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## Study Session *Nonviolence in Times of War: Meaning and Challenges*

**Session I 9:00-12:30**  
**By Invitation Only**

9:00 *Introduction & Greetings*  
**Prof. Ambrogio Bongiovanni**  
Director of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies  
**Dr. Nicolás Paz**  
Pax Christi International / Catholic Institute for Nonviolence  
**Dr. Mehoor H. Sanghrajka MBE**  
Institute of Jainology

**Moderator: Dr. Adnane Mokrani,**  
Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies

9:30 **Msgr. Michael Santiago**  
Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue  
*Embracing Nonviolence as a Way of Life*

10:05 **Dr. Mehoor H. Sanghrajka MBE**  
Institute of Jainology  
*Understanding Nonviolence Through the Eyes of the Religion of its Origin*

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

11:00 **Dr. Nicolás Paz**  
Pax Christi International / Catholic Institute for Nonviolence  
*Towards a Lived Theology of Nonviolence: Insights from Practices*

11:35 **Dr. Paola Pizzi**  
École Normale Supérieure de Lyon  
*Nonviolence and Islam: The Development of the Concept of Ġihād in the Thought of the Syrian Theologian and Preacher Gawdat Sa' id (1931-2022)*

12:10 - 12:30 **Discussion**

**Session II 15:00-18:30**  
**Public Session / Registration required**

15:00 *Introduction & Greetings*  
**Fr. Pino Di Luccio, S.J.**  
President of Collegium Maximum  
**Prof. Ambrogio Bongiovanni**  
Director of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies

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15:20 **Prof. Pasquale Ferrara**  
LUISS University / Reset Doc  
*Constructive Religions in the Global Disruption*

15:55 **Prof. Nikita Dhawan**  
Technical University Dresden  
*On the (Im)possibility of Nonviolence in Violent Times*

16:30 - 16:50 **Break**

16:50 **Prof. Tom Woerner-Powell**  
University of Manchester  
*Fanon, Girard, Shariati: Sacrificial and Emancipatory Non-Violence in Christianity and Islam*

17:25 **Prof. Wolfgang Palaver**  
University of Innsbruck / Pax Christi Austria / OSCE  
*There Are Degrees of Nonviolence: Why Absolute Pacifism Is Self-Defeating*

18:00 - 18:30 **Discussion**

**April 17th, 2026**  
**Room F007**

*This one-day session will be conducted exclusively in English, with no translation provided.*

*Registration on [www.unigre.it](http://www.unigre.it) is mandatory to attend the event. Please register by April 16th at the latest.*

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