

Ethics & Aesthetics in Schopenhauer & Wittgenstein - University of Southampton, Dept. of Philosophy, 12th-13th January 2026

Full Programme of Events

Day 1 – 12th January 2026; Shackleton Building (44), Room 1057

13:00 – Meet & greet

13:30 – Workshop Opens

13:40-14:40 – Session 1: ‘The Practical and the Mystical: Schopenhauer and Wittgenstein in Anscombe’s Moral Philosophy’ ~ Dr Michael Wee, University of Oxford

15:00-16:00 – Session 2: ‘Ethics, Aesthetics, and the Transcendental: Schopenhauer, Wittgenstein, and the Vision *Sub Specie Aeternitatis* in Dialogue with Indian Philosophy’ ~ Prof Vandana Sharma Diya, University of Delhi

16:20-17:20 – Session 3, Keynote: ‘Wittgenstein and Relativism’ ~ Prof Severin Schroeder, University of Reading

17:30 – Close of Day

19:00 – Conference Dinner @The Cowherds

(Programme continues overleaf)

Day 2 – 13th January 2026; Centenary Building (100), Room 4011

10:00 – Welcome back

10:05-11:05 – Session 4: ‘Metaphysical Suffering and Ethical Attitude: Schopenhauer and Wittgenstein on the Meaning of Pain’ ~ Fr Juan Rivera Castro, S.J., Boston College

11:25-12:25 – Session 5, Keynote: ‘Wittgenstein’s Formalism: More Kantian than Schopenhauerian’ ~ Prof Hanne Appelqvist, University of Helsinki

12:25-13:30 – Lunch

13:40-14:40 – Session 6: ‘Schopenhauer, Wittgenstein and the Problem of Life’ ~ Tom Bildstein, Université Libre de Bruxelles

15:10-16:10 – Session 7: ‘Seeing Anew: Aesthetic Experience and Philosophical Method in Schopenhauer and Wittgenstein’ ~ Dr David Hommen, HHU Düsseldorf

16:30 – Close of workshop

If you intend to attend the workshop, either in person or online, please fill out and submit a [registration form](#). This must be completed before the registration deadline of **Friday, 5th December 2025**.

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