



## GUEST LECTURE

### “Christian Interaction with Muslims: Ignatian Criteria”

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Words of Welcome: Bishop Hermann Glettler

Christian–Muslim Dialogue may be celebrated as today’s prime problem solver and may be condemned to be the cause of a current confusion in issues of faith, values and identity. When stuck in an impasse, Jesuits tend to consult their tradition, their experiential way of facing challenges – nameley “Ignatian Spirituality”. In the founding history of the Society of Jesus, Islam and dialogue (the adventure of constructive encounter) were at the horizon, but they were no determinant factors. However, the first Jesuits had an apostolic, cultural and scientific interest in the otherness of other believers. The lecture uses Ignatian key concepts and figures to develop criteria for a Christian-Muslim dialogue faithful to human reason, Church teaching and the testimony of Jesus.

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