



The Center for the Study of Relations between
Jews, Christians and Muslims
invites the public to attend the international
conference on

Nostra Aetate

The Declaration and its Legacy:
60 years of Jewish-Christian Dialogue

11-12.6.2025

Wednesday, 11.6.2025

12:00 First session: the lead-up to the declaration amidst turbulence

Chairman: **Denis Charbit**, The Open University of Israel

Olivier Rota, Université Catholique de Lille
L'Eglise catholique et la culture du dialogue: une mise en perspective de la Seconde Guerre mondiale à nos jours

Nina Valbousquet, Centre de recherche français de Jérusalem (CRFJ)
Vatican's attitudes towards antisemitism and Jewish-Christian relations from Pius XII to *Nostra Aetate*

13:00 Second session: is *Nostra Aetate* ambiguous? On different meanings and interpretations

Chairman: **Denis Charbit**, The Open University of Israel

Pierre Benoît, Nice Judeo-Christian Association ; Université Nice Côte d'Azur

Jusqu'où va le projet *Nostra Aetate*? Une analyse philosophique

Thérèse Andrevon-Gottstein, Domuni Universitas, ICP (Paris)
***Nostra Aetate* §4: irréversible?**

14:00 Pause

14:30 Third session: Reactions to *Nostra Aetate* in the Christian World

Chairwoman: **Ilana Cicurel**, Conseillère de coopération et d'action culturelle de l'Ambassade de France en Israël

Florence Taubmann, Eglise protestante unie de France
Protestantisme et judaïsme: une fraternité paradoxale

Simona Zetea, Université Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj
Cette autre partie du monde catholique: la (lente) réception de *Nostra Aetate* dans une église orientale

15:30 Fourth session: the diplomatic and intellectual history of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue

Chairman: **Denis Charbit**, The Open University of Israel

Mordechai (Motti) Friedman, Keren Kayemet LeYisrael
Herzl's visit to Pius X: first meeting between Christianity and Zionism (in Hebrew)

Amnon Ramon, Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research and Yad Yitzhak Ben Zvi

In the Shadow of History: Israel-Vatican Relations 1948-1973: The Israeli Perspective (in Hebrew)

Denis Charbit, The Open University of Israel
From the 1965 declaration to the 1993 recognition: the path to overcoming obstacles through the eyes of André Chouraqui (in Hebrew)

16:30 Pause

16:45 Keynote speaker: André Chouraqui and *Nostra Aetate*

Chairwoman: **Sharon Regev**, The association of the Friends of André Chouraqui

Murray Watson, Huron University College, London (Ontario, Canada)
A Front-Row Seat for History: How André Chouraqui's Pioneering Life Intersected with *Nostra Aetate*

French-Hebrew translation will be provided on the first day of the conference (June 11)

Thursday, 12.6.2025

11:30 Greetings

12:00 First session: reactions to *Nostra Aetate* in the Christian World

Chairwoman: **Yisca Harani**, Religious Freedom Data Center

Rabbi Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute
Have/should Jews respond in measure to *Nostra Aetate*?

Yitzhak Mor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The American conservative Catholic attitude to *Nostra Aetate*

Maayan Karen Raveh, University of Haifa
"Who do you say I am?" – The Palestinian Jesus as a test for Jewish-Christian dialogue

13:15 Second session: old controversies, new interpretations

Chairman:

Mona Barbara, Tel Aviv University
Paulus, *Nostra Aetate* and the Orthodox tradition

Barbara U. Meyer, Tel Aviv University
The Memory of Jesus after *Nostra Aetate*: the Christology of the 2015 document "The Gifts and the Calling"

Jean-Miguel Garrigues, Institut Catholique de Toulouse
An alternative model of relations between Jews and Christians, in place of the doctrine of substitution

14:45 Pause

15:00 Third session: the Future of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue

Chairwoman: **Avital Erez**, The Open University of Israel

David Neuhaus S.J., Pontifical Biblical Institute, Jerusalem
Rereading *Nostra Aetate* from the perspective of Global Catholicism

Antoine Lévy O.P., Helsinki University, Tel-Aviv University
The Jewish-Christian Dialogue after October 7th

Rabbi Daniel Epstein, Matan Institute, Jerusalem
A dissident rabbi's outlook at a late and necessary dialogue
(in Hebrew)

16:30 Pause

17:00 Fourth session: Rome and Jerusalem, 1993

Chairman: **Denis Charbit**, The Open University of Israel

Yossi Beilin, Israel's agreements with the Holy See

17:30 Closing session

Chairman: **Yizhar Hess**, Keren Kayemet LeYisrael

Dina Porat (Emerita), Tel Aviv University
Antisemitism and the Church: a transhistorical overlook

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