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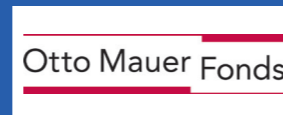
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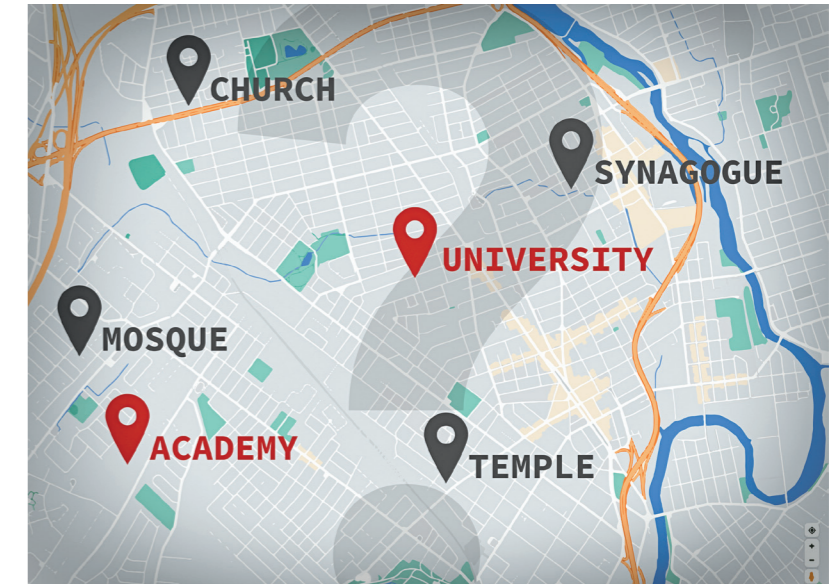
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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH

- 14:00–14:30** **Welcome Address & Introduction**
Oliver Schmitt | President of the Division of Humanities and the Social Sciences at the Austrian Academy of Sciences
Waldemar Zacharasiewicz | Chair of the Commission The North Atlantic Triangle
Herta Nagl-Docekal | Member of the Commission
- 14:30–15:30** **Keynotes**
Chair: Waldemar Zacharasiewicz
- 14:30** **William Sweet** | St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Canada
Philosophical Pluralism and Religious Faith
- 15:00** **Charles Reagan Wilson** | University of Mississippi
Southern Civil Religion: The Intertwining of the Sacred and the Secular in the American South
- 15:30–16:00** COFFEE BREAK
- 16:00–18:30** **Religion in Critical Theory**
Chair: Herta Nagl-Docekal
- 16:00** **Brendan Moran** | University of Calgary
Time of Healing: Walter Benjamin's Messianism
- 16:30** **Maureen Junker-Kenny** | Trinity College, Dublin
Defining what is "Extraterritorial": Religion and Utopia in Habermas and Ricœur
- 17:00–17:30** COFFEE BREAK
Chair: Maureen Junker-Kenny
- 17:30** **Herta Nagl-Docekal** | University of Vienna
Re-considering the Distinction between Atheists and Believers, or: Max Horkheimer's Reading of Kant
- 18:00** **Irene Kajon** | Sapienza University Rome
God as the Infinite: Martin Buber's Interpretation of Kant's Concept of Religion

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH

- 09:30–11:00** **Post-Kantian Approaches to Religion**
Chair: William Sweet
- 9:30** **Sami Pihlström** | University of Helsinki, Finland
On Secular Theodicies and Antitheodicies (with References to American Pragmatism)
- 10:00** **Ludwig Nagl** | University of Vienna
Beyond Dogmatic Scientism: Hilary Putnam on Religious Faith
- 10:30** **Ruth Abbey** | Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne
Angles and Angels: Charles Taylor and Steven Pinker on Moral Progress in History
- 11:00–11:30** COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30–16:00** **Religion in U.S. Literature and Politics**
Chair: Martin Löschnigg
- 11:30** **Waldemar Zacharasiewicz** | University of Vienna
Critical Perspectives on Self-Sufficing Humanism in Southern Fiction
- 12:00** **Manfred Siebald** | University of Mainz
Competing Quests for a Hidden God in John Updike's "Roger's Version"
- 12:30** **Carmen Birkle** | Philipps-University Marburg
Science and Religion in U.S.-Pandemic Literature
- 13:00–15:00** LUNCH BREAK
Chair: Siegfried Beer
- 15:00** **Tibor Frank** | Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
Church and Nation: The Role of Religion in Maintaining National Identity of Hungarian Immigrants in the US, 1880–1914
- 15:30** **David Staines** | University of Ottawa
Marshall McLuhan, Northrop Frye, and the World
- 16:00–16:30** COFFEE BREAK

16:30–17:30 Religion in Deconstruction

Chair: Ludwig Nagl

- 16:30** **John D. Caputo** | Syracuse University, NY
Suspending the Transcendental Signified, Suspending the Supernatural Signified, Upending the Secular/Religious Distinction
- 17:00** **Gertrude Postl** | Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY
"This Incredible Need to Believe": Julia Kristeva's Reinvention of Secular Humanism at the Crossroad of Religion, Psychoanalysis, and Politics

SATURDAY, 26 MARCH

10:00–11:30 Re-Framing Theological Issues

Chair: Philipp Gassert

- 10:00** **Christoph Irmscher** | Indiana University, Bloomington
God of the Genome or Shades of Gray? When Belief Seems Preferable to Unbelief
- 10:30** **Michael Hochgeschwender** | LM University Munich
Catholicism in the Defense? The Critique of Modernity in Catholic Neo-Scholastics
- 11:00** **Klaus Viertbauer** | Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt
Religious Convictions and Public Reason
- 11:30–12:00** COFFEE BREAK
- 12:00–13:30** **Religion in Poetry, Music and Visual Media**
Chair: Wynfrid Kriegleder

- 12:00** **Alois Woldan** | University of Vienna
Religious Aspects in Ukrainian Poetry: The Case of Vasyl' Stus
- 12:30** **Federico Celestini** | University of Innsbruck
Gustav Mahler's Symphonic Transcendence and its Counterparts
- 13:00** **Jörg Türschmann** | University of Vienna
Serial Baroque in the TV Show "American Gods"

13:30 End of Conference