

Atheism Revisited

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Wednesday, 25.10.2017

9.00 a.m. – Registration

9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. – Opening Address: Robert Sucharski, Jerzy Axer, Szymon Wróbel

10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. – Coffee Break

10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Julian Baggini (freelance writer/co-founder of “The Philosophers’ Magazine”)

Towards a Coalition of the Reasonable: Beyond Atheism v Religion

11.30 a.m. – 12.30. p.m. – Panel I: Atheism and Theism: Agreement, Disagreement, Misunderstanding

Chair: Gregg Lambert

Michał Krzykowski (University of Silesia in Katowice)

Transatheism and the Question of Spirit. From a War of Words to a War About Words

Konrad Talmont-Kaminski (University of Bialystok; skype)

Unhappy, immoral, covertly religious and mentally deficient

12.30 p.m. – 1.00. p.m. – Coffee Break

1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. – Panel II: Questions of Existence

Chair: Katarzyna Szafranowska

P.X. Monaghan (Doane University Crete, NE, USA)

God* Does Not Exist: A novel deductive argument for atheism*

Krzysztof Skonieczny (WAL UW, Warszawa)

“We Are Still Pious.” On the Hard Problem of Atheism

2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. – Lunch Break

3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Daniel Colucciello Barber (Pace University, USA, skype)

Atheism of No-One

4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. – Panel III: Signs and Concepts

Chair: Adam Lipszyc

Ivan Dimitrijevic (Faculty of Journalism, Information, and Book Studies, University of Warsaw).

The atheistic conception of nature and its political consequences in Plato and Hobbes

Szymon Wróbel (WAL UW, Warszawa)

From the atheism of the concept to the atheism without the concept

5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. – Coffee Break

5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. – Panel IV: Myth and Literature

Chair: Jacek Dobrowolski

Adam Lipszyc (IFiS PAN, Warszawa)

The visible absence of color. The whiteness of the world and the troubled atheism of Herman Melville

Agata Tymczyszyn (UJ, Kraków; WAL UW, Warszawa)

The Orphic Myth of Zagreus-Savior Devoured by Titans and the Idea of Original Sin

7.00 p.m. – Conference Dinner

Thursday, 26 October

10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. – Panel V: Atheism and the (Pre)Modern Landscape

Chair: Julian Baggini

Jacek Dobrowolski (IF UW, Warszawa)

“Atheism and modernity” – some remarks concerning relationships between the ideas of modernity and that of secularism

Mateusz Janik (East China Normal University, Shanghai, skype)

Politics of transformation and Sino-Spinozist atheism of early 1800s

11.30 a.m. – 12.00 a.m. – Coffee Break

12.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Gregg Lambert (Dean’s Professor of Humanities, Principal Investigator, The CNY Humanities Corridor, Founding Director, Humanities Center, Syracuse University)

On the Dual Horizon of the Death of God

1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. Panel VI: Nietzsche, Psychoanalysis and the Death of God

Chair: Szymon Wróbel

Elçin Marasli (GSSR Warszawa)

Atheism as Criticism: Nietzsche’s Oppositions of Destruction and Creation

Íñigo Ongay de Felipe, (Facultad de Filosofía de León, León Guanajuato, México).

New (and old) Atheisms reconsidered

Natalia Lopes (WAL UW, Warszawa)

God of psychotics. Beyond the case of Judge Daniel Paul Schreber

2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. – Lunch Break

3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. – Panel VIII: Atheism and Feminism

Chair: Ewa Majewska

Monika Rogowska-Stangret (IF UW, Warszawa)

Caring as the stuff of the world – revisiting the ethics of care in feminist new materialisms.

Katarzyna Szafranowska (WAL UW, Warszawa)

On the Atheistic Impasse of Jewish Feminist Theology

4.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Coffee Break

5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. – Panel VIII: Political Interventions

Chair: Krzysztof Skonieczny

Andrzej Gniazdowski (IFiS PAN, Warszawa)

Political significance of atheism. Karl Marx' Idea of the 'Positive Abolition of Religion' and the Islamic Question

Ewa Majewska (Artes Liberales Department, University of Warsaw, Poland)

The Grammars of the Weak. On Refrain, Rehearsal and Resistance

6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. – Closing Panel: Atheism Today.

A Discussion on the "Status of Atheism in the Era of Donald Trump, Viktor Orban and Jarosław Kaczyński".

Participants: Ewa Majewska, Gregg Lambert, Julian Baggini, Szymon Wróbel