



(Ir)Rationality and Religiosity during Pandemics:
Phenomenological Criticism

WEBINAR
16&17 Sept 2020
2PM Central European Time

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Bruce Ellis Benson
Tripp Fuller
Sarah Lane Ritchie

SEE FULL PROGRAM
<https://sophere.org/conferences/irrationality-religiosity-and-causality-during-pandemics-phenomenological-criticism/>

In order to access the webinar or participate it is necessary to first register. TO REGISTER simply please send your full name to: viennaweb2020@sophere.org

HOSTED BY The University of Vienna, Institute for Philosophy,
ORGANIZED BY Jason W. Alvis, Olga Louchakova-Schartz, & Michael Staudigl

universität **FWF**
WIEN
Der Wissenschaftsfonds

All times are set to Central European Time (Vienna Austria)

September 16

13:40-14:00 - Michael Staudigl & Jason Alvis (Vienna): Introduction: Why a Conference about Irrationality and Religion during a Pandemic?

Session 1: Divine Science, UnGodly Religion? (Moderator: Michael Staudigl)

14:00-14:30 - Andrew Oberg (University of Kochi, Japan): Enervating the Divine

14:30-15:00 - Nataliya Shok (Privolzhsky Research Medical University, Russia): Christian Bioethics and Resilience of Soviet Heritage in Russia During Covid-19: Does a "Science and Religion" Concept Exist in Medicine?

15:00-15:30 - Daniel Conway (Texas A&M University, USA): Paneloux: COVID Lessons from Camus

(Ir)Rationality and Reigiosity During Pandemics: Phenomenological Criticism

15:30-16:00 ****BREAK****

16:00-17:00 – **KEYNOTE --- Bruce Ellis Benson (University of St. Andrews): Which God Will Save Us? The Salvific Mythoi of Science and Religion in a Age of Pandemic**

17:10-17:40 ****BREAK****

17:40-18:00 - Olga Louchakova-Schwartz (President of SOPHERE, UC Davis and Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley CA, USA)- Presidential Address “Pandemics: The Blind Spot of Reason”

Session 2: Home Alone and the Absence of Social Reason (Moderator: Jason Alvis)

18:00-18:30 - Yu-Ming Stanley Goh (Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, USA): O Reason, Where Art Thou? : The Rationality of Conversion and a Pedagogical Response to the Pandemic

18:30-19:00 - Emil Salim (Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Reformed Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia)): Stabilitas in Congregatione: Navigating The Stay-at-Home Order with Benedictine Stability During the Coronovirus Pandemic

19:00-19:30 - Walter Scott Stepanenko (John Carroll University, USA): W.E.B. Du Bois and Ecclesial Rationality in “Of the Faith of the Fathers”

19:30-19:50 - ****BREAK****

Session 3: Making Relevance Together vs. the Limits of Reasoning (All) Alone

(Moderator: Olga Louchakova-Schwartz)

19:50-20:20 - Michael Barber (St. Louis University, USA): The COVID Virus as Imposed Relevance

20:20-20:50 - Sevgi Demiroglu (Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar): The Levels of (Ir)Rationality during Pandemics: the Case of *Üfürükçü*

September 17

Session 4: Religion after The Crisis (Moderator: Jason Alvis)

15:00-16:00 **KEYNOTE - - - Tripp Fuller & Sarah Lane Ritchie (The University of Edinburgh Scotland): Title: "Of Monuments and Matter: Beyond a Return to Normal"**

16:00-16:30 - Carl Raschke (University of Denver, USA): Why there will *not* be a Great Spiritual Revival after the Pandemic

(Ir)Rationality and Reigiosity During Pandemics: Phenomenological Criticism

16:30-17:00- Simeon Theojaya (Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Reformed, Jakarta Indonesia):
Essentiality and Proximity in Times of Crises: Anthropodicy Beyond the Limits of Reason Alone

17:00-17:20 - ****BREAK****

Session 5: The Transformative Resources of Religion vs Human Arrogance (Moderator -
Michael Staudigl)

17:20-17:50 - Enrico Cerasi (University "Vita e Salute" – San Raffaele, Milan, Italy): The Bare Life
and Faith in Christ. Some Remarks on the Spread of Covid-19

17:50-18:20 *****BREAK*****

18:20-18:50 - Todd DuBose (The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, USA):
Virally Masked Transcendence: Once Again Flying too Close to the Sun

-----18:50-19:10 ****BREAK****

Session 6: Subjection, Subjectivity, and Bad Subjects (Moderator: Olga Louchakova-Schwartz)

19:10-19:40 - Mirela Oliva (University of St. Thomas, Houston, USA): How to Reasonably Wait
for the End of the World: Aquinas and Heidegger on the *Thessalonians*

19:40-20:10 - Jason Alvis (University of Vienna): Persecuted Tyrants with Christian Masks:
Analyzing the Victimhood of Some Evangelical Authority Figures During a Pandemic

20:10-21:00 – **CONCLUDING LECTURE --- James Mensch (Charles University, Prague, Czech
Republic): Subjectivity in the Age of Pandemics**

* * *

This webinar is conducted within the framework of the Society for the Phenomenology of Religious Experience, is based at the University of Vienna in the Institute for Philosophy, in cooperation with the "Centre for Religion and Transformation", and with the financial support of the FWF research grants, "Revenge of the Sacred: Phenomenology and the ends of Christianity in Europe" (FWF P) and "Secularism and it's Discontents: toward a Phenomenology of Religious Violence" (FWF P 29599)