

New Directions in Theology and the Philosophy of Science

Workshop at Concordia University of Edmonton

Organized by the Concordia Institute for Christian Studies & Society, and by the Theology & Science Research Cluster

Friday September 13, 2019 (in L110 – basement of the library)

9:25 welcome / opening remarks by **Concordia Dean of Arts Neil Querengesser**

9:30-10:15 **Randal Rauser (Taylor Seminary)** "Can Scientists Test the Effectiveness of Prayer?"

10:15-11:00 **Paul Rezkalla (Florida State University / Oxford University)** "What's Wrong with the Scientific Study of Morality"

11:00-11:15 BREAK

Friday September 13, 2019 (in HA 309 – third floor of the Hole Academic building)

11:15-12:00 **Stoyan Tanev (Carleton University)** "Using Analogy of Debates to Enhance the Encounter of Theology and Physics"

12:00-2:00 LUNCH at Highlands Golf Club (walkable from campus)

2:00-2:45 **Braden Molhoek (Graduate Theological Union / Santa Clara University)** "Responsive Robots, Supple Cyborgs, and CRISPR Humans: Human Nature and Relationships in Light of Artificial Intelligence, Transhumanism, and Human Enhancement"

2:45-3:30 **Francis X. Remedios (Independent Scholar)** "Proactionary and Precautionary Principles and Transhumanism"

3:30-3:45 BREAK

3:45-4:30 **Tyler Hildebrand (Dalhousie University) & Thomas Metcalf (Spring Hill College)** "The Nomological Argument for the Existence of God"

4:30-5:15 **Tim Labron (Concordia University of Edmonton)** "Mystery in and of Itself"

6:30 Workshop Dinner at Haweli Restaurant (10220 -- 103 Street NW, corner of 102 Av, downtown by the City Centre Mall)

Saturday September 14, 2019 (all talks held in HA 310)

9:30-10:15 **Joshua Brecka (Ryerson University)** "Pessimistic Meta-Induction and Religious Skepticism"

10:15-11:00 **Aldo di Giovanni (Independent Scholar)** "Spinoza's Project to Scientifically Explicate Acquiring a Mind Like the Mind of Christ"

11:00-11:15 BREAK

11:15-12:00 **Jason West (Newman Theological College)** "Does Mathematical Physics have Philosophical Significance? Understanding Jacques Martian's Philosophy of Nature"

12:00-2:00 LUNCH at Highlands Golf Club (walkable from campus)

2:00-2:45 **Matthew Kostelecky (St. Joseph's College)** "Science, Metaphysics, and Theology: Reflections on the History of the Speciation of Human Knowledge"

2:45-3:30 **Jonathan Strand (Concordia University of Edmonton)** "Will Androids Need Salvation?"

3:30-3:45 BREAK

3:45-4:30 **Sean Hannan (MacEwan University)** "The Cosmic Spring: Augustine & Lemaître on the Day Without a Yesterday"

6:30 Workshop Dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory (same building complex as Haweli)