The Global Philosophy of Religion Project Conference

Tuesday 22 June - Thursday 24 June 2021

Tuesday June 22nd
11:00 – 11:15
Welcome and Introduction - Yujin Nagasawa

11:15 – 12:05
Closer To Truth Keynote Interview I: Seyyed Hossein Nasr, George Washington University

12:05 – 12:15 BREAK

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Closer To Truth Keynote Interview II: Parimal Patil, Harvard University

13:05 – 13:45 LUNCH BREAK

13:45 – 15:05
Parallel Session 1
  • Hick, Kaplan and Harrison: Three religious pluralism models
    Shaffarullah Abdul Rahman, Universiti Malaysia Sabah
  • The Modal Cosmological Argument for the Existence of God
    Brent Louis Constantine, University of Birmingham

Parallel Session 2
  • Is God all-merciful?
    Vahid Sohrabifar, University of Religions and Denominations

  • An Ash’arite Perspective on Theology of Nature
    Shoaib Ahmed Malik, Zayed University

Parallel Session 3
  • The Kalam Cosmological Argument and the Existence and Nature of God
    Andrew Loke, Hong Kong Baptist University

  • The ‘God’ of Advaita Vedanta
    Asheel Singh, University of Johannesburg

15:05 – 15:15 BREAK

15:15 – 16:35
Parallel Session 1
  • Depending on God: The Case for Power and Manifestation
    Dar Triffon-Reshef, University of Notre Dame
• To be ‘Buddhist Theist’  
  James Dominic Rooney, OP, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome

Parallel Session 2
• Knowledge of God by way of His Signs,  
  Jamie B. Turner, Ibn Haldun University
• Explaining the Cosmos: Creation as Conservation in Avicenna’s Metaphysics  
  Emann Allebban, Providence College

Parallel Session 3
• The Existence of Deities  
  Hans Van Eyghen, Tilburg University
• It's too Good to be False: the Plantinga-Tolkien Argument for the Truth of Christianity  
  Davi Heckert Cesar Bastos, Department of Philosophy, University of Campinas (Unicamp)

16:35-16:45 BREAK

16:45-17:25

Parallel Session 1
• Beyond Presumption: Proof of Olódùmarè’s existence in aféfé (air), ilè (soil), and omi (water) among the Yoruba  
  Akinmayowa Akin-otiko, Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos

Parallel Session 2
• On the Varieties of Finitism  
  Mohammad Saleh Zarepour, University of Birmingham

Parallel Session 3
• Explanatory Consistency and Natural Selection: On Nagasawa’s Problem of Evil for Atheists  
  Mousa Mohammadian, University of Notre Dame

17:25-17:35 BREAK

17:35-18:35

Closer To Truth Panel Discussions I: Traits of God and Other Deities  
Participants: Imran Aijaz (Islam), Aaron Segal (Judaism), Swami Medhananda (Hinduism), Ryan Mullins (Christianity)

Wednesday June 23rd

11:00 – 11:50
Closer To Truth Keynote Interview III: Hamza Yusuf, Zaytuna College

11:50-12:40
Closer To Truth Keynote Interview IV: Victoria Harrison, University of Macau

12:40-13:20 LUNCH BREAK

13:20 – 14:40
Parallel Session 1
- Is Birth Negation Held by Atheistic Antinatalists a Kind of Religious Belief?  
  Masahiro Morioka, Waseda University
- A Hindu Theodicy  
  Akshay Gupta, University of Cambridge

Parallel Session 2
- Divine Creation and Human Errors  
  Lok-Chi Chan, National Taiwan University
- Timelessness a` la Leftow  
  Ben Page, University of Oxford

Parallel Session 3
- The Parallels between Kantian Aesthetics and the Presence of Tibetan Art in the Yuan-Ming Era (1279-1644)  
  Andrei-Valentin Bacrau
- Minimal Explanatory Theism Requires Grounding Indeterminism  
  Kenneth Lee Pearce, Trinity College Dublin

14:40-14:50 BREAK

14:50-16:10
Parallel Session 1
- Atheism as a doxastic privation  
  José David García, Pontifica Universidad Católica de Chile
- Who Needs the Supernatural?  
  Philip Goff, Durham University

Parallel Session 2
- Sufism, God, and Fethullah Gulen  
  Ori Z Soltes, Georgetown University
- Rejecting Passive Faith: Pan(en)theism as a Tool to Fight COVID-19  
  Leland Royce Harper
Parallel 3
- Hierarchy, Identity and Transcendence: A Brief History of the trimurti
  Jonathan Duquette, University of Birmingham
- Wang Daiyu on the Three Ultimates: An Islamic Makeover
  Qiu Lin, Duke University

16:10-16:20 BREAK

16:20-17:00

Parallel 1
- Islamic Neoplatonism: A Contemporary Alternative to Analytic Theism
  Khalil Andani, Augustana College

Parallel 2
- Michel Henry, Dumitru Staniloae, and the world as God’s “body”
  Steven Nemes, Grand Canyon University

Parallel 3
- Rejecting Passive Faith: Pan(en)theism as a Tool to Fight COVID-19
  Leland Royce Harper, Siena Heights University

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Closer To Truth Panel Discussion II: Actions of God and Other Deities
Participants: Adis Duderija (Islam), Keshav Singh (Sikhism), Leigh Vicens (Christianity), Nehama Verbin (Judaism)

Thursday June 24th

11:00-11:50
Closer To Truth Keynote Interview V: V. V. Raman, Rochester Institute of Technology

11:50-12:40
Closer To Truth Keynote Interview VI: Aaron Segal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

12:40-13:20 LUNCH BREAK

13:20-14:40

Parallel Session 1
- God as the Cause of Creation: the Sceptic and the Believer
  Nirmalya Naraya Chakraborty, Rabindra Bharati University
• The Inimitable Ontological Argument
  Gregory Stacey, Leeds Trinity University

Parallel Session 2

• Impossibility-sensitivity in the Ontological Argument
  Hamed Ghadiri, Tarbiat Modarres University / Mohsen Feyzbakhsh, University of Tehran

• Does Panpsychism Entail Theism?: An Argument from Panpsychism to the Existence of God(s)
  Joanna Leidenhag, University of St Andrews

Parallel Session 3

• On ghosts and gods
  Victoria Harrison, University of Macau

• The Puzzle of Divine Luck
  Andre Leo Rusavuk, University of Birmingham

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Parallel Session 1

• Breaking the Sound Barrier of Religious Experience
  Asha Lancaster-Thomas, Atlanta Classical Academy

• “God” and Theoretical Terms: the Semantic and Hermeneutic Function of Natural Theology
  Clemente Huneeus, Universidad de los Andes (Chile)

Parallel Session 2

• Leo Strauss on Philosophy and Atheism
  Rasoul Namazi, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

• Reformed Epistemology, evidentialism and the Kalam Cosmological Argument
  Arthur Henrique Soares dos Santos, UFPA

Parallel Session 3

• The Panentheistic Relationship between the Supreme Being and other Gods in African Traditional Religion: The Traditional Yorùbá Example
  Emmanuel Ofuasia, Lagos State University

• A New Look at the Ontological Argument
  Soufiane Hamri, University of Birmingham
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16:20-17:00

Parallel Session 1

- Axiological Pantheism
  Andrei A. Buckareff, Marist College

Parallel Session 2

- The Concept of “Intelligence”, Between Form and Design
  Ignacio del Carril, Universidad Austral

Parallel Session 3

- The Metaphysics of Relations and Classical Christian Theism: A Call for Clarification
  Jordan Lee Steffaniak, University of Birmingham

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Closer To Truth Panel Discussion III: Metaphysics and Religion
Participants: Tyron Goldschmidt (Judaism), Travis Dumsday (Christianity), Ravi Gomatam (Indian Tradition/Quantum Physics), Fatema Amijee (Islam)

18:10-18:25

Programme Close – Yujin Nagasawa