



Second Annual Leszek Kołakowski Symposium

Paradises Lost: *Entzauberung*, Utopia, and their Afterlives

6-8 October 2016, Vienna, Austria

Venue: IWM, Spittelauer Lände 3, 1090 Vienna

Conference Program

Thursday, 6 October

Preconference Meeting

The philosophical work of Krzysztof Michalski (1948-2013), Leszek Kołakowski's erstwhile student at the University of Warsaw.

1:30pm Welcome Coffee

2:00pm – 3:30pm **Opening** Chair: Marci Shore

Andrzej Gniazdowski: *From Heidegger to Nietzsche. Michalski's Search for Authenticity*

Ludger Hagedorn: *Heresy the Polish Way: Michalski, Tischner, Kolakowski*

Nicolas de Warren: *The Unbearable Lightness of Eternity*

3:30pm – 4:00pm Coffee Break

4:00pm – 5:30pm Chair: Ludger Hagedorn

Marci Shore: *Either/Or. An Antidote to Hegel*

James Dodd: *On Michalski's 'Flame of Eternity'*

Marcin Król: *Personal Recollections*

6:30pm

Welcome and introduction

Marci Shore

Keynote Speech

Krzysztof Czyżewski, Director of the Borderland Foundation, Sejny/ Poland

"...there is no logical passage."

or: the Re-enchantment of the Bridge from Self to World

Followed by wine and cheese in the IWM Cafeteria

Friday, 7 October

9:30 – 11:00am Session I: **Utopia – Dystopia**

Chair: Marcin Król

Interventions: Agnes Heller: *From Utopia to Dystopia*

Leonidas Donskis (1962-2016): *Utopias, Dystopias and TINA (There is No Alternative)*

11:00 – 11:30am Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:15am Session II: **Secularism and Its Discontents**

Chair: Ludger Hagedorn

Interventions: Agata Bielik-Robson: *The Impossible Community. Kołakowski's Religious Consciousness and Ecclesiastical Ties Revisited*

12:30 – 2.30pm Lunch break

2:30 – 4:00pm Session III: **Politics and Disillusionment**

Chair: Nicolas de Warren

Interventions: Marcin Król: *25 Years after Communism – A Spiritual Crisis that Could Be Fatal*

Pavel Barša: *Leftist Thought in Post-Utopian Times*

4:00 – 4:30pm Coffee Break

4:30 – 6:00pm **Session IV: Romantic and Reactionary Utopias of Today**

Chair: Agnieszka Rosner

Interventions: Jurko Prochasko: *Reactionary Utopias, Romantic Utopias*

 Marcin Szuster: *13 Tales from the Kingdom of Lailonia*

7:30pm **Conference Dinner**

Saturday, 8 October

9:45 – 10:30am **Session V: Epistemological Certitude and Its Social Implications**

Chair: James Dodd

Interventions: Anna Yampolskaya: *Certainty/Certitude in Phenomenology and beyond*

10:30 – 11:00am Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30am **Session VI: Alienation and Leftist Utopias**

Chair: Marci Shore

Interventions: Andrzej Wańkiewicz: *The Utopian Idea of Active Citizenship*

 Sudipta Kaviraj: *Utopian Thinking and the Enchantment of Democracy*

1:00pm *End of conference – optional sandwich lunch*