

International Conference

## Philosophy's Religions: Challenging Continental Philosophy of Religion

Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana

### Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September

**16.30 – 16.45**

Opening Address  
(Lecture room 1)

**16.50 – 18.10**

**Section A** (Chair: Jason W. Alvis)  
Lecture room 4

**16.50 – 17.30** Michael Staudigl (Austria), *On Making Transcendence Together: Reconceiving Phenomenology of Religion*

**17.30 – 18.10** Max Schaefer (Ireland), *Michel Henry's Radical Critique of Religion: Praxis and its Economies of Devotion*

**Section B** (Chair: Bojan Žalec)  
Lecture room 3

**16.50 – 17.30** Janez Vodičar (Slovenia), *The Influence of Ricœur's Biblical Hermeneutics on the Returning to God – Atheism*

**17.30 – 18.10** Anna Jani (Hungary), *Guilt, Confession, and Forgiveness. From Methodology to Religious Experiencing in Paul Ricœur's Phenomenology*

**18.30 – 20.00**

**Keynote Address and Public Lecture** (lecture room 1)

Jean-Luc Marion (France)  
*L'ouverture phénoménale de la révélation*

### Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September

**9.00 – 10.00**

**Plenary lecture** (lecture room 1)

Emmanuel Falque (France)  
*Which Hermeneutics for Today? Philosophy and Theology: New Frontiers*

**10.10 – 12.30**

**Section A** (Chair: Michael Staudigl)

**10.10 – 10.50** Branko Klun (Slovenia), *Giveness and Recognition. A Phenomenological Turn and Its Relevance for Theology*

**Section B** (Chair: Lenart Škof)

**10.10 – 10.50** Nikolaas Deketelaere (Great Britain), *Revelation and Nothingness: Towards an Existential Phenomenology of Religion*

coffee & tea break

**11.10 – 11.50** Christian Rößner (Austria),  
*Mysticism Instead of Metaphysics: Marion's  
Phenomenology of Revelation*

**11.10 – 11.50** Luka Trebežnik (Slovenia), *On  
Waiting, Awaiting and the Hyperbolic  
Nature of Language*

**11.50 – 12.30** Sofia Emilia Holopainen  
(Finland), *How love can be a way of knowing,  
if it is incommensurable with all other kinds of  
knowing? Jean-Luc Marion and the third order  
of charity*

**11.50 – 12.30** Jason W. Alvis (Austria), *The  
Counter-spectacularity of Religion: Or, a Case  
for Inconspicuousness*

### Lunch break

**14.30 – 15.30**

#### Plenary lecture (lecture room 1)

Reinhold Esterbauer (Austria)  
*The Flesh of Creation. Notes on M. Merleau-Ponty*

**15.40 – 18.00**

#### Section A (Chair: Jason W. Alvis)

**15.40 – 16.20** Kristóf Oltvai (USA),  
*Exegesis as Experience: Christology,  
authority, and the return of sola scriptura in  
Henry and Marion*

**16.20 – 17.00** Stephanie Rumpza (France),  
*Philosophy, Theology and the Vertical Axis of  
Thinking*

#### Section B (Chair: Luka Trebežnik)

**15.40 – 16.20** Petri Berndtson (Finland),  
*Philosophy's Possible Respiratory Religion: A  
Merleau-Pontian Ontological Interpretation of  
Paul Claudel's Adoration of the Principle of  
Silence the Abyss as a Respiring God*

**16.20 – 17.00** Jeffrey W. Robbins (USA),  
*From the Phenomenal to the Material: On  
Deep Time and the Impersonal*

coffee & tea break

**17.20 – 18.00** Nadja Furlan Štante (Slovenia),  
*Phenomenology of Givenness as a Challenge  
for Christian Feminist Hermeneutics*

**17.20 – 18.00** Lenart Škof (Slovenia),  
*The Sister of Being: On Preeminence of Love  
in Heidegger*

**18.10 – 19.10**

#### Plenary lecture (lecture room 1)

Noëlle Vahanian (USA)  
*Towards an Ethics for a Secular Theology of Language:  
Historical Event, Genocide Continuum, and Denialism*

## Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

9.00 – 10.00

**Plenary lecture** (lecture room 1)

James Mensch (Czech Republic)  
*Non-Useless Suffering*

10.10 – 11.30

**Section A** (Chair: Nadja Furlan Štante)

10.10 – 10.50 Bojan Žalec (Slovenia),  
*Kierkegaard and Levinas on suffering*

10.50- 11.30 Edvard Kovač (Slovenia/France),  
*Individuality and Chosenness*

**Section B** (Chair: Luka Trebežnik)

10.10 – 10.50 Kadir Filiz (Netherlands),  
*Claude Romano's Possible Contribution to the  
Continental Philosophy of Religion*

10.50- 11.30 Tadej Rifel (Slovenia),  
*"Apophatic philosophy": Going beyond  
phenomenology?*

11.40 – 12.40

**Plenary lecture** (lecture room 1)

Erwin Dirscherl (Germany)  
*The Ethical Significance of the Infinity and Otherness of God and the Understanding of Man as  
"Inspired Subject". Emmanuel Levinas as a Challenge for Christian Theology*

12.40 – 13.00

**Concluding words**

**Lunch**

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