



LONERGAN AUSTRALASIA PRESENTS 2025 AUSTRALIAN LONERGAN WORKSHOP



BERNARD LONERGAN

Bernard Lonergan was a Canadian Jesuit, a theologian, philosopher and economist. He is the author of *Insight: A Study of Human Understanding* (1957), *Method in Theology* (1972) and *For a New Political Economy* (1944).

PRESENTERS INCLUDE

Professor Matthew Ogilvie, University of Notre Dame Australia - 'Lonergan, Finality, Love and Politics'

Dr Stephen Ames, University of Melbourne - Are concerns about democracy in the church due to a deficient theology of the Holy Spirit?

Dr Sean McNelis, Swinburne University of Technology - 'The Structure of Human Good, the Scale of Values and Democracy'

Father Robin Koning, SJ, Australian Lonergan Centre - "The Culture has become a slum": The Need for a Primary Dialectic of Culture

Geoffrey Brodie, PhD student, University of Notre Dame Australia - 'Thoughts on the emergence of a final relevant question to guide educating in friendship'

A panel on 'Democracy in the Church'

THEME Authentic Friendships Supporting Vulnerable Democracies

WHEN Friday 16 May to Sunday 18 May 2025

WHERE The University of Melbourne, Parkville

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Jennifer M. Sanders, Mooney Professor in Catholic Studies, St. Louis University, Missouri.



Dr. Sanders teaches courses on Catholic Studies, drawing upon her background in philosophy and theology along with her love of literature, film, and Dr. Martin Luther King. Her role also includes contributing to forming students in the riches of the Ignatian tradition and facilitating the integration of intellectual formation with social, moral and spiritual formation.

PRESENTATION: Meeting Historical Decline with Christian Hope: Ignatius, Lonergan, and Spiritual Conversations

What does Christian hope have to do with our secular age and how can it meet the problem of the longer cycle of decline? Christian hope is essential to navigating this moment in human history because it counters the despair, determinism, and desolation that permeate our felt-sense of historical decline and derail recovery.

Bernard Lonergan's theological response to historical decline foregrounds the centrality of the theological virtues. This paper advances Lonergan's understanding the third differential of history (recovery) by elaborating upon hope, while also proposing spiritual practices to cultivate an increase in hope.

AUSTRALIAN LONERGAN WORKSHOPS

Australian Lonergan Workshops are held every two years. They provide an opportunity to meet, discuss, and encourage each other in furthering our grasp of Lonergan's achievement and collaborate in strategies for handing on his legacy. Workshops brings together international and Australian scholars to explore the challenges our world now faces and how each of us can play a role in transforming the cultures that underpin these crises. Presentations at Workshops are complemented by extensive time for discussion.



EVENT REGISTRATION: In person or online
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