

“Borders and Boundaries”

2023 Meeting of the Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought

Catholic Academy of Berlin, June 12-15, 2023

Program directors: Lisa Landoe Hedrick and Gary Slater

Monday, June 12th

7 pm *Intellectual Autobiography*

Randy Auxier

“A Freudian Look at a Philosophical Life”

8 pm *Reception*

Tuesday, June 13th **Political Borders**

Plenary Lectures

9 – 10:15 am

Gary Slater

“Borders: Religious, Political, and Planetary”

10:15 – 10:45 am *Coffee break*

10:45 am – 12 pm

Marcia Pally

“From Foundational Relationality to Populist Borders: How Did We Get Here?”

12 – 2 pm

Lunch

Concurrent Sessions

2 pm – 4 pm

Section A:

- Joseph Kuhn "Roots Planted Upwards: The Border and Judaic Political Theology in Zora Neale Hurston"
- Dan Ott "Nationalisms and God's Borders: An Argument for the Iconoclastic Force of the Plural Divine"
- Mark Lack "Alien Dignity: Helmut Thielicke's Theological Anthropology as a Response to Existential Anxieties and Identity Loss Experienced by Immigrants and Refugees"

Chair/respondent: Gary Slater

Section B:

- Daniel Meier "In-between Spaces in Borderland Regions: Examples in the Middle East"
- Michael Schwarz "Topology and Protest before the Border: Turning Kafka's Law Inside-Out"
- Ritapriya Nandy "Mobility and Belonging in a Borderland Region: Chronicles from Malda"

Chair/respondent: Christopher Momanyi

Section C:

- Anamika Roy "Borders in the Mind: Lived Experience and Identity at the India-Bangladesh Borderland"
- Nishant Narayanan "United by Death? Borders as Convergence Point" (virtual)
- Paschalina Garidou "Polydivine lessons from the Romans to enrich our understanding of borders: a dialogue between the border gods Janus, Terminus, Pluto, Mercury, and Trivia" (virtual)

Chair/respondent: Ivo Frankenreiter

4 – 7 pm *Free time for sightseeing*

7 pm *Evening Lecture*

Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary

“The politics of bordering: From geopolitics to geo-politics”

8:30 pm *Dinner at Catholic Academy*

Wednesday, June 14th Religious Borders

Plenary Lectures

9 – 10:15 am

John Thatamanil

“Do Religions Have Borders? Geography, Porosity, and the Question of Appropriation”

10:15 – 10:45 am *Coffee break*

10:45 am – 12 pm

Robert Yelle

“The Invisible Border: The Vanishing Line of Separation between Church and State”

12 – 2 pm *Lunch and Annual IARPT Board of Directors Meeting*

Concurrent Sessions

2 – 4 pm

Section A:

- Paul Croce "From Origin Story to Adult Child: Rethinking the Relation of Judaism and Christianity, Jamesian Observations"
- Doron Avraham "Making religious borders flexible: German pietism and the confessional divide"

Chair/respondent: Andrew Stone Porter

Section B:

- Monica Coleman "Transgressing Religious Boundaries through Double Consciousness: A case study of African American new thought religion"
- Greylyn Hydinger "Religious Boundaries: Arbitrary and Metaphysical"
- Kjetil Hafstad "The Power of the Pope: Making Borders Porous"

Chair/respondent: Nat Barrett

Section C:

- Whitney Bauman "Un-disciplining the University for Planetary Thinking"
- Ivo Frankenreiter "How acknowledging our analytical borders helps support political action on ecological borders"
- Ulf Zackariasson "Joint agency as transcendence of boundaries? Shared activities and diapractice from a pragmatic perspective"

Chair/respondent: Lisa Landoe Hedrick

4 – 7 pm *Free time for sightseeing*

7 pm *Evening Lecture*

Sigurd Bergmann

"Walls, Weather and the Spirit in-between– Exercises in Border Thinking"

Thursday, June 15th Ecological/Analytical Borders

Plenary Lectures

9 – 10:15 am

Terrence Deacon

“Boundaries of humanness: Neither animal nor artificial intelligence”

10:15 – 10:45 am *Coffee break*

10:45 am – 12 pm

Mathew Bagger

“Dewey and the American Frontier”

12 – 2 pm *Lunch*

Concurrent Sessions

2 – 4 pm

Section A:

Kevin Schilbrack "Emergence, Value Realism, and Religion"

Nat Barrett "The contested boundaries of value in nature"

Lisa Landoe Hedrick "Between Worlds and Worldviews: Reconsidering Perspectivism for Religious Studies after Deconstruction"

Chair/respondent: Bill Hart

Section B:

Andrew Stone Porter "The web of life and death: reimagining borders through interdependence in Buddhism and process thought"

Benjamin Wilck "Are Definitions Boundaries Only Metaphorically? A Reply to Frege"

Robert Smid "A Peircean account of interpersonal epistemic boundaries: on what separates us from what we know and connects us to one another"

Chair/respondent: Michael Raposa

Section C:

J. Thomas Howe "Living between the Lights: Virginia Woolf and the Significance of Dusk"

Scot Yoder "Imagining moral bioenhancement through fiction and philosophy"

Zach Simpson "Individuality as Seen in Western Island Narratives"

Chair/respondent: Greylyn Hydinger

4 – 7 pm *Free time for sightseeing*

7 – 8 pm *Business meeting*