

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**
(Gesù 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