

**CONFERENCE: METAPHYSICS AND METHOD
IN MODERN PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGY**
Paderborn University, June 12-13, 2025

Tentative Program

12 June

Session I: Philosophy of Mind and Epistemology

Phenomenology as an Aristotelian Metaphysics of Mind

Dr. Gustav Melichar (Post-doctoral Researcher at Heidelberg University Hospital)

Husserl on Concepts: From Bolzano to Kant?

Victor Portugal (PhD Candidate at the Husserl Archives: KU Leuven)

Kant and Heidegger on the Role of Judgment in Understanding

Dr. Michael Blézy (Assistant Professor at University of Toronto, Canada)

Evidence Beyond Immanence: Descartes and Husserl on Mathematical and Eidetic Certainty

Dr. Alexis Delamare (Post-doctoral Researcher)

Lunch

Session II: Speculative Metaphysics

Neither a Witness Nor a Wave: Jacobi, Fichte, and Husserl on Nihilism

Dr. G. Anthony Bruno (Ass. Professor of Philosophy, Royal Holloway University of London)

*Negativity, History and Dialectics of Reality in Jan Patočka's Reception of the
Phenomenology of Spirit*

Lorenzo Toro (PhD Student University of Macerata)

The Metaphysics of Sleep and Dreams: A Cartesian Legacy in the Early Heidegger

Dr. Aengus Daly (Lecturer (adjunct)/researcher, BUGH Wuppertal)

Keynote I

TBD

Michela Summa (Professor at University of Würzburg)

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Session III: Methodology, Ontology and Facticity

Hedwig Conrad-Martius' "Real-Ontological" Categories
Dr. Daniel Neumann (Assistant at University of Graz)

Is Res Cogitans Just a Piece of the world? Some Remarks on Husserl's Critique of Descartes
Stefano Franchini (M.A. graduated student at Scuola Normale Superiore)

Merleau-Ponty's Descartes: The Philosopher in Factual Situation
Dr. David Suarez (Assistant Teaching Professor at University of Toronto)

*What's in a Cogitatio? Descartes, Husserl, and Kant on the Possibility of a Distinctio
Phaenomenologica*
Dr. Tom Poljanšek (Assistant, Theoret. Philosophie Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)

Lunch

Session IV: Practical Philosophy

Rereading Spinoza: the Epoché of Religion According to Levinas
Benedetta Catoni (PhD student at Sapienza University of Rome)

Comparing Spinoza and Husserl on Negative Affects: A Tentative Exploration
Dr. Marco Cavallaro (Post-doctoral Assistant at University of Cologne, Husserl Archive)

Husserl's Re-Reading of Hume's Moral Theory During his Freiburg Years
Michele Vinai (PhD student, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg)

Keynote II

TBD
Clinton Tolley (Professor at University of California, San Diego)

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