

The Global Philosophy of Religion Project Conference

Tuesday 22 June - Thursday 24 June 2021

Tuesday June 22nd

11:00 – 11:15

Closer To Truth Introduction Interview: Yujin Nagasawa

11:15– 12:05

Closer To Truth Keynote Interview I: Seyyed Hossein Nasr, George Washington University

12:05 – 12:15 BREAK

12:15 – 13:05

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 a 'Buddhist Theist'
[James Dominic Rooney, OP, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas \(Angelicum\), Rome](#)

Parallel Session 2

- 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: TBA

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](#)
- Knowledge of God by way of His Signs,
[Jamie B. Turner, Ibn Haldun University](#)

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, Pontificia 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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17:10-18:10

Closer To Truth Panel Discussion II: Actions of God and Other Deities
Participants: TBA

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](#)

Parallel Session 3

- On ghosts and gods
[Victoria Harrison, University of Macau](#)
- The Puzzle of Divine Luck
[Andre Leo Rusavuk, University of Birmingham](#)

14:40-14:50 BREAK

14:50-16:10

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

16:10-16:20 BREAK

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: TBA

18:10-18:25

Programme Close – Yujin Nagasawa