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QUO VADIS, METAPHYSICS?



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P R O G R A M

The format for each talk is as follows:

45 minutes for the presentation of the paper and 10 minutes for discussion

September 26th 2017, Tuesday

- 8.50 – 9.00 **Welcome Address**
- 9.00 – 9.55 **Stewart Shapiro** (Ohio State University, USA)
– *Potential Infinity: a Modal Account* (joint work with Øystein Linnebo)
- 9.55 – 10.50 **Øystein Linnebo** (University of Oslo, Norway) – *Generality Explained: a Truth-Maker Semantics*
- 10.50 – 11.45 **Carl Posy** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel) – *Inside the Metaphysical Workshop*
- 11.45 – 12.15 **Coffee Break**
- 12.15 – 13.10 **Hannes Leitgeb** (University of Munich, Germany) – *Metaphysics as Rational Reconstruction*
- 13.10 – 14.05 **Achille Varzi** (Columbia University, USA) – *De re and De dicto*
- 15.45 – 16.40 **Gila Sher** (University of California, San Diego, USA)
– *Metaphysics and Human Cognition: a New Approach to a Classical Question*
- 16.40 – 17.35 **Friederike Moltmann** (French National Center for Scientific Research, France;
New York University, USA) – *Natural Language Ontology*
- 17.35 – 18.00 **Coffee Break**
- 18.00 – 18.55 **Anna-Sofia Maurin** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden) – *Categorical Conundrums: the Trope*

September 27th 2017, Wednesday

- 9.00 – 9.55 **William Jaworski** (Fordham University, USA) – *The Closet Hylomorphist*
- 9.55 – 10.50 **Kevin Mulligan** (University of Geneva, Switzerland) – *“Modes of Being” and the Mind*
- 10.50 – 11.45 **Kris McDaniel** (Syracuse University, USA) – *Van Inwagen and Being*
- 11.45 – 12.15 **Coffee Break**
- 12.15 – 13.10 **Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra** (University of Oxford, UK)
– *Must the Probability of Nothing Existing Be 0?*
- 13.10 – 14.05 **Rafał Gruszczyński** (Nicolas Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland)
– *An Argument for the Existence of Arbitrary Mereological Sums*
- 15.45 – 16.40 **Takashi Yagisawa** (California State University, Northridge, USA) – *Imagining Fictional Characters*
- 16.40 – 17.35 **Alfredo Tomasetta** (University of Bergamo, Italy)
– *The Vat Matters. A Defence of Animalism against the Remnant-Person Objection*

September 28th 2017, Thursday

- 9.00 – 9.55 **Peter Simons** (University of Dublin, Ireland) – *Varieties of Composition*
- 9.55 – 10.50 **Uwe Meixner** (University of Augsburg, Germany) – *Metaphysical Differences*
- 10.50 – 11.45 **Benjamin Schnieder** (University of Hamburg, Germany) – *The Relevance of Grounds*
- 11.45 – 12.15 **Coffee Break**
- 12.15 – 13.10 **Francesco Orilla** (University of Macerata, Italy)
– *Van Inwagen’s Approach to Relations and the Theory of O-roles*
- 13.10 – 14.05 **Andrea Bottani** (University of Bergamo, Italy)
– *Van Inwagen on Properties, Nominalism and Things That Can Be Said*
- 15.45 – 16.40 **Dean Zimmerman** (Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA)
– *Van Inwagen, Vagueness, and the Problem of No Best World*
- 16.40 – 17.35 **Joanna Odrowąż-Sypniewska** (University of Warsaw, Poland)
– *The Problem of the Many and Ontic Vagueness*
- 17.35 – 18.00 **Coffee Break**
- 18.00 – 18.55 **Tomasz Bigaj** (University of Warsaw, Poland) – *Van Inwagen and the Polish Logicians*

September 29th 2017, Friday

- 9.00 – 9.55 **Stephen Mumford** (Durham University, UK) – *In Defence of Free Will*
- 9.55 – 10.50 **Mario De Caro** (Roma Tre University, Italy) – *Free Will after Van Inwagen*
- 10.50 – 11.45 **Chris Daly** (University of Manchester, UK) – *Van Inwagen on Testimony and Contingency*
- 11.45 – 12.15 **Coffee Break**
- 12.15 – 13.10 **Christian Kanzian** (University of Innsbruck, Austria)
– *Paraphrase: a (More or Less) Van Inwagenian Way to (Moderate) Nominalism*
- 13.10 – 14.05 **Zbigniew Król & Józef Lubacz**
(International Center for Formal Ontology, Warsaw University of Technology, Poland)
– *Metaphysics of Existential Quantification. Is Analytical Philosophy the Future of Metaphysics?*
- 14.10 – **Conference Closing**

The Conference will be held in the **Caritas Poland Charity and Education Center** – Warsaw, Okopowa 55, Floor 1, Room I
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