

# THE BIBLICAL EXEGESIS OF THOMAS AQUINAS AND ITS CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE

**Monday, April 20**

**CHAIR:** Dr. Jürgen Vlijen

8:00 h Holy Mass

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**Toruń, 20-22 April 2015**  
**Nicolaus Copernicus University**  
**Faculty of Theology**

Venue of the conference:  
Centrum Dialogu Im. Jana Pawła II  
Pl. Frelichowskiego 1, Toruń

W dniach 20-22 kwietnia w murach Centrum Dialogu odbędzie się międzynarodowa konferencja naukowa zatytułowana: "Ku tomizmowi biblijnemu. Egzegeza biblijna św. Tomasza z Akwinu i jej współczesne znaczenie."

Prelekcje podczas spotkań plenarnych będą wygłoszone po angielsku, a podczas paneli będzie podział na grupy polsko i anglojęzyczne.

Zapraszamy.

Konferencja będzie transmitowana na żywo w internecie przez [tv.umk.pl](http://tv.umk.pl)

## PLAN KONFERENCJI:

**Towards a Biblical Thomism.**

**The biblical exegesis of Thomas Aquinas and its contemporary relevance.**

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**Group I (English)**

14:30 h Dr. Jörgen Vijgen: "The Use of Aristotle in Thomas Aquinas' Biblical Commentaries"

15:00 h Jeffrey M. Walkey: "Habituation into Truth and the Exegetical Task: A Thomistic Metaphysical Apologia for the Role of Natural Knowledge in Scriptural Exegesis"

15:30 h coffee break

16:00 h Dr. Michał Zembrzuski: "Ab intus legere Scripturam. The Role of Understanding (intellectus) in Biblical Exegesis of Thomas Aquinas"

16:30 h Prof. Dr. Piotr Roszak (UMK): "The Place and Function of Biblical Citations in Thomas Aquinas' Exegesis"

17:00 h Dr Marcin Trepczyński (University of Warsaw), Logic in Aquinas' biblical exegesis

## **Group II (Polish)**

14:30 h Damian Dorocki (UMK) – Predestynacja – ale jaka? Św. Tomasz i Arminiusz o Rz 9./Predestination – but what kind of Predestination? St. Thomas and Arminius on Rom. 9.

15:00 h Ks. prof. dr hab. Mirosław Mróz (UMK) – „W Nim bowiem nas wybrał przed założeniem świata” (Ef 1, 4). Uwagi o wolności człowieka i przeznaczeniu do życia w chwale w świetle Komentarza św. Tomasza z Akwinu do Listu Apostoła Pawła do Efezjan/ „For he chose us in Him before the creation of the world” (Eph 1:4). A Remark on the Freedom of Man and his Destiny to Glorious Life in Light of Commentary to Ephesians of Thomas Aquinas

15:30 h przerwa

16:00 h Bartosz Adamski (UMK) – Wolność w Chrystusie. Aktualność nauczania św. Tomasza z Akwinu o wolności chrześcijańskiej na podstawie piątego rozdziału Super Epistolam S. Pauli Apostoli ad Galatas Lectura./The Freedom in Christ. The Actuality of the Teaching of Thomas Aquinas on Christian Freedom in the Fifth Chapter of Super Epistolam S. Pauli Apostoli ad Galatas Lectura.

### Group III (Polish)

14:30 h o. prof. dr hab. Bogusław Kochaniewicz OP (UAM)- Hermeneutyka Łk 1,28.42 w „Komentarzu do Pozdrowienia anielskiego” św. Tomasza z Akwinu/The Hermeneutic of Luke 1:28-42 in „Commentary to Angelic Greeting” of Thomas Aquinas

15:00 h mgr Karolina Ćwik (UKSW) – Rodzenie Słowa w świetle Tomaszowego komentarza do Prologu Ewangelii św. Jana (J 1, 1-2)/The Bearing of the Word in Light of Aquinas' Commentary to the Prologue of the Gospel of John (John 1:1-2)

15:30 h przerwa

16:00 h mgr Piotr Orłowski (UMK) – Virgo dirigens? Maryja jako wzór lidera podczas wesela w Kanie Galilejskiej w świetle egzegezy Tomasza z Akwinu./Virgo dirigens? Mary as a Pattern of Leadership During the Wedding at Cana in Galilee in Light of Exegesis of Thomas Aquinas

16:30 h mgr Karolina Olszewska (UMK) – „Wywyższenie” Jezusa w Ewangelii Janowej w egzegezie św. Tomasza z Akwinu/The „Exaltation” of Jesus in the Gospel of John in the Exegesis of Thomas Aquinas

17:00 h mgr Adam Roslan (UKSW) – Odpowiedź Hiobowi, czyli teologia i filozofia zła w Komentarzu do Księgi Hioba oraz innych tekstach Tomasza z Akwinu/The Answer to Job, that is the Theology and Philosophy of Evil in Commentary to the Book of Job and other texts of Thomas Aquinas

19:30 – Opening dinner (Hotel Gotyk)

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15:00 h Prof. Dr. Manuel Lazaro Pulido (Catholic University of Porto, Portugal): “The role of the Logos in the Hermeneutic Dimensions to the Biblical Exegesis of St. Bonaventure”

15:30 Dr. Fáinche Ryan (Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland): “Thomas Aquinas and the Priesthood of all the Believers: Aquinas’ Commentary on Hebrews”

16:00 h coffee break

16:30 h Catherine Peters (University of St. Thomas, Houston, USA): “St. Thomas’ Proof for the Lord of Lord from the Cause of Causes”

17:00 h Aleksander Sztramski: “Aquinas’ Commentary on Psalm 50 (51) against the Backdrop of Contemporary Exegesis”

## Group II (Polish)

14:30 h mgr Michał Klukowski (KUL) – Tomaszowa koncepcja natchnienia biblijnego na tle współczesnych problemów teologii biblijnej/A Thomistic Conception of Biblical Inspiration on the Background of Modern Problems of Biblical Theology

15:00 h mgr Rafał Szopa (PWT Wrocław) – Biblijne tło quinque viae. Autorytet Pisma Świętego w Tomaszowych dowodach kosmologicznych./A Biblical Background of the quinque viae. The Authority of Holy Scripture in Thomistic Cosmological Proofs

15:30 h przerwa

16:00 h mgr Katarzyna Borowska (KUL) – „«Pierworodny wobec każdego stworzenia» (Kol 1, 15-17). Egzegeza św. Tomasza na tle współczesnych badań biblijnych”/” «The Firstborn of All Creation» (Col. 1:15-17). The Exegesis of St. Thomas in light of contemporary Biblical Research

16:30 h mgr Andrzej Kubanowski (UMK) – W poszukiwaniu sensów Pisma Świętego. Św. Tomasz z Akwinu Super Epistolam ad Ephesios i wybrane nowożytne interpretacje egzegezytyczne na przykładzie Ef 5,1-2/In searching of senses of Holy Scripture. St. Thomas' Super Epistolam ad Ephesios and selected modern exegetical interpretations of Eph. 5:1-2

17:30 h Dr Tomasz Huzarek (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun), Eksperymentalne poznanie Boga w Komentarzu do Ewangelii Jana wg Tomasza z Akwinu/ Experimental Knowledge of God in Commentary on the Gospel of John by Thomas Aquinas.

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14:30 h mgr Łukasz Kosiński (UMCS) – Przed tomizmem: Egzegeza biblijna we wczesnej hagiografii iryjskiej na podstawie Vita Sancti Columbae pióra Adamnana z Iony/Before Thomism: Biblical Exegesis in the Early Irish Hagiography on the Basis of Vita Sancti Columbae of Adamnan of Iona.

15:00 h mgr Marzena Zajączkowska (UKSW) – Człowiek stworzony jako mężczyzna i kobieta: dwa ujęcia św. Augustyna i św. Tomasza/ Created as Man and Woman: Two Approaches: Augustine and Thomas.

15:30 h przerwa

16:00 h mgr Andrei Ahapau (KUL) – Św. Tomasz z Akwinu w świetle wybranych pism Benedykta XVI/St. Thomas in the Light of Chosen Writings of Benedict XVI 16:30 h o. dr des Michał Golubiewski OP (ITTPD) – „Obłuda” i „pieczęć” – dwa przykłady Tomaszowej egzegezy biblijnej w kontekście teologii sakramentów./ „Hypocrisy” and „Seal” – Two Examples of Thomistic Biblical Exegesis in the Context of the Theology of Sacraments

17:00 h mgr Paulina Biegaj (UJ) – Ofiara, Miłość, Prawo w wybranych fragmentach „Sumy Teologicznej” św. Tomasza z Akwinu jako komentatora Słowa Bożego/Sacrifice, Love, Law in selected excerpts of the Summa Theologiae of Thomas Aquinas as Commentator of Holy Scripture

Guided tour – medieval Toruń

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