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3rd Annual International Symposium on Religion & Theology, 28-31 May 2018, Athens, Greece
Organized by the [Arts and Humanities Research Division](#)
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Conference Venue: Titania Hotel, 52 Panepistimiou Avenue, Athens, Greece (close to metro station *Panepistimio*)

Monday 28 May 2018

08:00-08:45 Registration and Refreshments

08:45-09:30 (Room C - 10th Floor): Welcome and Opening Address

Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

Nicholas Pappas, Vice President of Academic Membership, ATINER & Professor of History, Sam Houston University, USA.

09:30-11:00 Session I (Room D - 10th Floor)

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

1. Hanoch Ben-Pazi, Associate Professor, Bar-Ilan University, Israel. Religion, Ethics, and the Ethical Danger of Religion.
2. Maitreyee Sharma, Associate Professor, Pandu College, India. Religious Conflict and Possibility of Dialogue: An Indian Philosophical Perspective.
3. Alice Reininger, Sen. Scientist, Staff Science, University of Applied Arts Vienna, Austria. The Freemasons and the Roman Catholic Church in the 18th Century; the Beginning of a Conflicting Relationship Marked by Misunderstandings, Conspiracy Theories and Campaigns of Defamation.

11:00-12:30 Session II (Room D - 10th Floor)

Chair: Maitreyee Sharma, Associate Professor, Pandu College, India.

1. Tennyson Samraj, Professor, Burman University, Canada. Understanding Euthanasia in the Context of Capital Crimes: Unusual but not Cruel.
2. Sokthan Yeng, Associate Professor, Adelphi University, USA. Spirits Speaking Female: Luce Irigaray and Theravadin Buddhist Women.
3. Vinicio Busacchi, Associate Professor, University of Cagliari, Italy. On Daisaku Ikeda's Buddhist Conception of Human Being.

12:30-14:00 Session III (Room C - 10th Floor):

Chair: Miguel Lopez-Astorga, Associate Professor, University of Talca, Chile.

1. Robert Bishop, Associate Professor, Wheaton College, USA. Determinism as a Contextual Feature of Reality.
2. Igor Makarov, Independent Researcher, Israel. Reform Science: Its Logic and Structure.

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 Session IV (Room C - 10th Floor)

Chair: Robert Bishop, Associate Professor, Wheaton College, USA.

1. Leyla Danae Torres Bravo, Professor, Universidad de Talca, Chile. Social Darwinism and Eugenics: An Analysis from Feminism.
2. Evgenia Cherkasova, Associate Professor, Suffolk University in Boston, USA. Dostoevsky and Kierkegaard on Truth, Subjectivity, and Existential Responsibility.
3. Ryan Quandt, Graduate Instructor, University of South Florida, USA. Leibniz's Translation of the *Phaedo*.

16:30-18:30 (Room C - 10th Floor) ATINER's 2018 Series of Academic Dialogues: A Symposium Discussion on the Challenges of Teaching at Higher Education Institutes in a Globalized World

Chair: Nicholas Pappas, Vice President of Academic Membership, ATINER & Professor of History, Sam Houston University, USA & Patricia Hanna, Head, Philosophy Unit of ATINER & Professor, University of Utah, USA.

Invited Speakers:

1. **Robin Root**, Professor, City University of New York, USA. *"Teaching Global: Meanings and Methods"*.
2. **Peter Siska**, Professor, University of St. Cyril and Methodius, Slovakia. *"Spatial and Temporal Comparative Analyses of Teaching Effectiveness and its Future in Higher Education"*.
3. **Tennyson Samraj**, Professor, Burman University, Canada. *"The Challenges Involved in Teaching Post-Modern Minds"*.
4. **Changming Duan**, Professor, University of Kansas, USA. *"How to Integrate a True International Perspective in Teaching Psychology?"*
5. **Mark Ludorf**, Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University, USA. *"Addressing Student Heterogeneity in the Classroom"*.

21:00-23:00 Greek Night and Dinner

Tuesday 29 May 2018

07:45-11:00 Session V: An Educational Urban Walk in Modern and Ancient Athens

Chair: Gregory A. 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)

11:15-13:00 Session VI (Room D - 10th Floor)

Chair: Laima Geikina, Professor, University of Latvia, Latvia.

1. Magdel Le Roux, Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa. The Battle at Hazor and Jael's Deadly Hospitality.
2. Steven Kepnes, Professor, Colgate University, USA. Scriptural Reasoning and Jewish, Christian, Muslim Dialogue. (*Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning session*)
3. Stephen Milford, Minister in Church, Baptist Union of Great Britain, UK. The Problem with Sandra the Orangutan: The Unfortunate Consequences of Ontological Relational Thinking.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session VII (Room D - 10th Floor)

Chair: Stephen Milford, Minister in Church, Baptist Union of Great Britain, UK.

1. Laima Geikina, Professor, University of Latvia, Latvia. Interreligious Dialogue and Sustainable Development in the Context of Contemporary Education.
2. Yvette Prinsloo Franklin, Adjunct Faculty, University of Tennessee, USA. The Ought and the Caring Teacher: A Philosophical Exercise in Praxis.

15:30-17:00 Session VIII (Room C - 10th Floor)

Chair: Maria Magoula Adamos, Associate Professor, Georgia Southern University, USA.

1. Jennifer Ang, Associate Professor and Head of Common Curriculum, Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore. Bad Faith and Self-Forgiveness.
2. Bjorn Freter, Independent Scholar, Germany. Dangerous Thought. On Western Thinking and the Need to Decolonise through Desuperiorisation.

20:00- 21:30 Dinner

Wednesday 30 May 2018
Mycenae and Island of Poros Visit

Thursday 31 May 2018
Delphi Visit

Friday 1 June 2018
Ancient Corinth and Cape Sounion

All ATINER's conferences are small events which serve the mission of the association (<https://www.atiner.gr/mission>) under the guidance of its Academic Committee (<https://www.atiner.gr/academic-committee>) which sets the policies (<http://www.atiner.gr/acceptance>). In addition, each conference has its own academic committee. Members of the committee include all those who have evaluated the abstract-paper submissions and have chaired the sessions of the conference. The members of the academic committee of the 3rd Annual International Symposium on Religion & Theology, 28-31 May 2018, Athens, Greece, were the following:

1. Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.
2. Nicholas Pappas, Vice President of Academic Membership, ATINER & Professor of History, Sam Houston University, USA.
3. William O'Meara, Academic Member, ATINER & Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, James Madison University, USA.
4. Patricia Hanna, Head, Philosophy Unit of ATINER & Professor, University of Utah, USA.
5. Steven Kepnes, Professor of World Religions & Jewish Studies and Director of Chapel House, Colgate University, USA.
6. Angela McCarthy, Academic Member, ATINER & Senior Lecturer in Theology, University of Notre Dame Australia, Australia.
7. Tennyson Samraj, Professor, Burman University, Canada.
8. Maria Magoula Adamos, Associate Professor, Georgia Southern University, USA.
9. Robert Bishop, Associate Professor, Wheaton College, USA.
10. Laima Geikina, Professor, University of Latvia, Latvia.
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The Organizing Committee of the conference was:

1. Olga Gkounta, Researcher, ATINER.
2. Hannah Howard, Research Assistant, ATINER.
3. Despina Katzoli, Researcher, ATINER.
4. Eirini Lentzou, Administrative Assistant, ATINER.
5. Konstantinos Manolidis, Administrator, ATINER.
6. Vassilis Skianis, Research Associate, ATINER.
7. Kostas Spyropoulos, Administrator, ATINER.