

‘Philosophy of Humour: New Perspectives’ – Conference Programme

Online event hosted by Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania.

All times are Eastern European Time (EET).

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Thursday 11th February 2021

9:00-9:40: Welcome and Introduction.

9:40-10:20: ‘Sublime, Beautiful, Funny: Humour in §54 of Kant's Third *Critique*’, David Sommer (University College London, UK).

10:20-11:00: ‘Kant and the Ethics of Humor’, Robert R. Clewis (Gwynedd Mercy University, PA, USA).

11:20-12:00: ‘Kierkegaard: the Power of Irony and Humour’, Siobhan Doyle (St Nicholas Montessori College of Ireland and University College Dublin, Ireland).

12:00-12:40: ‘Humour as the Incognito of the Religious in Kierkegaard’, Viktoras Bachmetjevas (Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania).

14:20-15:00: ‘Primitive Humour’, Philip Letts (University of Manchester, UK) and Andrew Routledge (University of Liverpool, UK).

15:00-15:40: ‘“That’s right, clap the things you agree with”: Stewart Lee’s Content Provider and the Socratic Method’, Matthew J. Barnard (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK).

16:00-16:40: ‘The Birth of Tragicomedy: A Nietzschean Analysis of Contemporary Stand-Up Comedy’, Sheila Lintott (Bucknell University, Lewisburg PA, USA).

16:40-17:20: ‘What Internalist Theories of Humour Cannot Say About Ethical Evaluation’, Daniel Abrahams (University of Glasgow, UK).

17:20-18:00: ‘What’s So Funny? Improv Comedy and Humor Before Comedic Meaning’, Timothy Mahoney (CUNY Graduate Center, USA).

Friday 12th February 2021

9:00-9:40: ‘Prolegomena to a Revised Theory of Humor’, Alberto Voltolini (University of Turin, Italy).

9:40-10:20: ‘„Aha!/Haha! – That’s a good one!“ On the Correlation of Laughter and Understanding in Joke Reception’, Mira Magdalena Sickinger, University of Vienna, Austria.

10:20-11:00: ‘Hidden Congruities’, Daniel O’Shiel (Diego Portales University, Santiago, Chile).

11:20-12:00: ‘The Role of Laughter and Humour in the Feminist Movement: From Assertion of Superiority to Symbolic Expression’, Teodora Marija Grigaitė (Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania).

12:00-12:40: ‘The Possibility of Parody’, Sarah W. Hirschfield (Cambridge University, UK).

14:20-15:00: ‘A Sensibility of Humour’, Zoe Walker (Cambridge University, UK).

15:00-15:40: ‘Partisan Political Humour. Some Ethical Considerations’, Javier Gil (University of Oviedo, Spain).

16:00-16:40: 'Grotesque Leadership: The Carnival of Populism', Maura Ceci (Leiden University, Netherlands).

16:40-17:20: 'Moral Responsibility for Amusement', Caroline Mobley (University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN, USA).

17:20-18:00: Concluding Discussion.