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Conference Venue: The Stanley Hotel, 1 Odiseos Street, Karaiskaki Square, 104 37 Athens (close to Metaxourgeio metro station)

Monday 22 May 2017

08:00-09:00 Registration and Refreshments

09:00-09:30 (Room C-Mezzanine Floor) Welcome and Opening Address

Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

09:30-11:00 Session I (Room D-3rd Floor): Philosophy of Religion

Chair: William O'Meara, Academic Member, ATINER & Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, James Madison University, USA.

1. Marcelo Maciel, Professor, The Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Religion and Life Conduct: Some Affinities between Max Weber and Greek Scepticism.
2. Tennyson Samraj, Professor, Burman University, Canada. The Essence of God and the Identity of God as God.
3. Sergey Lepekhov, Deputy Director, Institute of Mongolian, Buddhist and Tibetan Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia & Elena Lepekhova, Senior Research Officer, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia. Interfaith Dialogue in the Modern World: Problems and Prospects.

11:00-12:30 Session II (Room C-Mezzanine Floor): Medieval

Chair: Lin Ma, Associate Professor, Renmin University of China, China.

1. Charles Bolyard, Professor, James Madison University, USA. *Hexis* and *Haecceitas*: John Duns Scotus and the Stoics on Unity and Individuation.
2. Martyna Koszkalo, Assistant Professor, University of Gdansk, Poland. Free Will, Grace and God. The Problem of Predestination of Human Being according to John Duns Scotus.

11:00-12:30 Session III (Room D-3rd Floor): Ethics I

Chair: Chin-Tai Kim, Professor, Case Western Reserve University, USA.

1. Simon Glynn, Professor, Florida Atlantic University, USA. From a Deconstruction of Ethical Foundations to a Non-Foundational Ethics.
2. Tonci Kocic, Assistant Professor, University of Split, Croatia. Designer Babies Project as Possible New Racism.
3. Prasasti Pandit, Assistant Professor, West Bengal Higher Education Department, India. On the Principle of Beneficence: A Comparative Analysis on its Three Fundamental Views.

12:30-14:00 Session IV (Room D-3rd Floor): Metaphysics I

Chair: Simon Glynn, Professor, Florida Atlantic University, USA.

1. Richard Grandy, Professor, Rice University, USA. Emergence by Recursion.
2. Mohamed Almiskawy, Assistant Professor, British University in Egypt / Fayoum University, Egypt. The Role of Metaphor in Axiomatic System.
3. Andrew Ward, Lecturer, University of York, UK. The Survival of Persons: A Reply to Parfit's Reductionism.

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 Session V (Room D-3rd Floor): Ethics II

Chair: Sandra Fairbanks, Professor, Barry University, USA.

1. Bjorn Freter, Independent Scholar, Germany. Tolerance, Seriousness and Faith. An Existential-Formal Approach to Tolerance.
2. William O'Meara, Professor, James Madison University, USA. Marx and the Hypothetical Moral Imperative.
3. Chin-Tai Kim, Professor, Case Western Reserve University, USA. Wonder as the Experiential Origin of Philosophy.
4. Paulo Irineu Barreto Fernandes, Professor, Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Triângulo Mineiro, Brazil. The Philosophy of "The Dark Side of the Moon", by Pink Floyd: The Teaching of Philosophical Contents, From the Study of a Progressive Rock's Masterpiece.

16:30-18:30 Session VI (Room C-Mezzanine Floor): *A Symposium on Ethics, Economics and Environment*

Chair: Panagiotis Petratos, Professor, Department of Computer Information Systems, California State University, Stanislaus, USA.

1. Patricia Hanna, Professor and Interim Chair of Linguistics, University of Utah, USA. Neither Love nor Money: What could save the Environment?
2. Frans P. de Vries, Professor, University of Stirling, U.K. Ethics and Environmental Markets.
3. Timothy M. Young, Professor and Graduate Director, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, Center for Renewable Carbon, The University of Tennessee, USA. Protecting Ethics, Economies, and the Environment in the Era of the Digital Citizen and Exponential Population Growth.
4. Nicolas Abatzoglou, Professor, Department of Chemical & Biotechnological Engineering, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada, Chair Pfizer, PAT in Pharmaceutical Engineering, Director GREEN-TPV and GRTP-C & P. Produce Fuels from Renewable Resources.

For details on the discussion please [click here](#).

21:00-23:00 Greek Night and Dinner (Details during registration)

Tuesday 23 May 2017

07:30-10:30 Session VII (Room -Ground Floor): An Educational Urban Walk in Modern and Ancient Athens

Chair: Gregory Katsas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, ATINER & Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece.

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)

(Note: The simple registration fee of the conference does not cover the cost of this session. More details during registration).

11:30-13:00 Session VIII (Room D-3rd Floor): Religion & Theology

Chair: Joel Wilcox, Professor, Barry University, USA.

1. William O'Meara, Professor, James Madison University, USA. A Natural Ethics of Gratitude.
2. Luc Bulundwe Lévy, PhD Student, University of Geneva, Switzerland. Ethics and Pseudepigraphy – “Do the Ends Always Justify the Means?”.
3. Finley Lawson, PhD Student, King's College London, UK. “Not Three Gods But One” – Why Reductionism Doesn't Serve Our Theological Discourse.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session IX (Room D-3rd Floor): Ethics III

Chair: Yvette Prinsloo Franklin, Instructor, Cultural Studies of Education Program, University of Tennessee Knoxville, USA.

1. Manuel Amado, Professor, Free University of Colombia, Colombia. The Concept of Education and the Problem of Indoctrination in the Analytical Tradition.
2. Paul Letsch, PhD Student, VUB University Brussels, Belgium. The Meaning of Life: The Major Philosophical Aspects Hidden Behind a Fundamental Question of Human Existence.

15:30-17:00 Session X (Room D-3rd Floor): Metaphysics II

Chair: Dimitrios Dentsoras, Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba, Canada.

1. Audrey Anton, Assistant Professor, Western Kentucky University, USA. Willing, Unwilling, and Binding Addiction.
2. Jonathan Piedra Alegria, Academic and Researcher, Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, Costa Rica. Human Technological Improvement and non-Therapeutic Body Modifications: An Analysis from Transhumanism.
3. Fernando Salgueiro Passos Telles, Researcher, National School of Public Health, Brazil & Cassius Schnell Palhano Silva, Researcher, National School of Public Health, Brazil. The Evolution of Human Brain as Justification for Kant's Natural End Hypothesis.

17:00-18:30 Session XI (Room D-3rd Floor): Philosophy of Rituals

Chair: Fernando Salgueiro Passos Telles, Researcher, National School of Public Health, Brazil.

1. Anna Kawalec, Professor, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland. Agency of Breath – Action and Motion in the Anthropology of Ritual.
2. Pawel Kawalec, Professor, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland. Routines in Science as Basic Ontological Units.

21:00- 22:30 Dinner (Details during registration)

Wednesday 24 May 2017
Educational Island Tour (Details during registration)
or
Mycenae and Epidaurus Visit (Details during registration)

Thursday 25 May 2017
Delphi Visit (Details during registration)