

The Future of Hope. An Interdisciplinary Dialogue

Rome, 29 - 30 October 2025

The European University of Rome has launched a three-year program of conferences and study days on the theme of Hope, aiming to explore the various concepts of the Future that have shaped European culture. This academic initiative examines key notions such as progress, innovation, scenarios, projections, future models, expectations, desires, and salvation.

The third and final event of this series is an international conference, scheduled to take place at the UER headquarters in Rome on October 29–30, 2025, just before the Jubilee of Education proclaimed by the Holy See.

The guiding thread of the congress is the pastoral constitution *Gaudium et Spes* of the Second Vatican Council, whose 60th anniversary is being commemorated this year.

This initiative has been included in the program of events organized by CRUI (Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities) for the Jubilee Year and is officially supported by the FUCE (European Federation of Catholic Universities), FIUC (Fédération Internationale des Universités Catholiques), and RIU (Red Internacional de Universidades Regnum Christi).

Conference Structure

The congress will feature four thematic sessions, beginning on Wednesday, October 29, in the morning, and concluding on Thursday, October 30. Parallel disciplinary or specialized sessions may also be organized.

Additional activities may take place on Friday, October 31.

Call for Papers

We welcome proposals for lectures and sessions on the following topics:

- **Hope as a bridge between present and future** – Specific focus on historical and cultural transition periods and contemporary challenges (ICT, AI applications, technology).
- **Human dignity and the common good** – Topics include family, migration, social and cultural integration, demography, and intergenerational solidarity.
- **Education, universities, and research as places of Hope.**
- **Justice and peace** – With a specific focus on sustainability, social justice, diplomacy, and peace-building.
- **Case studies and disciplinary perspectives** – Applied research, concrete examples related to the key themes, and contributions from various academic fields.

The conference is open to researchers and professors from all disciplines.

Submission Guidelines

Lecture proposals should include:

- The lecture title
- An abstract of no more than 300 words
- Speaker details (name, academic affiliation, email address)
- Indication of the preferred session and year of the conference

Proposals for parallel sessions should include:

- The session title
- Three lectures with abstracts
- Details of the chair, speakers, and organizers

Both English and Italian are accepted as official languages for proposals and presentations.

Please submit proposals by **May 9, 2025**, to the following addresses:

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