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SACRU Summer School 2025



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The Freedom of Scientific Research

- After the inaugural Summer School on Liberal Democracy held in Lisbon in 2024, which brought together 35 students and faculty members from 8 countries, SACRU is launching the second edition focused on the theme of the *Freedom of Scientific Research*
- Scientific research is increasingly influenced by political, economic, and ethical constraints, making the freedom of research a crucial topic for emerging scholars. This Summer School aims to explore the challenges and opportunities faced by researchers as they navigate evolving frameworks of academic freedom, funding structures, and ethical considerations
- The Scientific Directors are Prof. **Paolo Gomasca**, Full Professor of Moral Philosophy at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, and Dr. **Darren Sarisky**, Senior Research Fellow in Religion and Theology at the Australian Catholic University



Summer School 2025 – Rome, Italy

- The Summer School will be held in Rome at the Australian Catholic University campus from **Monday, October 27 to Sunday, November 2, 2025**. The initiative is organized in conjunction with the Jubilee of the World of Education.
- The Summer School will provide participants with critical tools to reflect on their academic trajectory, addressing the broader dynamics that shape research today, including power relations, technological disruptions, and the role of international networks.
- The program is intended for Ph.D. students. As it is a multidisciplinary initiative, **candidates from any academic field are welcome**.
- Students will be accommodated at the Australian Catholic University campus in Rome, which has already been pre-booked from **October 25 to November 4**.
- Important information on the initiative is available on the next slide.



Details for the students' selection

- The program fee for Ph.D. students is **€390** and includes:
 - Accommodation in a twin-share room at the ACU Campus in Rome, from October 25 to November 4
 - Meal package: breakfast and lunch on working days (October 27–31)
 - Welcome and farewell dinners, cultural visits, and a one-week Rome public transport card
 - Ph.D. students are responsible for their own travel, airfare, and visa costs. SACRU will provide: €1,000 travel support for each student from overseas (ACU, Boston College, UC Chile, PUC Rio, Sophia); €200 travel support for each student from Europe (Universidade Católica Portuguesa and Universitat Ramon Llull). These funds will be sent by SACRU directly to the respective home universities
- Ph.D. students will pay the fee directly to the Australian Catholic University
- Candidates to be selected by **15 July 2025**



Next Steps Following Student Selection

Faculty Member selection:

- Each SACRU university is expected to be represented by one faculty member.
- Teaching will be remunerated at €150 per hour.
- Professors will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.
- For those unable to travel to Rome due to academic commitments or long distance, the option to deliver their class online will also be available.