



THE YOUNG KANT

A Conference in Commemoration
of the 300th Anniversary of Immanuel Kant's Birth

May 23-24-25, 2024

TGS Grad Commons 2122 Sheridan Road, Room 140, Evanston, IL 60201

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Breakfast, in TGS Commons 8:30-9:00

Welcoming remarks 9:00-9:15

RACHEL ZUCKERT NORTHWESTERN

Thoughts on the True Estimation of Living Forces 9:15-10:00

PETER FENVES NORTHWESTERN
chaired by Rachel Zuckert NORTHWESTERN

EARTH SCIENCES: chaired by HELEN THOMPSON NORTHWESTERN 10:15-12:15

"The Question, Whether the Earth is Aging, Considered from a Physical Point of View"
— A Physical Approach to the Cosmological Question of the End?"
ANGELICA NUZZO CUNY

"On the Causes of Earthquakes/Continued Observations on the Earthquakes"
STEFANIE BUCHENAU UNIVERSITY OF PARIS (virtual presentation)

Lunch (lunch at participants' discretion) 12:15-1:30

COSMIC ANTHROPOLOGY: chaired by AAKASH LAKSHMANAN NORTHWESTERN 1:30-2:30

"Universal Natural History and the Theory of the Heavens —When Kant Dreamed of Extraterrestrials"
HENRY SOUTHGATE UW MADISON

METAPHYSICS: chaired by DAVID JOHNSON SAIC 2:45-3:45

"New Elucidations of the First Principles of Metaphysical Cognition"
KASEY HETTIG-ROLFE NORTHWESTERN

PHYSICS AND METAPHYSICS: chaired by ANDREW CHIN NORTHWESTERN 4:00-5:00

"The Employment in Natural Philosophy of Metaphysics Combined with Geometry (Physical Monadology)"
JAMES MESSINA UW MADISON

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FRIDAY, MAY 24

Breakfast, in TGS Commons **9:00-9:30**

OPTIMISM; chaired by VIV SONI NORTHWESTERN **9:30-10:30**

“‘Attempt at Some Reflections on Optimism’ —Young Kant, Optimistic Kant”
MELISSA ZINKIN BINGHAMTON

MORALITY; chaired by JÖRG KREIENBROCK NORTHWESTERN **10:45-11:45**

“Inquiry concerning the Distinctness of the Principles
of Natural Theology and Morality’
— A Road Not Taken: Moral Beauty in the Early Kant”
SAMUEL FLEISCHACKER UIC

Lunch break **12:00-1:30**

GOD; chaired by KEN SEESKIN NORTHWESTERN **1:30-2:30**

The Only Possible Argument in Support of the Demonstration of the Existence of God
NOAM HOFFER BAR-ILAN [ISRAEL]

LOGIC; chaired by ESKIL ELLING NORTHWESTERN **2:45-4:45**

“False Subtlety of the Four Syllogistic Figures”
DANIEL HELLER-ROAZEN PRINCETON

“Attempt to Introduce the Concept of Negative Magnitudes into Philosophy”
NAOMI FISHER LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

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SATURDAY, MAY 25

Breakfast, in TGS Commons 8:30-9:00

ANTHROPOLOGY; chaired by CARLOS SCHOOF NORTHWESTERN 9:00-12:00

Observations on the Feelings of the Sublime and the Beautiful
ALIX COHEN EDINBURGH/NOTRE DAME

"Remarks on the *Observations*"
SUSAN SHELL BOSTON COLLEGE

"Essay on the Maladies of the Head"
MICHAEL OLSON MARQUETTE

Lunch (lunch at participants' discretion) 12:15-1:30

PHILOSOPHY AS VOCATION; chaired by KENNI ZELLNER NORTHWESTERN 1:30-2:30

"Announcement of Programme of Lectures for the Winter Semester 1765-1766"
KARL AMERIKS NOTRE DAME

HOPES AND DREAMS; chaired by SAM FILBY NORTHWESTERN 2:35-3:35

"Dreams of the Spirit Seer—Happy on Humble Ground"
FRANCEY RUSSELL BARNARD

SPACE; chaired by THOMAS PENDLEBURY UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO 3:40-4:40

"Concerning the Ultimate Ground of the Differentiation of Directions in Space"
— Reflections on Kant on Reflections"
DANIEL SUTHERLAND UIC

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