The transition from religious diversity to religious pluralism is one of the most important challenges that will reshape the role of religion in contemporary society. The social and religious panorama of the contemporary world is changing, due to the growing pressure of migration, cultural diversity, and religious diversity in particular. The presence of cultures and traditions different from those historically present in the various nations triggers processes of relating and comparing many aspects of daily social life, from politics to education, from economics to healthcare, from legal institutions to media, as well as the relations between generations and genres. The aim of the conference is to highlight how the factual situation of cultural and religious diversity may lead to individual, social and political choices of organized and recognized pluralism. It is a process that leads to redefining both individual and collective identities, moving along a continuum that ranges from exclusion to inclusion.

Such an unprecedented situation requires new tools at both conceptual and methodological levels in order to be described and interpreted properly.
Plenary Sessions: Archivio Antico-Palazzo Bo

Wednesday, February 15 (9:30)
Welcome

Giuseppe Zaccaria (Rector of the University of Padova)
Vincenzo Milanesi (Head, Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Pedagogy, Applied Psychology)
Enzo Pace (Coordinator LABREL)

Parallel Sessions: FISPFA – Section on Sociology, via Cesarotti 10-12
Thursday, February 16 (14:00 – 15:45) AULA 1
Parallel Session 1
Chair: Linda Woodhead (Lancaster University)
Josiane Le Gall (University of Montréal, Canada), Plural Localities, Plural Norms? Religious Diversity in Québec Healthcare Practices
Martin Stringer (University of Birmingham, UK), Religion after Riots: Listening to Discourses on Religion in Inner-Urban Birmingham
Renée de la Torre (CIESAS Occidente, México) From Catholic Monopoly to Religious Diversification: Demographic information Used to Reconstruct the Religious Landscape in Mexico
Carlo Nardella (University of Milano, Italy), Pluralism that Sells. Print Advertisements as Indicators of Italy’s Religious Pluralism, 1969-2009
Emanuela C. Del Re (University Niccolò Cusano of Roma, Italy), Religious Pluralism and Conflicts. Patterns and Challenges in Conflict Prevention and Resolution from Hatfa and Beyond

Thursday, February 16 (14:00 – 15:45) AULA 3
Parallel Session 2
Chair: James A. Spickard (University of Redlands)
Philippe Murillo (University of Toulouse 3, France), From Diversity to Pluralism: American Metaphysical Religion
Mariachiara Giorda (University of Turin, Italy), Religious Pluralism as a Component of Intercultural Education
Antonella Trisolin (University of Toronto, Canada), Democracy and Religion: Rights, Safeguards, and Identities
Andrea Borella (University of Turin, Italy), Americans but Different: The Peculiar Amish Case
Lene Kühle (Aarhus University, Denmark), The Concept of Religious Diversity as an Expression of Religious Pluralism

Thursday, February 16 (14:00 – 15:45) AULA 4
Parallel Session 3
Chair: Jörg Stolz (University of Lausanne)
Anders Sjöborg (Uppsala University, Sweden), Dealing with Religious Diversity: Aims and Realities of Religious Education in Sweden
Roberto F. Scalon (University of Turin, Italy), State-religious Relationship in an Age of Austerity: An “After-modern” Axis?
Harun-Or-Rashid (BRAC University, Bangladesh), From Secularism to Extreme Secularism: A New Dimension of Extremism in Bangladesh
Annalisa Frisina (University of Padova, Italy), Young Italian-Ghanian Pentecostals in Dialogue: Experiencing Religious Diversity, Seeking Religious Pluralism in Verona
Olivier Servais (University of Louvain, Belgium), A Morphological Pluralism: Religious Signs in Virtual Worlds, Warcraft, and Second Life

Thursday, February 16 (16:15 – 18:00) AULA 1
Parallel Session 5
Chair: William H. Swatos, Jr. (Baylor University)
Yenyi Lee (University of Birmingham, UK), Religious Pluralism in the Perspective of Confucian Proposition of “Li is One but Its Manifestations Are Many (li-yi-fen-shu)"
Sophie-Hélène Trigeaud (University of Kent, UK), Religious NGOs at the UN: Religious (non)Diversity and Networks at the Human Rights Council in Geneva.
Fatma Sündal (Anadolu University of Eskisehir, Turkey), Alevi Demands in Contemporary Turkey: Laïcité and the Recognition of Diversity within Islam
Annalisa Buttici (University of Padova, Italy), Challenging the Catholic Church: West African Pentecostal Churches in Italy
Simone Martino (University of Turin, Italy), Forms of Religious Pluralism in the Age of Globalization

Plenary Session 4
Chair: Chantal Saint-Blancat (University of Padova)
Kornelia Sammet (University of Leipzig, Germany), Religious Pluralism versus Cultural Defence: Attitudes towards Islam Taken in Group Discussions on the Construction of Mosques in Germany
Stefano Bigliardi (Lund University, Sweden), A Unity with Many Virtues: From Recognition of Plurality to Integration within Contemporary Discourse on Islam and Science
Rayhan Asat (Xinjiang University, China), Perceptions of Islamic Headscarf Practice and Possible Room for Just Explanation towards Veiling
Bartolomeo Conti (EHESS – Paris), From Muslim Community to Islamic Minority in Italy
Matthias Kortmann (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) and Kerstin Rosenow-Williams (Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany), Muslims’ Struggle for Recognition in Germany in the 21st century: Changing Debates and Collective Responses

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