

February 11–12, 2026

Aula (2nd Floor), Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology, Univerzitní 22, Olomouc

DIALOGUE and RECONCILIATION

A Conference on the occasion of:

The Opening of the Max Josef
Metzger Institute

The Curatorium Meeting of the
European Society for Catholic Theology

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

- 19:30 | Opening of the Conference
- 19:45 | David Fernández Puyana (UN University for Peace)
"The Role of Universities in Building a Culture of Peace and Reconciliation: Diplomacy, Education, and Intercultural Understanding in the 21st Century"

Thursday, February 12, 2026

- 08:30 – 09:00 | Lubomír Žák (Palacký University Olomouc)
"Max Josef Metzger: Die aktuelle Bedeutung des Lebens und des geistigen Erbes eines Märtyrers des Dialogs und der Versöhnung"
- 09:00 – 09:30 | Prokop Brož (Auxiliary Bishop of Hradec Králové)
"„Selig sind die Sanftmütigen“ – Dialog als der Weg zum neu zu entdeckenden Ursprung"
- 09:30 – 10:00 | Discussion
- 10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 | Orysya Bila (Ukrainian Catholic University)
"Between Forgiveness and Political Responsibility: Theological Reflections from Ukraine"
- 11:00 – 11:30 | Fáinche Ryan (Trinity College Dublin)
"Is it always just to tell the truth? The Challenges of Truth-telling on a road toward Peace"
- 11:30 – 12:30 | Discussion
- 15:00 – 15:30 | Mireia Ryšková (Charles University, Prague)
"Durch Niederlagen zum Sieg. Die Lebensgeschichte des Apostels Paulus im Licht von Philipper 2,6-11"
- 15:30 – 16:00 | Emmanuel Agius (University of Malta)
"Reconciliation Through Dialogue: Consensus-Building and Democratic Deliberation in the European Bioethical Landscape"
- 16:00 – 16:30 | Discussion
- 16:30 – 17:00 | Gusztáv Kovács (University of Pécs)
"Theological Perspectives of Dialogue and Reconciliation"



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