

(Ir)Rationality and Religiosity During Pandemics: Phenomenological Criticism

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

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 Coronavirus 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*

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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

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

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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**

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