Conference Phenomenology in Dialogue: Religious Experience and the Lifeworld,  
January 26-27, 2018  
Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley  
1735 Leroy Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan 25

Arrivals
6:30  Speakers dinner, hosted by the Jesuit School of Theology

Friday, Jan 26, Day 1

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8:30  Continental breakfast (coffee/bagel/yougurt) hosted by the Jesuit School of Theology.
Registration.

Introduction, Welcome, and First Session
(Loyola room 321, 3rd Floor)

Chair: Olga Louchakova-Schwartz

9:00  Welcome from SOPHERE, GTU, JST

9:15  Keynote Address and Research Dialogue  
Religious Spirituality, an Emancipative Province of Meaning  
Michael Barber

10:45  Keynote Address  
Phenomenology and Local Theory of Mind  
Tanya Luhrmann

11:30  Coffee Break

11:45  Transformative Impact: How Do Religious Conversions Change our Life-world?  
Martin Nitsche

12:30  What Counts as a ‘Religious Experience?: A Phenomenological Exploration of Religious Expression  
Neal DeRoo

1:15 - 2:30  Lunch on-site: Compania/Manresa Lounge, 1st floor
Parallel Sessions

Session 1. Religious Lifeworlds
(Compania/Manresa room, 1st floor)

Chair: Martin Nitsche

2:30  Why We Need the Demonic: A Phenomenological Analysis of Negative Religious Experience
     Jim Nelson and Jonah Koetke
3:15  The Forgotten Rituals of Order: Remembering the First Aesthetic Technologies of Politics
     James Garrison
4:00  Coffee Break
4:15  The Phenomenology of Awe: Core to a Cross-Cultural Religiosity, Key to our Humanity
     Kirk Schneider
5:00  The Inexhaustible Self and Other: The Person, the Community, and the Potential of Ethics
     Stephan Quarles

Session 2. Experience and Tradition
(Classroom 216, 2nd floor)

Chair: Olga Louchakova-Schwartz

2:30  What Do the Angels Say? Scripture, Identity, and the Ascents of Emanuel Swedenborg and Baal Shem Tov
     Rebecca Esterson
3:15  Zoroaster’s Poetic Shaping of His Experience of Revelation
     Martin Schwartz
4:00  Coffee Break
4:15  The Benefit, Risk, and Challenge of a Phenomenological Turn by Shin Scholars
     Gordon Bermant
5:00  Understanding Sri Lalita Sahasranamam
     Karen Mattern

5:45 Coffee Break

6:00 – approx. 7:00  Religious Experience and Music
(Gesu Chapel, 1st floor, outside entrance)

     Cantor Richard Kaplan (music live)

Possibly a shared dinner, off campus
Saturday, Jan 27, Day 2
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First Session
(Loyola room 321, 3rd Floor)

8:30  Continental breakfast (coffee/bagel/yogurt) hosted by the Jesuit School of Theology
9:00  Keynote Address: The Grammars of Experience in Christian Theology Dialogue
      Marc Jean-Bernard
9:45  Bergoglio among the Phenomenologists?: Otherness, Encounter, and Church in Evangelii
gaudium and Amoris laetitia
      Kristóf Zoltán Oltvai
10:30 Coffee Break

Parallel Sessions

Session 1. Phenomenological Theology
(Loyola room 321, 3rd Floor)

Chair: Vincent Pastro
10:45  God’s presence within the phenomenology of life. A phenomenological critique of Alvin
      Plantinga’s treatment of the ontological argument
      Andreas Gonçalves Lind
11:30  Option for the Poor and the Phenomenology of Life
      Vincent Pastro
12:15  Phenomenological Ontology of Good Mind in Zarathushtra’s Dream
      Olga Louchakova-Schwartz

1:00 -2:15  Lunch on-site, Compania/Manresa room (1st floor)
2:15  God, Arbitrary Decisions, and the Metaphysical Consequences
      Leland Harper
3:00  Levinas and the Significance of Passivity in the Christian Religious Experience
      James Cyfko
3:45  Coffee Break
4:00  A Conversation around Evil: A Case for a Narrative Understanding of Moral Scepticism and
      Man’s Capability for Moral Action
      Marius Ban
4:45  The Way of Holiness: Deification as The Final Phase of Orthodox Spiritual Life
      Andrew Vernon
Session 2. Proto-Phenomenology and Interdisciplinarity
(Classroom 216, 2nd floor)

Chair: Courtenay Crouch

10:45  Salpuri and Candomblé: from Suffering to Prospering
Hanna Kang

11:30  “Should I Also Make a Garden Out of the Desert”: Camus’ Story of Janine
Juliet Rohde-Brown

12:15  The Conversion of Jarena Lee: A Ricoeurian Analysis of the Formation of Ethical Subjectivity
Aline Gram

1:00 -2:15  Lunch on-site: Compania/Manresa, 1st floor

2:15  Traversing the Terrain: An Eco-Phenomenological Religious Naturalism
Sarah O’Brien

3:00  Conceptualizing A Phenomenological Hermeneutic Framework of Religious-Spiritual Healing In Chaplaincy Process: A Clinical Case-Study
Parameshwaran Ramakrishnan

3:45  Coffee Break

4:00  Towards a Contemplative Science of Religions: A Methodological Inquiry
Rory McEntee

4:45  Mental Visualization, the Phenomenology of Birth, and a Philosophy of Mind
Anna Hennessey