

Imperatives of Alterity and Law in Levinas and Kant

Levinas Philosophy Summer Seminar

July 15 to 19, 2024
Vilnius University (Lithuania), Institute of Philosophy, room 207

Monday July 15

9:45am registration

I. 10:30am-12:00 noon:

OPEN LECTURE: RICHARD A. COHEN (USA): "WHAT IS EASY AND WHAT IS DIFFICULT IN LEVINAS"

12-1:30pm lunch

II. 1:30-3:00pm: Kant, 3rd Antinomy, *Critique of Pure Reason*, A444/B472-A451/B479 [Richard Cohen]; end of 2nd Section & 3rd Section, *Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals*, 441-463 [Nur Betül Atakul (Turkey)]; Levinas, "Primacy of Pure Practical Reason" [Matthew Koshak (USA)]

III. 3:30-5:00pm: cont.

Tuesday July 16

IV. 10:00am – 12 noon:

Levinas, "Freedom and Command" (1953); in *Collected Philo Papers*, ed. Lingis, 15-23 [Irina Poleshchuk (Finland), Gediminas Zelvaras (Lithuania)].

12-1:30pm lunch

V. 1:30 – 3:00pm: Levinas, "The Rights of Man and the Rights of the Other" (1985); in Levinas, *Outside the Subject*, 91-98 [Sean Lawrence (Canada), Devorah Wainer (Australia)].

VI. 3:30 – 5:00pm: cont. [Anto Varghese (India), Patrick Andre Corpuz Mencias (Philippines)]

Wednesday July 17

VII. 10:00am – 12 noon:

OPEN LECTURE: DANUTĖ BACEVIČIŪTĖ (LITHUANIA), "EVIL AND THE ETHICAL IMPERATIVE IN KANT AND LEVINAS"

12 – 1:30pm lunch

1:30pm – suggested group visit to Kaunas, Levinas's birth city.

Thursday July 18

VIII. 10:00am – 12 noon:

Levinas, from "Substitution," subsection 5 "Before Freedom," in BPW. 93-95; Levinas, from *God, Death and Time*, "The Radical Question Kant Against Heidegger," last 3 pages, 59-61. Jolanta Saldukaitytė, Nur Betül Atakul, Anto Varghese, Matthew Koshak, Femke Caers

Levinas, *Otherwise than Being or Beyond Essence*: "Responsibility for the Other" (9-11), *Essence and Signification* (11-14); "Sensibility" (14-15) Richard Cohen, Devorah Wainer, Gediminas Zelvaras, Irina Poleshchuk, Patrick Andre Corpuz Mencias

Kant, "Perpetual Peace," in Kant: *Political Writings*, ed. Reiss, 99 (on freedom, equality); 116-122, on morality, politics, right and might James McLachlan, Andrzej (Andrew) Karpiński, Sean Lawrence, Thomas Froy

12 – 1:30pm lunch

IX. 1:30 – 3:00pm: three groups, cont.

X. 3:30 – 5:00pm: Jolanta Saldukaitytė (Lithuania) "Freedom and Responsibility"; group "reports".

Friday July 19

XI. 10:00 – 12 noon:

Levinas, "Humanism and An-Archy" (1968); in Levinas, *Humanism of the Other*, 45-57 [Andrzej Karpinski (United Kingdom), Thomas Froy (Netherlands)].

12 – 1:30pm lunch

XII. 1:30 – 3:00pm: cont. [Femke Caers (Belgium)]

XIII. 3:30 – 5:00pm Concluding remarks.

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