



Science, faith & Superstition

Conference programme

June 27th - June 29th, 2024
University Library „Svetozar Marković”

Thursday, June 27th

09:30 - 10:00

Conference opening

Session 1

(Chair Ljiljana Radenović)

10:00 - 10:45

(Keynote speaker) Steve Fuller (University of Warwick)

The Religious Retreat From Divine Agency as an Explanatory Principle of Science

10:45 - 11:15

Slobodan Perović (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

Romantic versus Toolbox Science: Assessing the Value of Modern Cosmology

11:15 - 11:45

Ivan Kovačević and Danijel Sinani (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

Two Eclipses – Contribution to Understanding Nature and Society

11:45 - 12:00

Coffee break

Session 2

(Chair Rastko Jevtić)

12:00 - 12:30

Dragana Dimitrijević (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

Dreaming the Future in Ancient Times: The Prophetic Dream of Tarquin the Proud and Its Interpretations (Cic. Div. 1.43-45)

12:30 - 13:00

Ana Elaković Nenadović (Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade)

On the Use of the Term Superstitio in Quintilian's Institutio Oratoria

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch break

Session 3

(Chair Dragana Dimitrijević)

15:00 - 15:45

(Keynote speaker) Marcela Andoková (Faculty of Arts, Comenius University)

Fatum est infirmioris potentioris uoluntas. Augustine on Fate and Astrology Revisited

15:45 - 16:15

Pavle Stojanović (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

Can a Skeptic Be Pious and Should He Be: Lessons from Ancient Pyrrhonism

16:15 - 16:45

Ana Šumenković (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

Doctors on Trials: The Physician as a Witness in Demosthenes' Oration Contra Cononem

16.45 - 17:00

Coffee break

Session 4

(Chair Dejan Dželebdžić)

17:00 - 17:30

Noel Putnik (Institute of Ethnography of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts)

A Wrong Kind of Piety: Plutarch on Superstition

17:30 - 18:15

(Keynote speaker) The Rt Rev Maxim Vasiljević (Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, MA, USA)

The Relational Cosmos: Exploring Contingency, Relationality, and the Mode of Existence

(online)

Friday, June 28th

Session 1

(Chair Ljiljana Radenović)

10:00 - 10:45

(Keynote speaker) Gerasimos Merianos

(Institute of Historical Research, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens)

Alchemy as a Path to Divine Knowledge in Byzantium

10:45 - 11:15

Dejan Dželebdžić (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

Why and how is the Earth Shaking? Michael Psellos' Explanation between Science and Religion

11:15 - 11:45

Isidora Tolić (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

Whodunit: A Comparative Analysis of Bouphonia

11:45 - 12:00

Coffee break

Session 2

(Chair Dejan Dželebdžić)

12:00 - 12:30

Dušan Popović (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

From Science to Faith through Superstition, and vice versa: Philology, Alchemy and Kabbala in the Works of Blaise de Vigenère

12:30 - 13:00

Enrico Piergiacomi (Department of Humanities and Arts of the Technion University of Haifa)

Fracastoro's Dissemination of Theology: the Case Study of His Unfinished Ioseph

(online)

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch break

Session 3

(Chair Anastasija Filipović)

15:00 - 15:45

(Keynote speaker) Elia Marinova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski")

A Quest for Prohibited Knowledge: Remakes of the Descent Motif from the Medieval exemplum to the Modern Science Fiction

15:45 - 16:15

Petar Nurkić (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

Snakes, Sticks, and Shattered Mirrors

16:15 - 16:45

Ljiljana Radenović and Rastko Jevtić (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

Descartes' Demon and his Powers: The Break up with Medieval Demonology

16:45 - 17:00

Coffee break

Session 4

(Chair Petar Nurkić)

17:00 - 17:30

Miloš Vuletić (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

"Many a good, old honest woman hath been condemned innocently": Cavendish on Witchcraft and Spirits

17:30 - 18:15

(Keynote speaker) Bianca-Jeanette Schröder (Ludwig Maximilians Universität München)

Medicine and Prayers in a Deacon's Letters

19:30

Conference dinner

Saturday, June 29th

Session 1

(Chair Petar Nurkić)

10:00 - 10:45

(Keynote speaker) David Lloyd Dusenbury (Danube Institute, Budapest)

Leibniz's I Ching, the Book of Genesis, & the Birth of Binary Code

10:45 - 11:15

Anastasija Filipović and Aleksandar Drašković (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

The Cartesian Shift: Redefining Passions from Medieval to Contemporary Perspectives

11:15 - 11:45

Giulio Marchegiani (Bergische Universität Wuppertal)

Recognising the Legitimacy of Religion on the Basis of the Kantian Distinction between Knowing and Thinking

(online)

11:45 - 12:00

Coffee break

Session 2

(Chair Aleksandar Drašković)

12:00 - 12:30

Jack Chun (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

Science and Religion in Isaac Newton

12:30 - 13:00

J. Brian Pitts (University of Cambridge, University of Lincoln)

Does Meta-Induction Justify Induction, or Maybe Something Else?

(online)

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch break

Session 3

(Chair Rastko Jevtić)

15:00 - 15:30

Abdi Kitesa (University of Szeged)

Verifiability Principle and the Leap of Faith: a Philosophical Examination

15:30 - 16:00

Alex Barrientos (University of Utah)

Christianity not Superstitious: Locke's Science of Miracles

(online)

16:00 - 16:15

Coffee break

Session 4

(Chair Ljiljana Radenović)

16:15 - 17:00

(Keynote speaker) David Ellis (Leeds Trinity University)

Hume and Wittgenstein: The Risk of Reasoning Religion into Superstition

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