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# Changes in Church Leadership

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### Schedule

- 1. Communicating Witness. The Dicastery for Communication in the Curial Reform**  
Prof. Daniela Tarantino  
*Department of political and international science of the University of Genova*
- 2. The Church and progress: the role of the laity in the Dicastery for Integral Human Development**  
Prof. Emma Graziella Saraceni  
*Faculty of Law at the University of Tor Vergata, Rome*
- 3. Decentralisation in the Roman Curia**  
Prof. Burkhard Berkmann  
*Klaus Mörsdorf Institute of Canon Law, Ludwig-Maximilian-University, Munich*
- 4. Consultative participation of the laity in the ecclesiastical power of governance**  
Dr. Lukas Brechtel  
*Klaus Mörsdorf Institute of Canon Law, Ludwig-Maximilian-University, Munich*
- 5. Changes in Church leadership in the context of Cameroon**  
Prof. Jean Olivier Nke Ongono  
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### Abstract

Pope Francis is reforming the Church's leadership structures. The Catholic Church is often seen as a pyramid. The Pope inverted this pyramid, as he stated: "But in this Church, as in an inverted pyramid, the top is located beneath the base." (Address, 17 October 2015). This might be seen as a paradigm shift. The panel examines changes such as the reform of the Roman Curia or the Synod of Bishops from the perspective of canon law. It takes a closer look at several dicasteries of the Curia and analyses the relationship between global and local church leadership. The focus is on principles such as administration by lay people, decentralisation, synodality and the separation of powers. The panel's speakers, who report on their individual research projects, provide diverse perspectives from Germany, Italy and Africa and also consider possible future developments.

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