



This conference is a critical reflection on the legacy of 1968 as a watershed in twentieth century thought and culture. Taking advantage of the fiftieth anniversary since 1968, this conference will spotlight that year as representative of the countercultural movements of the 1960s as a whole and the various responses that they generated.

The influence of the 1960s in our contemporary culture is still very much apparent. For some, the 1960s in civil rights and anti-war protests gave birth to wholly positive forms of civil engagement and cultural discourse. Others see the legacy of 1968 solely as a disastrous sexual revolution accompanied by the harmful deterioration of moral values. 1968 is also a significant year in the Catholic Church's dialogue with the modern world, with the promulgation of and widespread dissent from Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which he addressed to 'all men and women of good will.'

This conference will examine how the priorities and concerns popularly expressed in the 1960s continue to shape the assumptions that underpin contemporary culture. The movements of the 1960s should not be commended or condemned unthinkingly. This conference welcomes all papers that seeks to critically examine how the tradition of Christian thought might meet with the concerns, values, and ideas adopted, and enacted in the pivotal year of 1968.

Criteria and Deadlines for Papers

We invite submissions from persons interested in critically addressing the legacy of 1968. Speakers should identify new modes of cultural discourses and understandings that arose in the 1960s and evaluate how these new modes of expression might interact with the Christian claim.

Call for Papers

Papers on the following topics and others are welcome:

- Sexual Revolution
- *Humanae Vitae*
- Youth Movements and Student protests
- Civil Rights Movement
- Technological and Scientific Advancements (Apollo 8)
- Vietnam War and Anti-War protests
- Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia
- The Beatles release *The White Album*
- Emergence of Second-wave feminism

Presenters Include:

Fr Wojciech Giertych, O.P., Theologian of the Pontifical Household

Prof. Tracey Rowland, John Paul II Chair of Catholic Theology (UNDA)

A/Professor John Kinder, (UWA)

Total time allocation for each paper will be 30 minutes.

Q&A and discussion on presented papers will occur

in a panel format with other speakers and presenters.

Proceedings will be recorded and posted on the internet, and published in 2019.

Abstract proposals of between **100-300 words** should be sent to **Tom Gourlay**, The Dawson Society for Philosophy & Culture Inc. via email: thomas@dawsonociety.com.au by **15 May, 2018** at the latest.

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