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Monday 26 June, 2023
10:00 – 13:30 The role of ‘communal sense’ as an element of political culture
Introduction by Jan Assmann and Aleida Assmann
Comments by Charles Taylor and Rajeev Bhargava

Tuesday 27 June, 2023
10:00 – 13:30 Redefining the concept of the human
Introduction by Jan Assmann and Aleida Assmann
Comments by Charles Taylor and Rajeev Bhargava
17:00 – 18:30 Religion, (De-)Colonization and Transformation in Eastern and Western Societies
A dialogue between Charles Taylor and Rajeev Bhargava

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