'That a profound sensitivity towards spirituality penetrates all Giordano Bruno's philosophy—as Eugenio Garin puts it in his L’umanesimo italiano—in no way can be denied [...]. A religious inspiration goes through and inflames all his writings, although it later lead him even to the blasphemy against the Christian religion.’ As the statement suggests, religion actually reveals to be indispensable for an adequate understanding of Giordano Bruno's thought and hence for a correct appreciation of attitudes like, on the one hand, his defence of an infinite universe in cosmology or, on the other hand, his anthropological positions and the importance he gave to philosophy by considering it as an ethical and historical mission.

Starting from a re-evaluation of Christianity after Luther’s Reform, the event aims to discuss Giordano Bruno's contribution to the history of modern ideas by focusing in particular on theological, moral, and legal-political aspects of his philosophy, and by comparing his views to other significant sixteenth-century writers, who include: his fellow countrymen Alberico Gentili and Tommaso Campanella, the masters of the School of Salamanca, François Hotman, Michel de Montaigne, François Bauduin, Celio Secondo Curione, and Jean Bodin. In continuity with the first 2 editions of the event and the meetings that preceded it, special attention will be paid to Bruno’s last philosophical teaching: his Wittenberg period and the role of the city in the second half of the sixteenth century, the ‘Frankfurt trilogy’, the treatises on magic, and the trial documentation.

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THURSDAY, MAY 17, 9:00 – 12:30 am
Seminar Room 10, 1st Floor – LEUCOREA Foundation

Giordano Bruno’s Philosophical Reform: The Notion of Infinite
Chair: Angelika Bönker-Vallon (University of Kassel)

9:00
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Welcome addresses

9:15
Angelika Bönker-Vallon (University of Kassel)
Cosmology after Copernicus: Innovation and Restoration in Giordano Bruno’s The Ash Wednesday Supper
Discussion

10:00
Dilwyn Knox (University College London)
Natura est Deus in rebus: Bruno and Iamblichus
Discussion

10:45 Coffee Break

11:00
Miguel Ángel Granada (University of Barcelona)
God and Space: Their Connection in the Philosophy of Giordano Bruno
Discussion

11:45
Paul Richard Blum (Loyola University Maryland)
Two Versions of Infinite: Cusanus and Bruno
Discussion

12:30 Lunch Break

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2:30 – 6:30 pm
Seminar Room 10, 1st Floor – LEUCOREA Foundation

Christian Religion and European Politics after Luther
Chair: Paul Richard Blum (Loyola University Maryland)

2:30
Matthias Kaufmann (University of Halle-Wittenberg)
The Concept of Law in Light of the Spaccio della bestia trionfante
Discussion

3:15
Jean-Paul De Lucca (University of Malta)
Nature, Law, and Religion in Bruno’s Spaccio della bestia trionfante and Campanella’s Ateismo trionfato
Discussion

4:00 Coffee Break

4:15
Matthias Roick (University of Göttingen)
Approaching the Exceptional. Giordano Bruno’s Works in the Book Collection of August the Younger, Duke of Braunschweig-Lüneburg
Discussion

5:00
Sergius Kodera (University of Vienna)
Topographies of Desire in Giordano Bruno’s Candelao (1582)
Discussion

5:45
Thomas Leinkauf (University of Münster)
Martin Luther und Giordano Bruno. Eine indirekte Konfrontation
Discussion

7:00 pm: Refectory / Luther House
Concert: Giordano Bruno (1548-1600)
Biographical Traces: A Life in Music

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 9:00 – 12:30 am
Seminar Room 10, 1st Floor – LEUCOREA Foundation

Ethics, Law, and Natural Philosophy
Chair: Matthias Kaufmann (University of Halle-Wittenberg)

9:00
Elisabeth Blum (Loyola University Maryland)
Panpsychism in Bruno and Campanella
Discussion

9:45
Raffaele Carbone (‘Federico II’ University of Naples)
Ethics and Law in Giordano Bruno and Michel de Montaigne
Discussion

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45
Alberto Bondolfi (University of Geneva)
Wie evoluiert die Lehre des Widerstandsrecht in der reformierten Reformation? Zwingli, Calvin und die französischen Monarchomachen
Discussion

11:30
Alain Wijffels (University of Leiden)
Alberico Gentili and the Ideal of International Governance
Discussion

12:15
Massimiliano Traversino Di Cristo (Le Studium, Orléans, and CESR, Tours)
Bruno’s Christianity in Light of His Trial
Discussion

13:00 Closing Remarks