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Pontifical Gregorian University

## Speakers

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### **Lynne Baker (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA)**

*Distinguished Professor (Emeritus), Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst. Author of numerous articles in journals such as The Journal of Philosophy, The Philosophical Review, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, and Religious Studies; as well as five books: Saving Belief, Explaining Attitudes, Persons and Bodies, The Metaphysics of Everyday Life, and Naturalism and the First-Person Perspective.*

### **Fiona Ellis (Heythrop College University of London, UK)**

*Fiona Ellis is Reader in philosophy at Heythrop College, University of London. Her book God, Value, and Nature was published by OUP in 2014, and some of the themes of this work were taken up in the Templeton funded project New Models of Religious Understanding for which she was Principal Investigator. The other strand of her research involves the philosophy of love and desire, and she is currently working on the question of the relation between desire and the spiritual life with reference to Levinas, Schopenhauer, and Nietzsche.*

### **Louis Caruana SJ (Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy)**

*Louis Caruana, S.J., obtained his PhD from the University of Cambridge, and is now Dean of Philosophy at the Gregorian University, Rome, Adjunct Scholar at the Vatican Observatory and Research Associate of Heythrop College, University of London, where he used to be Reader. His published books and research papers deal with points of interaction between philosophy of science, metaphysics, and philosophy of religion.*

### **Mario De Caro (Università Roma Tre, Italy)**

*Mario De Caro teaches at Roma Tre University and, since 2000, at Tufts University as a Visiting Professor. He was a Fulbright Fellow at Harvard and a Visiting Scholar at MIT. He is vice-president of the Consulta Nazionale di Filosofia, past president of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, and Associate Editor of the Journal of the American Philosophical Association. He has edited twenty collections and authored three books and more than one hundred scientific articles in six languages. He works on theory, moral philosophy, metaphysics, metaphilosophy, and the history of early modern thought.*

### **Andrew Pinsent (University of Oxford, UK)**

*Fr Andrew Pinsent is the Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion and a member of the Theology and Religion Faculty at Oxford University. He was formerly a high energy physicist on the DELPHI experiment at CERN, has degrees in philosophy and theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, and a second doctorate, in philosophy, from St Louis University. He is the author of The Second-Person Perspective in Aquinas's Ethics: Virtues and Gifts (Routledge, 2012) and a wide variety of publications on virtue ethics, neurotheology, science and religion, the philosophy of the person, divine action, and the nature of evil.*

### **Steven Smith (Visiting Scholar: University of San Diego, USA)**

*Steven D. Smith is a Warren Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of San Diego and Co-Director of that university's Institute for Law and Religion. A graduate of Brigham Young University and Yale Law School, Prof. Smith has also taught at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Colorado, and the University of Idaho. His scholarly work, mostly in the areas of jurisprudence and constitutional law, includes The Rise and Decline of American Religious Freedom (Harvard 2014), The Disenchantment of Secular Discourse (Harvard 2010), and Law's Quandary (Harvard 2004).*