

# International Conference “LEVINAS TODAY” program

November 7-9, 2023, Vilnius University, Lithuania

## Tuesday, November 7

Aula Parva (Universiteto str. 3)

9:30 am: Registration

9:45 am Welcome (Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy Jonas Dagys, Danutė Bacevičiūtė, Richard Cohen)

10:00–12:00 am Session 1 moderator Richard Cohen

**Steven Shankman** (University of Oregon, OR, USA) *Levinas Today, Here in Vilnius: Vasily Grossman's Stalingrad, Justice, and Maternity*

**Luc Anckaert** (University of Louvain, Belgium) *Emmanuel Levinas and Vasily Grossman. Little Goodness, Justice and the Mystery of the Soul*

**Rita Šerpytytė** (Vilnius University, Lithuania) *The Interpretation of Levinas in the Philosophy of Marco Maria Olivetti*

12:00–1:45 pm Lunch

Senate Hall (Universiteto str. 3)

1:45–3:45 pm Session 2 moderator James Mclachlan

**Richard Cohen** (University at Buffalo, NY, USA & Vilnius University, Lithuania) *Saying and the Politics of the Said*

**Sean Lawrence** (The University of British Columbia, Okanagan, Canada) *Levinas and Liberalism Today*

**Lorenza Bottacin Cantoni** (University of Padova, Italy) *Responsibility and Hegemony. Questioning Levinas on the Role of Intellectuals and the Relationship between Ethics, Justice, and Globalization*

3:45–4:15 pm Coffee break

Senate Hall (Universiteto str. 3)

4:15 pm to 6:15 pm: Session 3 moderator Danutė Bacevičiūtė

**James Mclachlan** (Western Carolina University, North Carolina, USA) *Infinity and Openness: Levinas's Reading of Bergson's Two Sources of Morality and Religion*

**Aušra Pažėraitė** (Vilnius University, Lithuania) *The Problematic Nature of the Category of Religion and Levinasian Interpretation of this Category from the Jewish Perspective*

**Stephen Jay Stern** (Gettysburg College, PA, USA) *Transcendental Empiricism: Levinas' Neo-Talmudic Epistemology*

7:00 pm Reception



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## Wednesday, November 8

Senate Hall (Universiteto str. 3)

10:00–12:00 am: Session 4 moderator Richard Cohen

**Robert Manning** (Quincy University, IL, USA) Stepping Around, Across, and On the Trauma of the Holocaust in Levinas’s Texts: Interpreting Levinas Through Emily Dickinson

**Jolanta Saldukaitytė** (Vilnius University, Lithuania) Forgetting and Forgiveness

**Yves Sobel** (University of Paris, France) “If it isn’t You, it’s Your Brother then”

12:00–6:30 pm Levinas and Litvak Judaism. Visiting Levinas’ birthplace in Kaunas

## Thursday, November 9

Senate Hall (Universiteto str. 3)

10:00–12:00 am: Session 5 moderator Robert Manning

**Irina Poleshchuk** (University of Helsinki, Finland) From Singularity to Community: The Work of Affectivity in Maternal Relation

**Cynthia D. Coe** (Central Washington University, WA, USA) Levinasian Reflections on Disability

**Diane Perpich** (Clemson University, SC, USA) Levinas and the Vulnerability of Dignity

12:00–1:45 pm Lunch

Senate Hall (Universiteto str. 3)

1:45–3.45 pm: Session 6 moderator Lorenza Bottacin Cantoni

**Steve Larocco** (Southern Connecticut State University, CT, USA) The Face, the Gaze, and the Other: Plasticity, Fantasy, Singularity

**Todd Ho man** (Augusta University, GA, USA) Levinas, Deleuze and the Ethical Call of the Environment

**Paul Sandu** (University of Bucharest, Romania) Otherwise than Human or Beyond the Anthropological Difference – Levinas and the Problem of Animality

3:45–4:15 pm Coffee break



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4:15–6:15 pm: Session 7 moderator Jolanta Saldukaitytė

**Claire Maria Chambers** (California Institute of Integral Studies, CA, USA) For Your Enjoyment: On the Limits of Relational Anarchy in Levinas

**Danutė Bacevičiūtė** (Vilnius University, Lithuania) Justice and Responsibility

**Sandor Goodhart** (Purdue University, IN, USA) Anti-Literature or Anti-Artistic Idolatry? Reading, Levinas, Art, and Philosophy

7:00 pm Group dinner, farewell

Each Presentation: ½ hour, 10 minutes Q/A

Organizing committee:

Danutė Bacevičiūtė (chair), Richard A. Cohen, Jolanta Saldukaitytė, Rita Šerpytytė.

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