



# INTERPRETING TRANSCENDENCE

## An Interdisciplinary Dialogue



18 - 19 June 2015

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Thursday, 18 June 2015

**09:30 – 10:00 Introductions**

**10:00 – 12:00 Panel 1. *Sociological and Philosophical Approaches to Transcendence***

**Social Transcendence: Connecting Anomie and Sovereignty**

Robert Yelle, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

**The Work of Transcendence**

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

**Conversion and Vertigo**

Daniel Colucciello Barber, Institute for Cultural Inquiry Berlin

**12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break at the CAS**

**13:30 – 15:30 Panel 2. *Semiotic and Aesthetic Approaches to Transcendence***

**The Enthralled Spectator: Oblique Themes in the Discourse on Cultural Origins**

Peter Jackson, Stockholm University

**Smashing the Idols: A Paradoxical Semiotics**

Massimo Leone, University of Torino

**Transcendence and Imagination – Some Thoughts on Two Related Concepts**

Katharina Wilkens, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 – 18:00 Panel 3. *Transcendence and Religious Traditions***

**Talking (and Arguing) with Transcendence**

Ugo Volli, University of Torino

**Can God be Categorized? The Limits of Theological Language in Early Medieval Philosophy**

Peter Adamson, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

**Transcendence without Difference? Some Remarks on the Diamond Sūtra**

Martin Lehnert, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

**19:00 Conference Dinner for the Speakers at the Café Reitschule**



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**10:00 – 12:00 Panel 4. *Transcendence and Anthropotechnics***

**Philosophy's Turn to Practice as the Spectral Return of Transcendence:  
Peter Sloterdijk, Michel Foucault, and the Non-religion of 'Anthropotechnics'**  
Ward Blanton and Yvonne Sherwood, University of Kent

**The Mass Miracle: Healing in the Age of Tele-Technology**  
Anderson Blanton, Max-Planck-Institut Göttingen

**12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break at the CAS**

**13:30 – 15:30 Panel 5. *Transcendence and Texts***

**The Immanence/Transcendence Distinction at Work. The Case of the  
Apostles' Creed**  
Volkhard Krech, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

**"Immanent Transcendence". Hermann Broch and the Critique of Political  
Theology**  
Daniel Weidner, Humboldt-Universität Berlin

***Adveniat Regnum Tuum: Revolutionary Paths toward Religious  
Transcendence in Italian Contemporary Literature***  
Jenny Ponzio, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 – 18:00 Interdisciplinary Round Table: *Defining and Representing Transcendence*  
(all conference participants)**

**19:00 Conference Dinner for the Speakers at the Weinbauer Gasthaus**

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Attendance is free, but subject to registration.

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