

International Symposium

Russian Literature, Philosophy, and Religious Thought in a Time of Catastrophe
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UCP Research Center for Theology and Religious Studies (CITER)
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and Religious Thought

Day 1: Tuesday, 14 March 2023

- 10:30** Registration: Lobby (João Paulo II University Library Building, Rectory, UCP)
- 11:00** *Open & Welcome Session* (Room: Timor)
- Catarina Burnay (CECC), Alex Villas Boas, CITER coordinator (UCP), Ana Matoso (CECC/UCP), Randall A. Poole (College of St. Scholastica), Brad Underwood (Northwestern University), Susan McReynolds (Northwestern University)
- 11:30** *Keynote Session 1* (Chair: Sara Eckerson)
Russian Orthodoxy, Human Rights, and the War on Ukraine
Randall A. Poole (College of St. Scholastica)
- 12:30** Discussion Questions
- 13:00** Lunch

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Panel Session 1 (Chair: Randall Poole)

- 14:30** **Alexandre Kojève on Terror**
Jeff Love (Clemson University)
- 15:00** **Ivan Il'in and Interwar Fascism**
Hanuš Nykl (Charles University, Prague)
- 15:30** **A theological aesthetics of resistance: Vincent Van Gogh as reader of Dostoievski**
Alex Villas Boas (CITER/UCP)
- 16:00** Discussion Questions
- 16:30** Coffee break

Panel Session 2 (Chair: Alex Villas Boas)

- 17:00** **The Byzantino-centrism of Alexander Dugin and Its Prehistory**
Dmitry Biriukov (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)
- 17:30** **Fire Exit: Independent Association of Russian Philosophers Abroad**
Yulia Sineokaya (Sorbonne Université)
- 18:00** Discussion Questions
- 18:30** End of day one

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Day 2: Wednesday, 15 March 2023

11:00 Check-in (Room: Timor)

11:30 *Keynote Session 2* (Chair: Teresa Bartolomei)
A Theatrical Encounter: Sublime Anagogy and Christ-as-Soul-Knower in *The Inspector General*
Brad Underwood (Northwestern University)

12:30 Discussion Questions

13:00 Lunch

Panel Session 3 (Chair: Jeff Love)

15:00 **The Idea of a New Christian Civilization in the Thought of Nikolai Berdyaev**
Halina Rarot (Lublin University of Technology, Poland)

15:30 **Russian Exceptionalism and the War on Ukraine**
Marina Bykova (North Carolina State University)

16:00 **Between Christ and Antichrist: The Russian Orthodox Church within the Eschatological Framework of Russian Intellectual Culture**
Victor Chernyshov (National University Yuri Kondratyuk Poltava Polytechnic, Ukraine) [By video conference]

16:30 Discussion Questions

17:00 Break

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- 18:00** Movie screening *The Woman with the Five Elephants* (Vadim Jendreyko, 2009) + debate (A1 Lecture Hall, FCH Building)
- 19:30** End of day 2

Day 3: Thursday, 16 March 2023

Panel Session 4 (Chair: Brad Underwood)

- 10:30** Check-in (Room: Timor)
- 11:00** **A Phenomenological Explanation of Vladimir Solovyov's Conception («замысел») of "Theoretical Philosophy"**
Ruslan Loshakov (Free University, Latvia)
- 11:30** **Philosopher and Philosophy in a Time of War: Correspondence between Simon Frank and Ludwig Binswanger**
Gennadii Aliaiev (Dnipro University of Technology, Ukraine) [By video conference]
- 12:00** ***Eyes wide open: Tolstoy's peepshow in Hadji Murat***
Ana Matoso (CECC/UCP)
- 12:30** Discussion Questions
- 13:00** Lunch

Panel Session 5 (Chair: Ana Matoso)

- 14:30** **Isaac Babel and his genre of silence**

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Jayanti Dutta (FLUL)

- 15:00 «Amaldiçoadas sejam as guerras, agora e para sempre» (Mikhail Bulgakov) / «Проклятие войнам отныне и вовеки» (Михаил Булгаков)
Larysa Shotropa (CETAPS-FCSH-UNL)
- 15:30 **War and Retribution in Selected Works of Mikhail Bulgakov**
Margaret Tejerizo (University of Glasgow) [by video-conference]
- 16:00 Discussion Questions & closing session
- 16:30 Coffee

