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Program *

Monday, January 16

Morning Session

8:30-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-9:15 **Greetings**
Prof. Steven Kaplan, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

9:15-11:00 **Ethics, Time and Subjectivity**
Chair: Prof. Marie-Anne Lescourret

Richard Sugarman:
*Preliminary Reflections on the Ethical Messianism and the
Deformalization of Time in Emmanuel Levinas (E)**

Eveline Goodman-Thau:
*Truth, Time and the Other. Levinas' Ethical Theory of Knowledge from
the Sources of Judaism (E)*

Michael B. Smith:
Recurrence in Levinas (E)

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:15 **Justice and Sociality**
Chair: Dr. Peretz Segal, Ministry of Justice

Pascal Delhom:
Levinas and Pascal on the Relationship between Justice and Knowledge (E)

François Coppens:
The Ring of Gyges: Displacements and Echoes of a Figure (E)

Simon Critchley:
Do not use the Other as Mouth Wash (E)

13:15-14:45 *Lunch Break*

Afternoon Session

14:45-16:30 **Levinas, Judaism and Christianity**
Chair: J.D. Ari Knoll, Levinas Ethical Legacy Foundation (LELF), New York

Roger Burggraeve:
*Emmanuel Levinas as a Real Master of Thought. The Talmudic
Philosophy of Levinas as inspiration for Christians (E)*

Irene Kajon:
Levinas in Italy: His Influence on Secular, Catholic and Jewish Thinkers (E)

* All lectures will take place at the Institute for Advanced Studies, at the Hebrew University, Edmond J. Safra Campus at Givat Ram, Jerusalem, Feldman Building, Room 130 (first floor), except on Friday, Jan. 20 at Feldman B Hall.

** E=English, F=French, H=Hebrew. Simultaneous translation Hebrew-French-Hebrew will be available from Tues. Jan. 17 to Thurs. Jan. 19.

Barbara U. Meyer:
Applying for Otherness (E)

16:30-17:00 *Coffee Break*

17:00-18:45 **Faces and Idols**
Chair: Prof. Pierre de Miroschedji, Centre de Recherche Français de Jerusalem (CRFJ)

Hagi Kenaan:
The Face and the Portrait (E)

Jeffrey A. Barash:
Gods without Faces: Emmanuel Levinas and the Question of Myth (E)

Michael Maidan:
Idolatry, Desacralization, Philosophy (E)

Tuesday, January 17

Morning Session

9:00-10:00 **Levinas and Aesthetics**
Chair: Dror Sullaper, The Hebrew University

In Memory of David Gritz (Paris 1978-Jerusalem 2002)
Jacques Taminiaux:
Art and Destiny. The Debate with Phenomenology in "Reality and its Shadow" (F)

10:00-10:30 *Coffee Break*

10:30-12:15 **Re-thinking Humanism in the Shadow of the Shoah**
Chair: Dr. Pascal Delhom

Yves-Charles Zarka:
Levinas, Refoundation of Humanism and Beyond Subjectivity (F)

Joëlle Hansel:
Paganism and "Philosophy of Hitlerism" (F)

Shmuel Wygoda:
The Limits of Unlimited Responsibility (H)

12:15-14:00 *Lunch break*

Afternoon Session

14:00-15:45 **The Other and the Third**
Chair: Prof. Moshe Idel, The Hebrew University

Bernhard Waldenfels:
Hyperbolic Justice (F)

Jean-Michel Salanskis:
Universal and Particular in Levinas (E)

Francesco Paolo Ciglia:

The One, the Other, the Third. The Triangle of the Human in Emmanuel Levinas' Thought (F)

15:45-17:00

Levinas and Literature

Chair: Prof. Roland Goetschel, Université de Paris IV – Sorbonne

Salomon Malka:

Emmanuel Levinas and Saul Bellow: "The same hatred of the other man, the same anti-semitism" (F)

Elena Bovo:

Inexhaustible Otherness (F)

Wednesday, January 18

Morning Session

9:00-10:45

Desire and the Feminine

Chair: Dr. Joëlle Hansel

Enrique Dussel:

The "désir métaphysique" of Levinas as Solidarity? (Beyond Nietzsche and Derrida) (E)

Marie-Anne Lescourret:

The Notion of Desire by Levinas (E)

Zeev Harvey:

Levinas on the Creation of Woman (H)

10:45-11:15

Coffee Break

11:15-13:00

Suffering and Passivity

Chair: Father Emile Choufani, Nazareth

Miguel Garcia Baro:

Suffering and Meaning (F)

Annabel Herzog:

Return, Reversal and Suffering in Levinas' philosophy (H)

Rolf Kühn:

Ethic Recurrence and Original Passibility in Emmanuel Levinas. Renewed Metaphysics of Affective and Communal Infinity (F)

13:00-14:30

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

14:30-16:15

Politics and Messianism

Chair: Dr. Tsvia Valden, Beit Berl

Ralph Hancock:

Levinas and Leo Strauss: the Justice of Philosophy (E)

Francois-David Sebbah:

« It's War » (F)

Jean-François Rey:
Messianism and Political Philosophy: Tensions and Coherence (F)

16:15-16:45 *Coffee Break*

16:45-18:30 **Logics and Hermeneutics**
Chair: Dr. Michal Govrin, writer, Jerusalem

Alberto Sucasas:
Levinas as a Jewish Philosopher (F)

Silvana Rabinovich:
Translating Resonances: Heteronomies of Reading in Levinas (F)

Michael Roubach:
Levinas on Possibility and Impossibility (E)

18:30-19:15 **The Davos Debate in the Light of New Documents**
Chair: Prof. Gabriel Motzkin, The Hebrew University

Thomas Meyer (E)

Thursday, January 19

Morning Session

9:00-10:45 **Levinas and Contemporary French Philosophy**
Chair: Prof. Menachem Brinker, The Hebrew University

Zeev Levy:
The Role of the Trace in the Philosophies of Emmanuel Levinas and Jacques Derrida (E)

Daniel Epstein:
Where are we? Levinas and the Problem of Place (F)

Eli Schonfeld:
History and Jewish Facticity: about a Hidden Dialogue between Levinas and Sartre (F)

10:45-11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15-12:30 **Levinas and French Literature**
Chair: Prof. Cyril Aslanov, The Hebrew University

Eric Hoppenot:
The Statute of Image in Levinas and Blanchot (F)

Gary D. Mole:
Misreading or Missed Reading? Lévinas on Jabès (E)

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

Afternoon Session

- 14:00-16:00 **Levinas and Spinoza**
Chair: Mr. Dirk Wentink, Royal Netherlands Embassy
- Richard A. Cohen:**
Levinas and Spinoza: Ethics and science (E)
- Elhanan Yakira:**
Levinas on Spinoza: Political Questions? (E)
- Diana Sperling:**
Levinas with Spinoza (F)
- Hent de Vries:**
Levinas, Spinoza and the Theological-Political Meaning of Scripture (E)
- 16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:30-18:15 **Levinas and Contemporary Jewish Philosophy**
Chair: Prof. Jean-Michel Salanskis
- Rivka Horwitz:**
"Love your Neighbor as Yourself", Levinas and Rosenzweig (H)
- Sophie Nordmann:**
Judaism and Paganism in Cohen, Rosenzweig and Levinas (F)
- Yehoyada Amir:**
The Philosophy of Levinas-Between Hermann Cohen and Franz Rosenzweig (E)

Friday, January 20

Morning Session

- 9:00-10:15 **Levinas and Jewish Thought**
Chair: Dr. Yossi Schwartz, Tel Aviv University
- Ephraim Meir:**
Schem and Japheth in Difficult Freedom (E)
- Hanoch Ben Pazi:**
Achieving Unity and the Impossibility of Forgiveness (Levinas, Soloveitchik, Rav Kook) (E)
- 10:15-10:45 *Coffee Break*
- 10:45-11:45 **Special Session : Beyond Phenomenology and the Sources of Judaism**
Chair: Prof. Moshe Halbertal, The Hebrew University
- Shalom Rosenberg (E), Hilary Putnam (E)**
- 11:45-12:00 **Conclusions**
- 12:00-13:00 *Lunch*

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