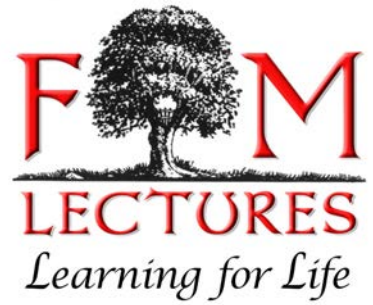


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## 2018 Lecture Schedule

### Friday, February 23, 2018

- 3:00 - 4:30 pm Early Bird Outdoor Activity
- 6:00 - 6:45 pm Registration and Wine Reception hosted by Casa Cassara Winery
- 6:45 - 7:00 pm Singing with Suzanne Hollrah
- 7:00 - 8:30 pm **Intro Lectures I & II** by Professor Caputo and Professor Scott
- 8:30 - 9:15 pm Singing and/or Informal Discussion with Pastor Chris Brown

### Saturday, February 24, 2018

- 8:30 am Singing with Suzanne Hollrah
- 8:45 am Introductions and Welcome
- 9:00 - 10:30 am **Lecture III:** Professor Caputo
- 10:30 - 11:00 am Coffee, Pastry, and Singing
- 11:00 am - 12:30 pm **Lecture IV:** Professor Scott
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 - 3:30 pm **Lecture V:** Caputo and Scott
- 6:30 pm Banquet (Dinner and Program): Entertainment: *Song in My Heart Studio*
- Until 9:15 pm Singing and/or Informal Discussion with Pastor Chris Brown

### Sunday, February 25, 2018

- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 10:30 am Coffee by Atterdag Village
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Panel Discussion:** Prof. John D. Caputo, Prof. Brandon Scott, Pastor Chris Brown, and Dr. Jarmo Tarkki (moderator).

## Lecture Series Registration Form

**Meals are limited—reserve by February 15, 2018.**

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