal Country Hotel)**

**08.00 - 08.45**    **Mass** (*optional*) – Venue TBC

**09.15 - 10.45**    **Parallel Sessions**

### **Franciscan biblical interpretations – Cromwell Suite**

Anthony Lajato, OFM Conv. (Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology WI): *Scientia in fonte: Recovering the Centrality of Bonaventure's Gospel Commentaries.*

Garrett Galvin, OFM (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego): *St. Francis 'lived in the Scriptures' (2 Cel 104): St. Francis' Creative Reception of Scripture and the Biblical Roots of Franciscan Spirituality.*

Tomasz Mantyk, OFM Cap (Catholic University of Lublin): *Retrieval and Innovation in Renaissance Paraphrases of the Bible.*

### **Franciscan Music and Art – Bowes Room**

Andrew Baker (Independent scholar): *Rediscovering the Franciscan Musical Tradition.*

Caroline Lesemann–Elliott (Royal Holloway University): *Plainchant and 'purity': 'Nouvelle Method'(s) of Singing Liturgies at English Franciscan Convents in Exile in the late 17th and early 18th centuries.*

Elizabeth Kent (St John's College, Durham): *The retrieval of treasures from the Franciscan Tradition by evangelical*

*Protestantism through engagement with the popular novel  
'Chasing Francis'.*

**10.45 - 11.15 Refreshments**

**11.15 - 12.45 Plenary session**

Margaret Carney, OSF (St Bonaventure University): *A new rule for an ancient order.*

**12.45 - 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 - 15.30 Parallel Sessions**

**Recovering and Renewing Franciscan Customs and Charisms – Cromwell Suite**

Brenda Abbot (Independent scholar): *Eric Doyle OFM: Hidden Architect of the Retrieval of the Franciscan Tradition: A Christological Understanding of Original Sin.*

Riccardo Battiloro, TOR (Pontifical Gregorian University): *The Construction of the Third Order Regular of St Francis' Identity through Retrieval and Innovation.*

Brian Casey (Durham University): *The creation and rediscovery of the charism of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood.*

**Peace, Compassion and Care – Bowes Room**

Jacob W. Torbeck (Briar Cliff University Sioux City, Iowa): *The Path of Peace: Retrieving the Mystical Politics of the Divine Ideas in Bonaventure's Itinerarium.*

Darleen Pryds (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego): *Franciscan Laity and the Vocation of Caregiving: The Spirituality of Interdependence.*

Jennifer Lane (Brigham Young University): *Compassio for the Twenty-first Century?*

**15.30 - 16.00 Refreshments**

**16.00 - 17.30 Parallel Sessions**

**Franciscan Theology: Love, Compassion and Observance – Cromwell Suite**

Jo Luyten (KADOC–KU Leuven): *Quo vadis provincia? Or how Belgian Franciscans introduced strict Recollect observance in the UK and Ireland (1858–1887).*

Christopher Dyczek, OFM (Independent scholar): *Contingencies of Compassion in the 16th – 17th century era of Ingenuity.*

Gregory Stacey (University of Leeds): *Franciscan Scholastics on the Modal Depths of God's Love*

### **Franciscans and Capuchins in Britain and Ireland – Bowes Room**

Kelly Fitzgerald (University College Dublin): *Irish Franciscans and Irish vernacular culture.*

Liam Kelly (Independent Scholar): *A Much–Travelled Franciscan Chalice.*

Liam Temple (Durham University): *“This holy ambition is stirring amongst us”: The Capuchins, Provincial reform, and the Franciscan centenary celebrations of 1924’.*

**18.00 - 18.30**    **Evening prayer (optional) – Venue TBC**

**19.00**            **Dinner**

## **Thursday 14 March (St Cuthbert's Church, Old Elvet, Durham)**

**08.00 - 08.45**    **Mass (Optional) – Venue TBC**

**09.00 - 10.30**    **Plenary Session**

Sr Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego): *Reading Scotus today.*

**10.30 - 11.00**    **Refreshments**

**11.00 - 12.30**    **Short Paper Session**

### **Franciscan Historical Theology**

Michael Hahn (Sarum College): *Historical Theology and Theological History: Franciscan Retrieval and the Historical Study of Franciscans in the Cases of Francis of Assisi and Angela of Foligno.*

Matthieu Bernard (Lyon Catholic University): *St. Francis and Bonaventure's Dialectic of Innovation.*

Favin Alemão (Pontifical Gregorian University): *The end of inquiry: 'status' in Bonaventure's epistemology.*

**12.30 - 13.30      Roundtable Discussion**

John McCafferty (University College Dublin)

William Short, OFM (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego)

Johannes Freyer, OFM (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego)

**13.30                      End of conference and depart for general delegates**