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**International workshop
twenty-five years after the fall of the Berlin Wall
on
SCIENCE AND CHRISTIAN FAITH IN POST-COLD WAR EUROPE:
A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS**

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Scope of the workshop:

To analyse and determine changes in the science-faith relations in Europe in the 25 years following the fall of the Berlin Wall (case studies Croatia and Italy)

To create awareness of the importance of the field and possible dangers of the present situation

To define recommendations for future actions promoting constructive engagement and dialogue between science and Christian faith

Specific topics:

Main problems and modalities in the science-faith relations, their real versus political and psychological origins and manifestations

Overview of political (economic, demographic...) changes in Europe 1989 – 2014

Situation in Central/East European («post-totalitarian») countries: case study – Croatia – and specific comparison with Russia, Romania, Poland, Macedonia, etc.

Situation in Italy

Fundamentalist trends: creationism, intelligent design, marxism-leninism («scientific materialism»), new atheism, ...

Trends among scientists – types of reductionism, emergentism, Theory of everything, ...

Situation in media, schools, universities

Attitudes of different Christian communities (Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant)

Participation:

By invitation only

Language:

English

Format:

Extensive informal discussions preceded by short introductory talks.

The workshop takes place in cooperation with *Servizio Nazionale per il Progetto Culturale*, a department of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Italy