

THE ORIGINS OF RELIGION IN PHILOSOPHY, THEOLOGY, AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

5th Nordic Conference in Philosophy of Religion, 8th-11th June 2015, University of Helsinki

Organized by Nordic Society for Philosophy of Religion in conjunction with the Centre of Excellence Reason and Religious Recognition, Faculty of Theology, and Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies (University of Helsinki and Academy of Finland)

Program

8.6. Monday

14.00-14.10 Opening words by Timo Koistinen

14.10-15.30 Simo Knuuttila: The origin of religion

Coffee

16.00-17.00 Section A: Pragmatism

16.00 Ulf Zackariasson: Pragmatism, conceptual relativity and the origins of religion

16.30 Sami Pihlström: A pragmatist perspective on the problem of evil

17.30 Reception

NSPR board meeting (18.30)

9.6. Tuesday

9.30-11.00 Ingolf U. Dalferth: Religion and the emergence of transcendence

11.00-12.30 Sigridur Thorgeirsdóttir: The origin of religion in the body

Lunch

14.00-16.00 Section A: CSR

14.00 Aku Visala: Homo religiosus and theological anthropology: three theological interpretations of the origins of religion

14.30 Tony Pacyna: The hen and egg principle of religion and theology

15.00 Jaan Kivistik: On the ideology of religious studies

15.30 Lari Launonen: Evolutionary debunking arguments against theism and two defensive strategies

Section B: Explanation and Understanding

14.00 Leila Haaparanta: Testimonies of faith and contemporary theories of assertion

Section B: Religion, Magic, and Rituals

15.00 Miira Tuominen: On the origins of sacrifice: Porphyry's ethics of piety

15.30 Erik Eliasson: Iamblichus on traditional religious ritual, theurgy, and virtue

Break

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| 16.30-18.00 | Section A: CSR | Section B: Religion, Magic, and Rituals |
| 16.30 | Paul Rezkalla: Can cognitive science of religion undermine religious belief? | 16.30 Laura Hellsten: Re-imagining the rituals of the Christian inheritance with the help of Dance |
| 17.00 | Anne Kull: Relating scientific explanations and religious interpretations | 17.00 Iveta Leitane: Magic in Jewish philosophy of religion |
| 17.30 | Normunds Titans: Theology after sociobiological explanations of religion: the case of LeRon Shults | |

NSPR general meeting (18.00)

Dinner (19.30)

10.6. Wednesday

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| 9.30-11.00 | Jan-Olav Henriksen: A new basis for natural religion? Recent explanations of religion and their challenges to contemporary philosophy of religion | |
| 11.00-13.00 | Section A: CSR | Section B: Explanation and Understanding |
| 11.00 | Mikko Sillfors: Atheistic spirituality: what is it and what makes it possible? | 11.00 Marius Mjaaland: The grammatical origins of religion revisited |
| 11.30 | Olli-Pekka Vainio: What has theology to do with religion? Dual-process theory, cognitive science of religion and a curious blind spot in contemporary theorization | 11.30 Silviya Serafimova: Theory of ethical demand. Are there any reasons to talk about ontological ethics within Christian ethics? |
| | Section A: Religion/Theology | |
| 12.00 | Johann-Albrecht Meylahn: Religion without theology ... theology without religion | 12.00 Hugo Strandberg: Religious belief and self-deception |
| 12.30 | Kosti Joensuu: Critique of western metaphysics and rationalism in Lars Levi Laestadius' apology of pietism | 12.30 Atis Sinka: The archetype of transcendence: Jungian approach to origins of religion |

Lunch

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| 14.00-15.00 | Section A: Religion/Theology |
| 14.00 | Marianna Shakhnovich: The origin of new forms of "popular religion" and narratives of mass culture |
| 14.30 | Mohsen Shabani: The status of theology in religion and spirituality |

Keynote and section A lectures will be held in the University main building, lecture room 13 (Pr sl 13).

Section B lectures will be held in the University main building, lecture room 14 (Pr sl 14).

11.6. Thursday: Symposium organized by the Centre of Excellence *Reason and Religious Recognition*

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10.00-10.30 Welcome and Foreword to the Symposium by Risto Saarinen and Sami Pihlström (University of Helsinki, Coe)

10.30-11.30 Wayne Proudfoot (Columbia University): Recognition, religion, and inquiry

11.30-12.15 Heikki Ikäheimo (University of New South Wales): Conceptualizing causes for lack of recognition: capacities, costs and understanding

Lunch

13.45-14.45 Thomas Schmidt (Johann Wolfgang Goethe University): Recognition and absolute disruption. Brandom's and Bataille's Hegel on experience and religion.

14.45-15.30 Heikki J. Koskinen and Ritva Palmén (University of Helsinki, Coe): Mediated recognition and agreement in conflict: Peter Alfonsi's *Dialogi Contra Iudaeos*.

Coffee

15.45-16.30 Minna Hietamäki (University of Helsinki, CoE): Ecumenical Recognition and the Toleration of Otherness

16.30-17.15 Panu-Matti Pöykkö (University of Helsinki, CoE): Levinas on Judaism

17.15-18.00 Hanne Appelqvist (University of Helsinki, CoE): Wittgenstein on the impossibility of a dialogue between the believer and the atheist

The Centre of Excellence symposium will be held in the University main building, lecture room 13 (Pr sl 13)