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Conference Venue: Titania Hotel, 52 Panepistimiou Avenue, Athens, Greece (close to metro station *Panepistimio*)

Monday 27 May 2019

07:50-08:40 Registration and Refreshments

08:50-09:20 (Room C - 10th Floor): [Welcome and Opening Address](#) by Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

09:30-11:00 Session I (Room D - 10th Floor): Religion, Empathy and Moral Concerns

Chair: Tennyson Samraj, Professor, Burman University, Canada.

1. Simon Glynn, Professor, Florida Atlantic University, USA. The Postmodern Constitution of an Ethics of Empathy.
2. Giuseppe Naimo, Senior Lecturer, University of Notre Dame Australia, Australia. A Metaphysical and Epistemological Critique of Psychiatry.
3. Claudia Simone Dorchain, Postdoctoral Researcher/Entrepreneur, Germany/France. Why we are in Need of Negative Theology - The Destructive Role of Religion Proves Martha Nussbaum Wrong.

11:00-12:30 Session II (Room D - 10th Floor): The Right to Sacred Place, Defining Religion and Understanding Pragmatic Wisdom (Phronesis) as Basis for Religious Dialogue

Chair: Giuseppe Naimo, Senior Lecturer, University of Notre Dame Australia, Australia.

1. Stephen Boyd, John Allen Easley Professor of Religion, Wake Forest University, USA. Collaborating to Defend Native American Human Rights and the Earth: Theological Resources.
2. Wendy Felese, Professor, Regis University, USA. Reorientation in the Field: Why Religion Matters.
3. Bob Robinson, Senior Fellow Emeritus, Laidlaw College, New Zealand. Φρόνησις: A Significant and Over-looked Dimension in Inter-religious Relations.

12:30-14:00 Session III (Room D - 10th Floor): Topics Related to Africa and South Africa: Education, Conflict and Hermeneutics

Chair: Scott Rubarth, Associate Professor, Rollins College, USA.

1. Johan Buitendag, Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa. The Challenges of Theological Education in the 21st Century and in Africa.
2. Elelwani Farisani, Chair of Department, Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa. The Conflict between the Poor and the Wicked in Psalm(s) 9 and 10 and its Significance for the South African Context.

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 Session IV (Room B - 10th Floor): Philosophy, Religion and Conscience

Chair: Johan Buitendag, Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

1. Alan Hueth, Professor, Point Loma Nazarene University, USA. Preachers, Teachers, and Prophets: A Philosophical Exploration for a Christian Paradigm for Media Literacy.
2. Johan A Van Rooyen, Associate Researcher, University of Pretoria, South Africa. Why Religious Human beings need Evolutionary Epistemology! A Theological and Evolutionary viewpoint of 'Why Humans need to Embrace Evolutionary Epistemology.'
3. Adina Portaru, Legal Counsel, ADF International, Belgium. The Need to Protect Freedom of Conscience of Medical Staff.

21:30-23:30 Greek Night and Dinner

Tuesday 28 May 2019

07:30-10:15 Session V: An Educational Urban Walk in Modern and Ancient Athens

Group Discussion on Ancient and Modern Athens

Visit to the Most Important Historical and Cultural Monuments of the City (be prepared to walk and talk as in the ancient peripatetic school of Aristotle)

10:30-12:30 Session VI (Room B - 10th Floor): History, Music and Symbol: History of Papal Election in 1903, Extraordinary Performance in Music, Vocal Excellence and the Cross as a Symbol

Chair: Elelwani Farisani, Chair of Department, Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa.

1. Michel Tombroff, Artist, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA. Kronecker, Einstein and the Cross.
2. Alice Reininger, Independent Researcher, Austria. "Personae non Gratae" - The Successful Intervening of a Catholic State in the Papal Elections of 1903.

12:30-14:00 Session VII (Room B - 10th Floor): Philosophical Issues

Chair: Meredith Drees, Chair, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Kansas Wesleyan University, USA.

1. William O'Meara, Professor, James Madison University, USA. Kant and Moral Despair.
2. Andrew Ward, Lecturer, University of York, UK. Had Parfit Refuted Kant's Account of the Freedom Required for Moral Responsibility?
3. Antoine Rebourg, PhD Student, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland. Mental Muscle and Action in Strength of Will.

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 Session VIII (Room B - 10th Floor): Special Topics

Chair: Tiago de Lima Castro, PhD Student, UNESP, Brazil.

1. Krzysztof Czerniawski, Adjunct Professor, University of Warsaw, Poland. Waismann, Church, and the Beginning of Alethic Pluralism.
2. Mohamed Almisbkawy, Assistant Professor, The British University in Egypt, Egypt. Western Metaphysics of Exclusion and its Impact upon Interpretation of Buddhist Logic.

21:00-22:30 Dinner

**Wednesday 29 May 2019
Mycenae and Island of Poros Visit
Educational Island Tour**

**Thursday 30 May 2019
Delphi Visit**

**Friday 31 May 2019
Ancient Corinth and Cape Sounion**

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