

Queen's College Faculty of Theology and
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The Idea of God

A Philosophical Investigation

November 23-25, 2016

Programme Committee:

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Wednesday, November 23 – The Idea of God

15:00-15:15

OPENING REMARKS

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15:15-16:45

PANEL: THE IDEA OF GOD IN PRACTICE

Chair: Richard Singleton, Provost, Queen's College

Sr. Mary Tee, Mercy Ecology Centre

Dr. Michelle Rebidoux, Religious Studies and Queen's College Theology

Dr. Avrum Richler, B.Opt., M.A., O.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.O.

Bishop Geoffrey Peddle PhD, Anglican Bishop Eastern N&L

Dr. Mary-Frances Scully MD, Hemotologist, MUN

16:45-17:00

BREAK

17:00-18:30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Speaker: Dr. Jean Grondin (Université de Montréal): "*Si enim comprehendis, non es Deus: Reflections on an Augustinian Idea*"

18:30

RECEPTION – Great Hall, Queen's College

Thursday, November 24 – The Idea of God

- 9:00-10:00** **SESSION 1: GOD AND THE TRADITION**
Session Chair: Suma Rajiva (Memorial)
- 9:00-9:30 Benjamin Frazer-Simser (DePaul): “Pathways to God’s Excessiveness through Hymns of Praise”
- 9:30-10:00 Seamus O’Neill (Memorial): “The Heresy of Angelism and the Idea of God”
- 10:00-10:10** **BREAK**
- 10:10-11:10** **PANEL 1**
Session Chair: Zachary Fouchard (Memorial)
- 10:10-10:30 Benedikt Rottenecker (Memorial): “Contemporary Views on Time in the Light of Boethius’ Theory of Divine Omniscience”
- 10:30-10:50 Gil Shalev (Memorial): “Revisiting Anselm’s Argument in the *Proslogion*”
- 10:50-11:10 Kyla Bruff (Memorial): “Moltmann and Horkheimer on God and Suffering”
- 11:10-12:10** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Peter Harris (Memorial): “On the Divine Names”
- 12:10-13:30** **LUNCH**
- 13:30-15:00** **SESSION 2: THE IDEA OF GOD: CROSS-PERSPECTIVES**
Session Chair: Joël Madore (Memorial)
- 13:30-14:00 Michelle Rebidoux (Memorial): “The Idea of God Within (and Beyond) a Phenomenology of the Body”
- 14:00-14:30 John Thorp (Western): “Soft God, Hard God”
- 14:30-15:00 Maxime Allard (Dominican College): “Deconstructions of God and the Ghosts of Christianity”
- 15:00-15:10** **BREAK**
- 15:10-16:10** **PANEL 2**
Session Chair: Alisan Genc (Memorial)
- 15:10-15:30 Patrick Renaud (Memorial): “Some Remarks on the Idea of God: Cartesians Clarifications”
- 15:30-15:50 David Tracey (Memorial): “Nietzsche and the Two Forms of Atheism”
- 15:50-16:10 Max Schaefer (Victoria), “At the Origin of Philosophy and Theology: Michel Henry and the Truth of Action”
- 18:00** **DINNER @ Blue on Water (please reserve)**

Friday, November 25 – The Idea of God

- 9:30-10:15** **PANEL 3**
Session Chair: Emma Pearce (Memorial)
- 9:30-9:50 Shannon O'Rourke (Memorial): "Bruno Latour's Conception of Faith and Science: Transmission, Translation and Transformation"
- 9:50-10:10 Stephanie Butera (Memorial): "Can the Idea be without God?"
- 10:10-10:30** **BREAK**
- 10:30-12:00** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Speaker: Dr. Garth Green (McGill): "Kant and the Idea(s) of God"
- 12:00-13:30** **LUNCH**
- 13:30-16:10** **SESSION 3: GOD AND MODERNITY**
Session Chair: Scott Johnston (Memorial)
- 13:30-14:00 Peter Gratton (Memorial): "Latour Against the Idea of God"
- 14:00-14:30 Joseph Trullinger (George Washington): "Theology from Below: Kant and Gutierrez on the Moral Good of Job"
- 14:30-15:00 Sean McGrath (Memorial): "Schelling's Critique of the Ontological Argument"
- 15:00-15:10** **BREAK**
- 15:10-15:40 Jim Gerrie (Cape Breton): "Taylor's Modern Identity and the 'Atonement Muddle'"
- 15:40-16:10 Joël Madore (Memorial): "God's Credibility and the Future of Faith in Kant's Philosophy"
- 18:00** **DINNER AT THE YELLOW BELLY PUB – All are welcome!**