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**The ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA DI FILOSOFIA DELLA RELIGIONE (AIFR)
Annual Conference**

**Divine Providence and the Meaning of Human Life
November 11-12, 2021**

CALL FOR PAPERS

To ask oneself about divine providence does not only mean wondering about a central doctrine for the religious faith of all times, but also about the meaning of life and history. The moment of epochal crisis that we are experiencing seems particularly appropriate for a rethinking of this theme starting from the traditional theological and philosophical questions that it raises, but also in the comparison with the scientific vision of the world and with the many contemporary philosophical conceptions that, together with providence, question an ultimate meaning of life and an aim of history.

The annual AIFR conference will address, in the main program of the conference, some major issues on which experts are invited to present their paper:

1. Does faith in providence have a rational evidence?
2. Is divine providence exercised through the laws of nature, the contingency of worldly events and/or supernatural interventions?
3. Do Physical and moral ills contradict God's providential plan or have a role in it?
4. If God's providential plan for the world is eternal, is the future open and the human being free?
5. Is the doctrine of providence compatible with the scientific view of the world?
6. Can technology play a role in God's providential plan or does it tend to replace it?
7. Does it make sense to speak of providence in a secular perspective?

Rules: Abstracts must be no more than 500 words (including title and bibliography), in Italian or English, specify the author's affiliation and be submitted to *provvidenza@unigre.it* by **July 15, 2021**. A reply will be communicated by July 31, 2021.

LOCATION

The event will be held at the university, if possible, otherwise online

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