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Conference participants

Abp. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo

The Argentine Catholic bishop, current chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. In 1976, he graduated with honors in philosophy from the University of Perugia. From the years 1976-1998, he was a lecturer in the History of Philosophy at the Lateran University in Rome. There, in 1982, he obtained the title of full professor in this discipline. In 1987, he became the dean of the university's Faculty of Philosophy, a position which he held for three consecutive terms. In the years 1998-2014, he worked as a professor of the History of Philosophy at Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta (Rome), and in the same year he was appointed Coordinator of the Field of Educational Sciences. At the end of 1998, he was appointed Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, a function which he holds to this day. In March 1999, he was also appointed Secretary of the Prelate of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas. Bishop Sorondo was consecrated by Pope John Paul II as titular bishop of Forum Novum (Vescovio) in 2001, and in 2011 Pope Benedict XVI appointed him a member of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

Abp. Marek Jędraszewski

Polish Roman Catholic prelate. From the years 2012 – 2017, he was the Archbishop of Łódź, and since December 8, 2017, he has been the Archbishop of Kraków. From 2014, he has also been the vice-president of the Polish Bishops' Conference. Archbishop Jędraszewski graduated from his theological studies in 1974. He then studied philosophy at the Pontifical Gregorian University, where he obtained a Master's degree. In 1979, he defended his doctoral dissertation, which was awarded a gold medal by Pope John Paul II. During the period of 1973 to 1975, he was the parish vicar in the parish of St. Martin in Odoalnow. In the years 1980-1996, he worked in Poznań as an assistant professor and as the prefect of seminarians. From 1987 to 1996, he was the editor (since 1990 the editor-in-chief) of the "Catholic Guide" magazine. In 1996, he wrote his habilitation in Krakow with Jean-Paul Sartre and Emmanuel Levinas. In 1996, Archbishop Jędraszewski became an associate professor in Poznań, as well as a visiting professor at the Pontifical Lateran.

Piotr Duda

A Polish trade union activist who has been, since 2010, the Chairman of the Independent Self-Governing Trade Union "Solidarity". From 1980, he worked in Huta Gliwicka as a turner. His work was interrupted by military service in the 6th Pomeranian Airborne Division, which he participated in the Polish Military Contingent "UNDOF" in Syria. After leaving the service, he returned to work in Huta Gliwice. He has been a member of NSZZ "Solidarność" since 1989, and in 1992 he was elected Chairman of the Plant Committee. In 1995, he sat on the presidium of the Board of the Śląsko-Dąbrowski District. In 2002, he won his first election for the position of chairman of "Solidarity" in the Śląsko-Dąbrowski Region, a success he repeated in 2006 and 2010. In the 2010 elections, he was elected chairman of the National Committee of NSZZ "Solidarność" and was re-elected in both 2014 and 2018. He was also the president of the board of the Foundation for the Health of Children and Youth of the Śląsko-Dąbrowski Voivodeship Grzegorz Kolosa. In October 2015, on behalf of NSZZ "Solidarność", he became a member of the newly established Council for Social Dialogue - he entered the presidium of this institution as one of its seven vice-presidents.

Prof. Stefano Zamagni

President of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. Outstanding social activist, Professor of Economics and the former Dean of the Faculty of Economics at the University of Bologna. Prof. Zamagni is a participant, member, or chairman of many organizations which address the issue of social economy, including the Governing Board of the LUMSA University in Rome. He is the international advisor to DISCERN (the Institute of Time Sign Research). He is a member of the editorial boards of *Sociologia*, *Migration Studies*, and *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*; a member of the Human Development, Capability and Poverty International Research Center academic committee at Harvard University; a member of the Scientific Committee of the Pontifical Council for Culture, a member of the National Council of the Third Sector, and the chairman of the Italian Charitable Commission Agenzia per le ONLUS. The area of the professor's research interests includes: economics of welfare, the theory of consumer behavior, the theory of social choice, economic epistemology, ethics, the history of economic thought, and civil economy. He has been honored with many awards, including: the Medal of "Cardinal Raúl Silva Henríquez", Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez, Santiago Chile (2011); The third (3). the annual Premio Sentinella del Creato award (2011); Honorary Doctorate in Economics, Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, Madrid (2010); 18th edition of the Premio Internazionale award per il Dialogo fra i Popoli e le loro Culture; International Award "Economy and Society", Centesimus Annus Foundation, Vatican (2013); Prize Premio San Benedetto, Fondazione Sublacense, Subiaco (2013); a member of the Scientific Committee of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Vatican; a member of the National Council of the Third Sector, Rome; and he has received the Giuseppe Toniolo Award for economic culture (2017).

Prof. Rocco Buttiglione

Italian politician, university teacher, former Minister for European Affairs and Minister of Culture, and long-term parliamentarian. He studied law in Turin and Rome and was a professor at the International Academy of Liechtenstein. He is currently a professor at the Edith Stein Institute in Granada. Author of many books, including ones discussing the philosophy of Karol Wojtyła, as well as on the philosophy of work - which is the basis of the Encyclical *Laborem Exercens*. In his over 100 articles, he has discussed his ideas about philosophy, religion, and politics. His most important publications are: "Il problema politico dei cattolici. Dottrina sociale e modernista" - 1993; "Giustizia e politica tra prima e seconda Repubblica, con Mario Luzi" - 1998; "Il pensiero dell'uomo che dinne Giovanni Paolo II" - 1998; Meridion. La grande occasione, cura di e con Giuseppe Nistico e Antonio Marzano - 2001; "I cattolici liberali nell'attuale contesto politico" - 2007; "Lo stato della democrazia nel mondo, con Gianfranco Fini e Carlo Galli" - 2011; "La sfida. Far politica al tempo della crisi" - 2012; Sulla verità soggettiva. Esiste un'alternativa al dogmatismo e allo scetticismo" - 2015.

Rev. prof. Władysław Zuziak

Head of the Department of Ethics at the Faculty of Philosophy of UPJPII in Krakow, Director of the *International Center for Study of the Phenomenon of Solidarność* (MCBFS), Vice-President of the European Federation of Catholic Universities (FUCE), member of ESSAT (European Society for the Study of Science and Theology) and the Polish Society of Philosophical and Polish Ethical Society. His research interests include: philosophy of man, ethics, personalism, and French reflective philosophy. His major publications are: *Dojrzewanie świadomości refleksyjnej w filozofii moralnej Georgesa Bastide'a i Jeana Naberta*, Kraków 1998; *Idea solidarności dzisiaj* (ed.), Kraków 2001; *Pytając o człowieka. Myśl filozoficzna Józefa Tischnera* (ed.), Kraków 2002; *Aksjologia Louisa Lavelle'a wobec ponowoczesnego kryzysu wartości*, Kraków 2012; *Nurty etyki. Od starożytności do nowożytności*, Kraków 2018. He has given guest lectures and participated in international scientific symposia in, among other locations, in Bochum, Bogota, Budapest, Louvain, Mexico, Moscow, Paris, Beijing, Rome, Seoul, Tokyo and Washington.

Prof. Zbigniew Krysiak

Specialist in the field of risk management and finance. Expert at the Parliamentary Analysis Bureau and in economic practice. A specialist in the field of capital and financial markets, dr. hab. Krysiak has led numerous projects for the stock exchanges. An expert from the team appointed by the President of the Republic of Poland in 2016 to address the problem of Swiss franc loans. Assistant professor at the Department of Risk Management, the Institute of Enterprise and Investment Finance, and the Warsaw School of Economics. He teaches many subjects in the field of finance, banking, financial markets, and risk management for doctoral, postgraduate, MBA, and graduate students. Northeastern Illinois University awarded him the status of Research Fellow in 2012 for his achievements in research and scientific work, which were carried out with the cooperation of the university's academic staff. Author of about 130 publications and over 70 scientific reviews published in the USA. He is a member of various scientific committees of international conferences in the field of finance. He has over twenty years of experience in business practice, mainly in the financial sector. There, he carried out, inter alia, such functions as: member of the Management Board of the Bank Guarantee Fund, member of the supervisory board of TU Europa, and President of the Management Board of the Bank Guarantee Fund. He has participated in the work of the European Banking Sector Committee (EBIC). In 2006, he was awarded the Silver Cross by the President of the Republic of Poland for his contribution to the development of the Polish banking sector. In 2010, by the decision of the General Meeting of the Polish Bank Association and the Management Board of the Polish Bank Association, he was awarded the Honorary Badge of the Polish Bank Association for his services to the financial sector.

Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs

Economics professor, bestselling author, innovative educator, and world leader in sustainable development. Known for his courageous actions aimed at solving many global problems, including various issues such as: debt, hyperinflation, the specificity of the transition of economies from central planning of the market model, the AIDS epidemic, the issues of malaria and other diseases, especially those occurring in Third World countries, escape from extreme poverty and the fight against human trafficking caused by climate change. Prof. Sachs is the director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, where he holds the degree of University Professor - the university's highest academic degree. He served as director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University from 2002 to 2016. He is the chairman of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, the Commissioner of the United Nations Broadband Development Committee, and the spokesman for the SDG for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres. From 2001-2018, Sachs was a special adviser to the UN Secretaries General. He is the author and editor of many books, including three New York Times bestsellers: *Koniec Poverty* (2005), *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet* (2008) and *The Price of Civilization* (2011). Other books include: *To Move the World: JFK's Quest for Peace* (2013), *The Age of Sustainable Development* (2015), *Building the New American Economy: Smart, Fair & Sustainable* (2017), *A New Foreign Policy: Beyond American Exceptionalism* (2018), and most recently, *The Ages of Globalization: Geography, Technology and Institution* (2020). Sachs was a co-winner of the Blue Planet 2015 Award, the world's leading award for environmental leadership. He was twice named among the 100 Most Influential World Leaders of Time magazine and has received 34 honorary degrees.

Prof. Marek Rymsza

Sociologist, works in research at the Institute of Applied Social Sciences of the University of Warsaw, where he currently heads the Department of Preventive Functions of Social Policy. Co-founder and editor-in-chief of the "Trzeci Sektor" quarterly - a scientific journal devoted to the issues of civil society and non-governmental organizations, published by the Institute of Public Affairs Foundation. Member of the Editorial Board of the quarterly "Więź" and "Laboratorium Więzi". Member of the Presidium of the Main Board of the Polish Sociological Society and chairman of the Social Work Section of the PTS. Co-founder and active participant of the Empowerment Cooperation Forum. In the years 1990-2001, he worked in the Chancellery of the Senate of the Republic of Poland as the secretary of the Committee for Social Policy, Family, and Health for four consecutive parliamentary terms. In the years 2002-2008, he was the director of the Social Policy Program at the Institute of Public Affairs Foundation. He specializes in issues concerning social policy and other public policies and social work, as well as in the non-profit sector and civil society. Recently, he has published: *Aktywizacja w polityce społecznej. W stronę rekonstrukcji europejskich welfare states*, Warsaw 2013; *Toward Active Welfare. The Development of Social Work and Community Work in Poland and Europe* (scientific editor of the volume), Warsaw 2014; *Reintegracja. Aktywna polityka społeczna w praktyce* (co-authored with A. Karwacki and T. Kaźmierczak), Warsaw 2014. Lives in Warsaw.

Prof. Katarina Le Blanc

Professor of Clinical Stem Cell Research at the Karolinska Institutet, Division of Clinical Immunology and Transfusion Medicine, Stockholm, Sweden. She received her M.D. from the Karolinska Institutet in 1993 and her Ph.D. in 1999. In 2002, she became a certified specialist in haematology. Her main research interests are mesenchymal stem cells, haematopoietic stem cell transplantation, and immunology. She is the recipient of several awards. Dr Le Blanc is the co-director of the Wallenberg Institute for Regenerative Medicine, co-director of the Strategic Research Foundation for Stem Cells, and co-director for the Karolinska Institutet Theme Centre for Stem Cells. She is Chair of the Research and Education, Hematology Center at Karolinska University Hospital. She is a member of several international and national committees, advisory boards, and scientific meetings. She has mentored many trainees, Ph.D. students, and post docs. She currently has over 100 peer-reviewed publications and reviewed articles.

Jarosław Lange

Chairman of the Board of the Wielkopolska Region of NSZZ "Solidarność", member of the Social Dialogue Council, and Chairman of the Labor Market Council.

Prof. Rodrigo Guerra López

Doctor of Philosophy, specializing in the anthropological foundations of ethics, bioethics, and social philosophy. Director of the Center for Social and Pastoral Research of the Mexican Bishops' Conferences, director of the Centro de Investigación Social Avanzada, and member of the Theological Commission of the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM). Academic coordinator of the Pontifical Institute Juan Pablo II (Mexico) and professor at the Autonomous University of Querétaro, Instituto Mexicano de Doctrina Social Cristiana, Anahuac University, Ibero-American University, Pan-American University, and Atemajac Valley University. He was a guest lecturer at the Catholic University of Lublin during a series of lectures devoted to the memory of Karol Wojtyła. Member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Pontifical Academy of Life. He was an expert at the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 2014.

Prof. Marcin Zieleniecki

Employee of the Department of Labor Law at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Gdańsk and at the Economic Institute of the State Higher Vocational School in Elbląg. Expert at the National Commission of NSZZ "Solidarity", scholarship holder of the Thomas Berberich Foundation in Bonn (1997) and the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Social Law in Munich (1999)

Dr Paulina Bednarz-Łuczewska

Management scholarship holder and business consultant. A graduate of the Humboldt University in Berlin and the University of Warsaw, assistant professor at the Kozminski University in Warsaw. Her research interests include various aspects of dialogue – specifically in interpersonal communication, development, strategy building, and education. Dr. Bednarz-Łuczewska is a member of the International Scientific Committee of the International Research Center for the Phenomenon of Solidarity and the Phenomenon of Solidarity.

Prof. Gustavo Beliz

Argentinian politician and expert in global governance. With more than 15 years of experience in working for the economic, social, and institutional development of Latin America and the Caribbean at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Gustavo Beliz has become one of the regional leaders in innovation for inclusive growth. He has also served as the Director of the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL). He has devoted his life to public service, serving on three occasions as Minister in the National Cabinet of Argentina (Interior and Justice, Security and Human Rights; and Secretary of Strategic Affairs, with ministerial range) and once as Secretary of the President of the Nation (Public Management, and Strategic Affairs) in three different national governments. Currently, he is Governor of Argentina in the Board of Governors of the IDB, the World Bank, the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), FONPLATA, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, FIDA, and the African Development Bank. He has also published 22 books and given over 400 keynote lectures around the world on development, discussing topics that range from the 4.0 Economy to social inequality and global environmental challenges.

Gustavo Vera

Politician, teacher, and social activist in Argentina. He is the founder and director of the La Alameda Foundation, which fights against human trafficking, slave labor, child abuse, pimping, drug trafficking, and money laundering. Pre-candidate for the head of government of the autonomous city of Buenos Aires by the Movement for the Common Good in the 2015 elections. Known for his involvement in trade union activities, he is the national coordinator of the "Multisectoral Front 21 F", and also serves as the head of the Executive Committee for Combatting Trafficking and Human Exploitation and Protection and Aid to Victims, dependent on the Head of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Prof. Krzysztof Wielecki

Works in the fields of sociology of civilization, macrosociology, contemporary social theories, and philosophical anthropology. Professor Wielecki is developing the theory of subjectivity and mass culture. He completed his studies in pedagogy, psychology, and sociology at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, where he began his research and teaching activities in 1977, and where he also obtained his doctorate. From 1987 to 1992, he worked as an assistant professor at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and obtained his postdoctoral degree at the University of Łódź. Since 1992, he has been associated with the Center for Europe at the University of Warsaw. From 2008 to 2010, he was the director of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the APS and the head of the Department of Contemporary Sociological Theories and Macrosociology. He collaborates with the Institute of Political Science and the Institute of Sociology at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, as well as the Political Science Institute at Collegium Bobolanum. He also works with journalism and social and political commentary on the radio and television. Since 1993, he has been associated with the Culture and Education Association, where he implements his own pedagogical and cultural programs.

Marco Bentivoglio

Activist and unionist. Italian coordinator and co-founder of BASE ITALY. From 2014 to 2020, he was the Secretary General of the Italian Metalworkers' Federation (FIM CISL). Previously, he was the national manager of the CISL Youth Locksmiths. Since 2018, he has been a member of the Committee for the National Strategy of Artificial Intelligence at the Ministry of Development and the Working Group for Artificial Intelligence at the Pontifical Academy of Life.

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