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# **„NATURALISM IN PHILOSOPHY“**

**19.05 – 21.05.2023**

**(SOFIA UNIVERSITY, BULGARIA)**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

<b>19.05.2023</b> <b>Aula Magna, Sofia University</b>	
<b>9.30 – 10.00</b>	<b>Official Opening</b>
<b>10.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Hilary Kornblith (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) - Naturalism and the Intellectual Legitimacy of Philosophy
<b>11.30 – 11.45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.45 – 13.15</b>	<b>Session 1: Epistemic Naturalism</b>
11.45 – 12.15	Matthias Thymen (Thijs) Hemme (University of Groningen) - Epistemic agents naturalized
12.15 – 12.45	Jonathan Dixon (Wake Forest University) - Experimental philosophy and philosophical scepticism
12.45 – 13.15	Petar Nurkic (University of Belgrade) - What does a bee know?
<b>13.15 – 15.13 Lunch Break</b>	
<b>15.15 - 16.45</b>	<b>Session 2: Naturalism and the Normativity Challenge I</b>
15.15 – 15.45	Blanca Luque-Linero (University of Lisbon) - Can naturalistic epistemology be normative?
15.45 – 16.15	Michael Bishop & James “Jack” Justus (Florida State University) - Normativity in the Natural World
16.15 – 16.45	Sushruth Ravish (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur) - Naturalized Social Moral Epistemology
<b>18.30 – Welcome Evening Event (Location TBA)</b>	
<b>20.05.2023</b> <b>New Conference Hall, Sofia University</b>	

<b>10.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Bana Bashour (American University of Beirut) - How We Blame: A Naturalized Theory of Moral Responsibility
<b>11.30 – 11.45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.45 – 13.15</b>	<b>Session 3 (New Conference Hall) – Naturalism and the Mental</b>
11.45 – 12.15	Jeremy Pober (University of Antwerp) - Reduction: What? Me Worry?
12.15 – 12.45	Amir Horowitz (Open University of Israel) - Non-metaphysical naturalism – the example of intentionality
12.45 – 13.15	Madelaine Angelova-Elchinova (Sofia University) - Beliefs as Natural Kinds: Credition, Primal Beliefs and Epistemic Normativity
<b>13.15 – 15.00 Lunch Break</b>	
<b>15.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Session 4 (New Conference Hall) – AI, Agency &amp; Behaviour</b>
15.00 – 15.30	Boris Grozdanov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) - Are synthetic data and reinforcement learning compatible with naturalism?
15.30 – 16.00	Fiorella Battaglia (University of Salento) - Moral naturalism from the edge of our merging with machines
16.00 – 16.30	Matej Drobnák (University of Hradec Králové) - Naturalized Inferentialism as new behaviourism
<b>16.30 – 16.45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>16.45 – 17.45</b>	<b>Session 5 (New Conference Hall) – Naturalism and the Philosophy of David Hume</b>
16.45 – 17.15	Daniel Dohrn (University of Milan) - The Humean Project of Naturalizing Modality
17.15 – 17.45	Alex Stamatiadis-Bréhier (Tel Aviv University) - Neo-Humean Moral Contingentism

<b>19.00 – Conference Dinner</b>	
<b>21.05.2023</b> <b>New Conference Hall, Sofia University</b>	
<b>10.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Mitch Green (University of Connecticut) – How Machines Can Perform Speech Acts
<b>11.30 – 11.45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.45 – 13.15</b>	<b>Session 6 (New Conference Hall) – Naturalism in Logic &amp; Metaphysics</b>
11.45 – 12.15	Will Moorfoot (University of Southampton) - Indeterministic Grounding, Emergence, and Physicality
12.15 – 12.45	Pablo Caballero Fernández (University of Sevilla) - Naturalising Formal Logic
12.45 – 13.15	Mousa Mohammadian (Ahmedabad University) - Theoretical Virtue in Science and Metaphysics
<b>13.15 – 15.15 Lunch Break</b>	
<b>15.15 – 16.45</b>	<b>Session 7 (New Conference Hall) - Naturalism Inspired by Sciences</b>
15.15 – 15.45	Johan Heemskerk (University of Warwick) - Naturalistic Theory or Gloss? On the viability of psychosemantic methodology.
15.45 – 16.15	Marina Bakalova (Bulgarian Academy of Science) - The Role of Schemata in Making Sense of Expressive Music
16.15 – 16.45	Michael Kolodziej (University of Chicago) - Natural Kind Sortalism and Taxonomic Cross-Cutting in Biology