

VDTR Open Research Day VIII

Monday, 3 Novembre 2025

Place: Dekanatssitzungssaal KTF (staircase 8, second floor), Universitätsring 1, 1010 Wien

Online: <https://univienne.zoom.us/j/61017517110?pwd=iZrcoaiQlr2xCTOUGgTLYYQ8aXKym.1>

(we will stream the programme in the morning as well as the general assembly)

9.30 – 9.45	A brief welcome
9.45 – 10.45	Presentations I (Moderation: Sabine Joanne Wolsink; sabine.joanne.wolsink@univie.ac.at)
	Markus Oberndorfer - The Person of God - Ways to God through prayer (Bernhard Welte) (markus.oberndorfer@gmx.net) Victor Emmanuvel Savarimuthu - New Political Theology of Johann Baptist Metz in Indian Context (victorisimman@gmail.com)
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Presentations II (Moderation: Tornike Dzindzibadze; t.dzindzibadze93@gmail.com)
	Chittaruvickal Mathew Anoop John - Eschatological Elements in the Funeral Rites of the Priests in Syro Malankara Catholic Church (sleebea123@gmail.com) Rajan Mudiyanappan - Towards an effective Theology of Dialogue: Re-engaging Nostra Aetate with Theological Insights of Michael Amaladoss (frrajankom@gmail.com) Alfonso Mennano - Continuity and Change in the Coronation Ritual: From Charles III to a Future King William (alfonsomenanno@gmail.com)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break
13.30 – 14.30	Student Assembly - Quick Presentation of the VDTR program for the winter semester 2025/ outlook on the Summersemester 2026 - Exchange among PhD candidates organized by VDTR PhD representatives
14.30 -15.30	Guided City Tour along some of the features from the VDTR Audioguide for those interested

VDTR Guidelines

Giving a presentation of one's own research

- The presentation will last a maximum of 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion.
- To ensure that your peers from different disciplines can engage with your topic, please provide a concise overview of your research and clearly state your objectives, as well as the problem or question you are addressing. This is important because not everyone present will be familiar with your topic, or even your discipline!
- **Your presentation must be accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation or a handout.** We will be happy to print your handout if you send it to contact.vdtr@univie.ac.at before the event. We suggest that you keep your slides concise and visual, with limited text.
- Practice your presentation to ensure it fits within the time frame.
- The presentation must be in English (exceptions to this rule are possible but must be communicated to contact.vdtr@univie.ac.at).

Moderating a Panel and Writing a Reflection Paper

- **Introduction of Speakers:** Begin the session by introducing each speaker and their respective topics. If you do not know them already, reach out to them in advance to learn more about their research and expertise. This will help you better understand their work and tailor your questions accordingly.
- **Time Management:** The allotted time for each presentation is 30 minutes, which **INCLUDES** the Q&A session. To facilitate productive discussion, the presenters are asked to keep the presentation concise, lasting no more than 20 minutes.
- **Discussion Management:** Take charge of the discussion after the presentations. Facilitate a smooth flow of conversation by encouraging active participation from both the speakers and the audience. Keep the discussion focused on the main topic and intervene if necessary to maintain a balanced and productive conversation. Prepare one or two questions in advance to initiate the discussion, if the audience does not engage.
- **Reflection Paper:** After the event, write a concise reflection paper of approximately 1.5 pages. Use Times New Roman font, size 12, with a line spacing of 1.5. The paper should be sent to [contact.vdtr\[at\]univie.ac.at](mailto:contact.vdtr[at]univie.ac.at) by November 30, 2025. Please note that revisions are not allowed, and the paper will be graded as "Pass" or "Fail" by the VDTR.
- **Language:** You can write the reflection paper in either English or German, based on your preference and proficiency. In your reflection paper, provide critical reflection on the topics presented. How do the papers relate to each other with regard to the question of interdisciplinarity? What references can be made to your own dissertation topic?

Writing a Reflection Paper (without Moderating a Panel)

- After the event, write a concise reflection paper of approximately 4-5 pages. Use Times New Roman font, size 12, with a line spacing of 1.5. The paper should be sent to [contact.vdtr\[at\]univie.ac.at](mailto:contact.vdtr[at]univie.ac.at) by November 30, 2025. Please note that revisions are not allowed, and the paper will be graded as "Pass" or "Fail" by the VDTR.
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