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DAY 1: 6 NOV 2025 (THURSDAY)

SESSION 1: 9:00 - 10:15 AM

WELCOME GREETING: Mark A. Lewis, Rector, Pontifical Gregorian University (PUG), Italy

Chair: Agustinus Gianto

Genesis 1-2:4a: Prolegomena to God's Ecology and Our Participation in It
Gina Hens-Piazza, Jesuit School of Theology of SCU, USA

Ferocity and Beauty of Lions in the Books of Kings
Peter Dubovský, Pontifical Biblical Institute of PUG, Italy

Respondent: Anthony Soohoo

SHORT BREAK

SESSION 2: 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Chair: Nuria Calduch-Benages

"They have Burnt It with Fire" (Ps 80:17): The Vine Metaphor in the Hebrew Psalter and the Ecological Crisis in Contemporary Ghana
Michael K. Mensah, University of Ghana, Ghana

The Bride as a "Locked Garden": An Eco-Sustainability Retrieval of Nature Metaphor in Song of Songs 4:12-15
Jonathan Kavusa, Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs, D. R. Congo

Respondent: Enrique Sanz

BREAK

SESSION 3: 3:30 - 4:45 PM

Chair: Paul Béré

Sophia as Kindred Spirit: Wisdom of Solomon 7-8 in Eco-Kinship Perspective
Hilary Marlow, Cambridge University, UK

Metaphors of Wisdom: An Ecological Reading of Sirach 6:18-37
Charlotte Obeid, Collegium Maximum of PUG, Italy

Respondent: Benedetta Rossi