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Program

Thursday, 16th February 2012

1 p.m. | Welcome and Introduction

1:30 p.m. | Opening lecture

Robert Cummings Neville:
„Theory of religion in a pragmatic philosophical theology"

2:45 p.m. | Coffee break

3 p.m. | Pragmatism and the American tradition

Michael Raposa:
„A brief history of Theosemiotic: from Scotus through Peirce and beyond"

Marie-Luise Raters:
„Don't worry - be happy! The intrinsic connection between religious faith and worldly happiness in William James' theory of religion and its sources in Emerson's Transcendentalism"

4 p.m. | Discussion; commentary and moderation: Julien Winandy

5 p.m. | Coffee break

5:30 p.m. | On the relationship between philosophical anthropology and ethics in William James' philosophy of religion

Eilert Herms:
„Anthropological prerequisites in Williams James' concept of religion"

Sami Pihlström:
„The problem of evil in pragmatist philosophy of religion"

6:30 p.m. | Discussion; commentary and moderation: Michaela Rehm

8 p.m. | Dinner

Friday, 17th February 2012

9 a.m. | The semiotic and pragmaticist turn of the philosophy of religion in the work of Charles S. Peirce

Hermann Deuser:
„Pragmatic or pragmatist philosophy of religion?"

Gesche Linde:
„,Man's highest developments are social': A semiotic approach to religion in the wake of Peirce"

10 a.m. | Discussion; commentary and moderation: Markus Kleinert

11 a.m. | A brief tour of medieval Erfurt

1 p.m. | Lunch

2 p.m. | Josiah Royce's philosophy of religion in the context of Pragmatism

Frank Oppenheim:
„A contextualized approach to Josiah Royse's *The Problem of Christianity* **for the new Critical Edition"**

Vincent Colapietro:
„The dissenting voices of Charles Peirce and Josiah Royce"

3 p.m. | Discussion; commentary and moderation: Claudio Viale

4 p.m. | Coffee break

4:30 p.m. | Continuation: Josiah Royce's philosophy of religion in the context of Pragmatism

Ludwig Nagl:
„Avoiding the dichotomy of ,either the individual or the collectivity': Josiah Royce on community and on James' concept of religion"

Hans Joas:
„Religious experience and its interpretation. Reflections on James and Royce"

5:30 p.m. | Discussion; commentary and moderation: Stephan Steiner

7 p.m. | Evening lecture

Wayne Proudfoot:
„Pragmatism and Naturalism in the study of religion"

9 p.m. | Dinner

Saturday, 18th February 2012

9 a.m. | Naturalism, qualitative experience and the realm of faith in John Dewey's religious thought

Victor Kestenbaum:
„Ontological faith in Dewey's religious idealism"

Matthias Jung:
„Qualitative experience and naturalized religion: An inner tension in Dewey's thought?"

10 a.m. | Discussion; commentary and moderation: Donata Schoeller

11 a.m. Coffee break

11:30 a.m. | Exploration against the backdrop of classical Pragmatism

Magnus Schlette:
„,... how you understand ... can only be shown by how you live'. Putnam's Philosophy of Religion"

Christoph Seibert:
„Towards a pragmatic methodology in philosophy of religion. Perspectives of classical American pragmatism"

Christian Polke:
„Personalism and Pragmatism. The innovative competence of American Philosophy for contemporary theories of religion"

1 p.m. | Discussion; commentary and moderation: Cornelia Mügge

2 p.m. | End of conference

2 p.m. | Snack