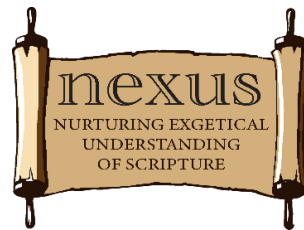


# EXEGESIS AND HERMENEUTICS CONFERENCE 2023

## Searching for a Nexus between History, Theology, and Cultures/Contexts



*On the 80th anniversary of Divino Afflante Spiritu (1943), scholars from different fields of expertise will present theoretical frameworks and case studies to demonstrate the nexus between various disciplines (History, Theology, and Cultures/Contexts) used in understanding the biblical text.*

4–5–6<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
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May 4, 2023

**08:15-09:15:** Registration

## Opening Session (09:30-9:45 AM)

**Moderator: Henry Pattarumadathil** *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

- *Welcome: Michael Francis Kolarcik* Rector, Pontifical Biblical Institute
- *Exegesis and Hermeneutics: Searching for a Nexus, Paul Béré* Pontifical Biblical Institute

## Session 1 – Church Mandate & Exegesis

*To Actualize the Church's Mandate to Do Exegesis and to (Re)define the Task of Biblical Exegesis*

**Moderator: Dean Béchard** *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

### General Approach

**9:45 AM:** *Doing Biblical Exegesis: What Are We Looking For?*  
**Ronald Witherup** *St. Mary's Seminary & University*

**10:15 AM:** *Q&A and Conversation*

**10:40-11:00 AM:** *Break*

### Specific Approaches (Panel)

**11:00 AM:** *Narrative Criticism: How Does It Contribute to Meeting the Goal of Biblical Exegesis?*  
**Elena Di Pede** *Université de Lorraine-Metz*

**11:20 AM:** *Historical Criticism*  
**Dominik Markl** *University of Innsbruck*

**11:40 AM:** *Rhetorical Criticism*  
**Juan Manuel Granados** *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

**12:00 PM:** *Q&A and Conversation*

**12:45-2:00 PM:** *Break*

## Session 2 – History in Biblical Exegesis

*To delineate the task of a historian and to define the connection between exegesis and history*

**Moderator: Craig Morrison** *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

### General Approach

**2:30 PM:** *Theoretical Framework of ANE Historical Studies*  
**Marc Van de Mieroop** *Columbia University, NY*

**3.00 PM:** *Theoretical Framework of Greco-Roman World Historical Studies*  
**Steve Mason** *University of Groningen*

**3:30 PM:** *Q&A and Conversation*

**4:00 – 4:30 PM:** *Break*

## Specific Approaches (Panel)

**4:30 PM:** *Gods and Heroes*

**Anthony Soo Hoo** *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

**4:50 PM:** *From the Bible to the ANE Context*

**Peter Dubovský** *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

**5:10 PM:** *Historical Sociology: The Society behind the Book of Sirach*

**Núria Calduch-Benages** *Pontifical Gregorian University*

**5:30 PM:** *Welcome: Michael Francis Kolarcik* Rector, *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

**S.E. Card. José Tolentino Calaça de Mendonça**

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*Church Mandate on Biblical Studies: History, Actuality and New Direction*

**6:00 PM:** *Q&A and Conversation*

**May 5, 2023**

## Session 3 – Theology in Biblical Exegesis

*To offer the necessary steps toward elaborating the theology of the biblical text, both theoretically and practically*

**Moderator: Benedetta Rossi** *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

## General Approach

**9:00 AM:** *Exegesis as Soul of Theology*

**Reimund Bieringer** *KU Leuven*

**9:30 AM:** *Exegesis towards Theology*

**Massimo Grilli** *Pontifical Gregorian University*

**10:00 AM:** *Q&A and Conversation*

**10:30–11:00 AM:** *Break*

## Specific Approaches (Panel)

**11:00 AM:** *Biblical Exegesis in Systematic Theology*

**Nicolas Steeves** *Pontifical Gregorian University*

**11:20 AM:** *Biblical Exegesis in Moral Theology*

**Vimal Tirimanna** *Pontifical Accademia Alfonsiana*

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**11:40 AM:** *Bible and Spiritual Theology*  
**André Brouillette** *Boston College-School of Theology & Ministry*

**12:00 PM:** *Bible & Western Context*  
**Philippe Lefebvre** *Université de Fribourg*

**12:30 PM** – *Q&A and Conversation*

**1:15 PM** – *Break*

Afternoon Free

**May 6, 2023**

### Session 4 – Cultures/Contexts in Biblical Exegesis

*To define hermeneutics and its workings in the field of biblical exegesis*

**Moderator: Agustinus Gianto** *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

#### General Approach

**9:00 AM:** *Hermeneutics in Philosophy*  
**Paul Gilbert** *Pontifical Gregorian University*

**9:30 AM:** *Biblical Hermeneutics*  
**Marc Girard** *École Biblique et Archéologique*

**10:00 AM:** *Q&A and Conversation*

**10:30 – 11:00 AM:** *Break*

#### Specific Approaches (Panel)

**11:00 AM:** *Bible and Human Life Issues (Anthropology)*  
**Myriam Wijlens** *University of Erfurt*

**11:20 AM:** (Africa): *“African” Hermeneutics of the Bible*  
**Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole** *United Bible Societies*

**11:40 AM:** (Asia): *“Asian” Hermeneutics*  
**Rasiah S. Sugirtharajah** *University of Birmingham*

**12:00 PM:** (Latin America): *“Latin American” Hermeneutics of the Bible*  
**Uriel Salas** *Pontifical Xaverian University*

**12:20 PM:** *Q&A and Conversation*

#### Concluding Remarks

**12:30-1:15 PM:** **Gina Hens-Piazza** *Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University*  
**Paul Béré** *Pontifical Biblical Institute*