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- faith, trust and hope: history and prognoses -

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Ever since the appearance of the human phenomenon in history, man has been dealing with the mystery of the presence of evil and death in the world... Injustice, violence, suffering, alienation and exile surround us permanently. They reach their peak during wars: *War destroys. War disfigures everything, including the bond between brothers. War is madness, its development map points to destruction*, Pope Francis said (at a Ceremony held on the occasion of World War One Centenary, Veneto region, 13th September, 2014). Historians know the answer given by culture to the great challenges of the past, humanities and social sciences decipher the individual and social mechanisms of present days, theology seeks to convey the hope of Christian eschatologic message.

How does today's man understand the meaning of life, what does "mystery" mean anymore in a secularized world, what does man still trust and how does he relate to religion? Approximately 10 years ago, in his encyclical dated 30th November, 2007, quoting Saint Paul (Romans 8:24), Benedict XVI gave us an answer: «*SPE SALVI FACTI SUMUS – We were saved through hope.*»

Your proposals (the title of your paper and the institutional affiliation) are welcome until 20th March, 2016 to the email address scoalaardeleana2016@gmail.com. Participants will be offered accommodation and meals.