

# **Atheism Revisited**

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Faculty of “Artes Liberales”

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## **Conference Program**

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**Wednesday, 25.10.2017**

**9.00 a.m. – Registration**

**9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. – Opening Address:** Robert Sucharski, Jerzy Axer, Szymon Wróbel

**10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. – Coffee Break**

**10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Keynote Speaker:** Julian Baggini (freelance writer/co-founder of “The Philosophers’ Magazine”)

Towards a Coalition of the Reasonable: Beyond Atheism v Religion

**11.30 a.m. – 12.30. p.m. – Panel I: Atheism and Theism: Agreement, Disagreement, Misunderstanding**

**Chair:** Gregg Lambert

Michał Krzykowski (University of Silesia in Katowice)

Transatheism and the Question of Spirit. From a War of Words to a War About Words

Konrad Talmont-Kaminski (University of Bialystok; skype)

Unhappy, immoral, covertly religious and mentally deficient

**12.30 p.m. – 1.00. p.m. – Coffee Break**

**1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. – Panel II: Questions of Existence and Absence**

**Chair:** Katarzyna Szafranowska

P.X. Monaghan (Doane University Crete, NE, USA)

God\* Does Not Exist: A novel deductive argument for atheism\*

Adam Lipszyc (IFiS PAN, Warszawa)

The visible absence of color. The whiteness of the world and the troubled atheism of Herman Melville

**2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. – Lunch Break**

**3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Keynote Speaker:** Daniel Colucciello Barber (Pace University, USA, skype)

Atheism of No-One

**4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. – Panel III: Signs and Concepts**

**Chair:** Adam Lipszyc

Ivan Dimitrijevic (Faculty of Journalism, Information, and Book Studies, University of Warsaw).

The atheistic conception of nature and its political consequences in Plato and Hobbes

Szymon Wróbel (WAL UW, Warszawa)

From the atheism of the concept to the atheism without the concept

**5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. – Coffee Break**

**5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. – Panel IV: Myth and Disillusion**

**Chair:** Jacek Dobrowolski

Agata Tymczyszyn (UJ, Kraków; WAL UW, Warszawa)

The Orphic Myth of Zegreus-Savior Devoured by Titans and the Idea of Original Sin

Krzysztof Skonieczny (WAL UW, Warszawa)

“We Are Still Pious.” On the Hard Problem of Atheism

**7.00 p.m. – Conference Dinner**

**Thursday, 26 October**

**10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. – Panel V: Atheism and the (Pre)Modern Landscape**

**Chair:** Julian Baggini

Jacek Dobrowolski (IF UW, Warszawa)

“Atheism and modernity” – some remarks concerning relationships between the ideas of modernity and that of secularism

Mateusz Janik (East China Normal University, Shanghai, skype)

Politics of transformation and Sino-Spinozist atheism of early 1800s

**11.30 a.m. – 12.00 a.m. – Coffee Break**

**12.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Keynote Speaker:** Gregg Lambert (Dean’s Professor of Humanities, Principal Investigator, The CNY Humanities Corridor, Founding Director, Humanities Center, Syracuse University)

On the Dual Horizon of the Death of God

**1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. Panel VI: Nietzsche, Psychoanalysis and the Death of God**

**Chair:** Szymon Wróbel

Elçin Marasli (GSSR Warszawa)

Atheism as Criticism: Nietzsche’s Oppositions of Destruction and Creation

Íñigo Ongay de Felipe, (Facultad de Filosofía de León, León Guanajuato, México).

New (and old) Atheisms reconsidered

Natalia Lopes (WAL UW, Warszawa)

God of psychotics. Beyond the case of Judge Daniel Paul Schreber

**2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. – Lunch Break**

### **3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. – Panel VIII: Atheism and Feminism**

**Chair:** Ewa Majewska

Monika Rogowska-Stangret (IF UW, Warszawa)

Caring as the stuff of the world – revisiting the ethics of care in feminist new materialisms.

Katarzyna Szafranowska (WAL UW, Warszawa)

On the Atheistic Impasse of Jewish Feminist Theology

### **4.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Coffee Break**

### **5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. – Panel VIII: Political Interventions**

**Chair:** Krzysztof Skonieczny

Andrzej Gniazdowski (IFiS PAN, Warszawa)

Political significance of atheism. Karl Marx' Idea of the 'Positive Abolition of Religion' and the Islamic Question

Ewa Majewska (Artes Liberales Department, University of Warsaw, Poland)

The Grammars of the Weak. On Refrain, Rehearsal and Resistance

### **6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. – Panel Discussion**

**Chair:** Krzysztof Skonieczny

Atheism Today. A Discussion on the Status of Atheism in the Era of Donald Trump, Viktor Orbán and Jarosław Kaczyński

Participants: Ewa Majewska, Gregg Lambert, Julian Baggini, Szymon Wróbel