

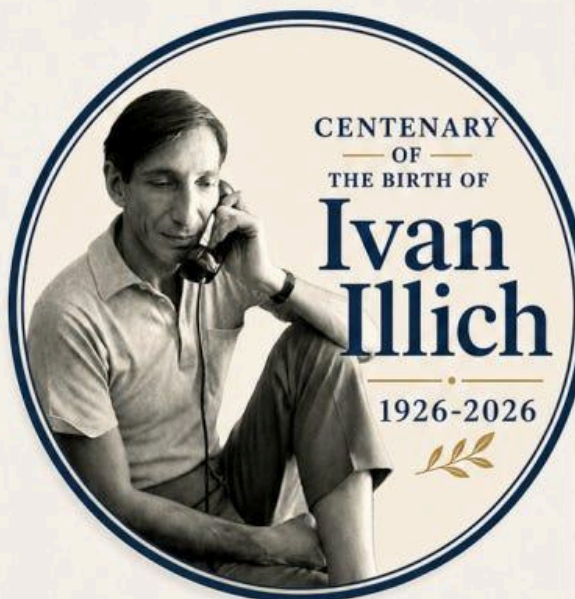


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— WEBINAR —

Remembering Ivan Illich:

*Reflections on
a radical thinker*



Presented by

Dr Rose Calabretta

Ivan Illich (1926–2002) was a philosopher, theologian, social critic and cultural commentator whose bold ideas continue to challenge and inspire.

In this webinar, Dr Rose Calabretta will explore Illich's life, his critique of modern institutions and his vision for a more humane and just society.



TUESDAY
15 SEPTEMBER 2026



7:00 PM AEST



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All welcome

This webinar offers an opportunity to engage with the enduring relevance of Ivan Illich's thought as we mark the centenary of his birth.

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*“Tools shape us and then
we shape our tools.”*

— Ivan Illich



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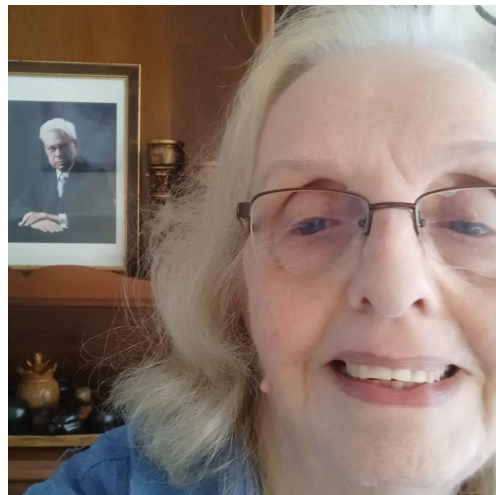
2026 marks 100 years since the birth on 4 September 1926 of Ivan Illich, one of the 20th century's most provocative critics of modern institutions, from schooling to industrial healthcare.

For our next webinar on Tuesday 15 September, we are pleased to welcome Dr Rose Calabretta, who met Illich as a student participating in his Graduate Course at Fordham University, New York, in 1970. She will reflect with us on his thought and teaching based on her personal and professional experience as a sociologist and theologian.

Discover how Illich's radical ideas on conviviality and institutional critique remain urgently relevant to today's social and educational challenges.

And to learn more about Ivan Illich and read or reread his works on our special centenary website (link below).

Our presenter: Dr Rose B. Calabretta



Dr Rose B. Calabretta, born in New York, is an [Idente Missionary](#) and Permanent Researcher of the Idente School. After her Fordham University Bachelors Degree, she received the "Woodrow Wilson" National Award for Erudition, the "Lincoln" Award for Erudition to continue Research in the University of Mexico, and as resident Fulbright and AIIS scholar, she worked as social volunteer in Latin America, India and Pakistan.

She completed her first doctorate, in Sociology, at Fordham University, New York (1980), where she taught for several years, and her second doctorate in Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome (1998); from 1984-1999, dedicating her energies to humanistic and inter-faith dialogue with European youth and cultural circles, she served several years as data analyst in the Pontifical Council for Healthcare Apostolate, as Central European Program Director in the International Jacques Maritain Institute, faculty member at the Pontifical Institute Regina Mundi and the International Institute Camillianum for Theology of Healthcare Apostolate.

From 1999 onwards, as Asian Director of the Fernando Rielo Foundation, she taught in the Verapoly Archdiocese of Kerala, India; in Rome for the Masters of Global Development and Social Justice of the RIID and St John's University; in Manila at the Institute for Consecrated Life in Asia (ICLA) and Ateneo de Manila University.

Frequently visiting China, Japan, Thailand, and India, she also served as Philippine Director of the Idente School, and in Novaliches Diocesan Campus and Youth Ministries. Having presented papers at International Metaphysical Congresses, Asian Philosophical Conferences, and published in scholarly journals, besides co-editing human science works, she is presently resident at the Idente School Rome Headquarters.

WEBINAR DETAILS

Tuesday 15 September 2026, 7pm AEST (Melbourne, Sydney time)

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