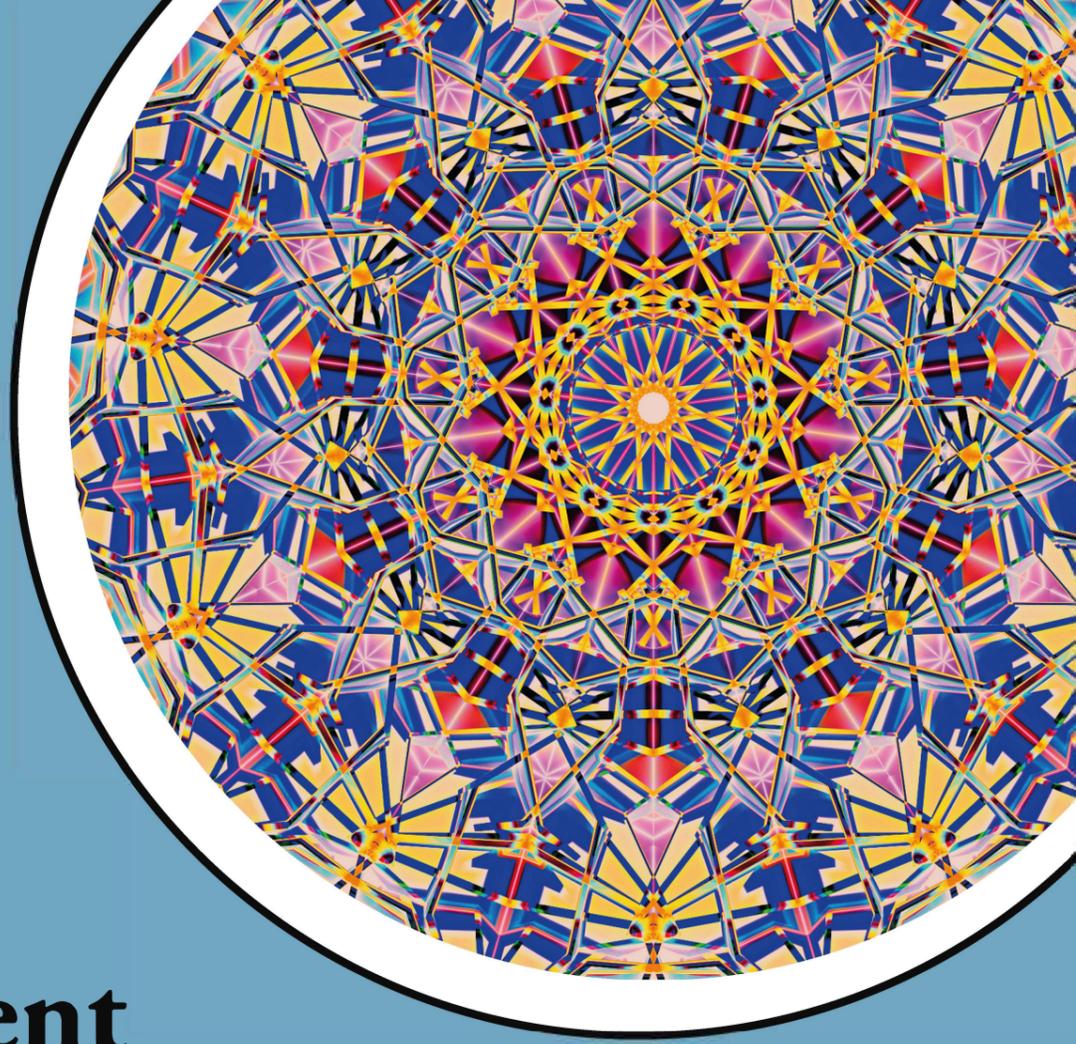




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Spiritual Investment in the World: Modern Theologies of Worldliness

The aim of the conference is to add a speculative dimension to the famous debate on secularisation, which began in the 50's around Karl Löwith's *Meaning in History*.

**A22 Humanities Building
University Park**

**30 May - 31 May
9am - 8pm**

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**“In the struggle
between yourself
and the world,
side with the
world.”** Franz Kafka

Programme

Tuesday 30 May

9.00-11.00 Arendt's Amor Mundi

Annabel Herzog, "Arendt's and Derrida's Spiritual Worldliness. A Comparative Approach"

Yael Almog, "Two Revisions of Jewish History: Arendt versus Scholem"

Yotam Hotam, "The Phantom of Theology: Hannah Arendt on Judgment and Evil"

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.30 Messianism, Procosmism, Secularity

Libera Pisano, "Pneumatische Gemeinschaft. Gustav Landauer's Messianic Politics through Scholem's Prism"

Martin Kavka, "Anarchic Profanation: Hermann Cohen's Messianic Action"

Shaul Magid, "Cosmological Nationalism and the Secular Piety of Aaron David Gordon"

13.30-15.30 Lunch

15.30-17.30 The Lurianic Background

Agata Bielik-Robson, "Instead of Introduction. The Liberation of the World: Luria, Scholem, Derrida"

Paul Franks, "Shattering the Vessels: Catastrophe, Catharsis, and Communicative Overload"

Elliot Wolfson, "The Logic of the Trace. The Disclosure of the World (ha-olam) in the Concealment of Infinity (he'lem)"

17.30-18.00 Coffee Break

18.00-18.45 Franz Kafka

Vivian Liska, "Kafka's Biblical Investment in the World"

20.00 Dinner

Wednesday 31 May

9.00-10.30 Rosenzweig's Turn to the Worldly, Part 1

Benjamin Pollock, "?! בבוד auf Deutsch ?!: Buber and Rosenzweig Translate the Glory of God"

Gilad Sharvit, "Rosenzweig on Halevi: A Curious Turn to the World"

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 Rosenzweig's Turn to the Worldly, Part 2

Daniel Weiss, "Spiritual Investment in Material Creation, Spiritual Divestment from the World"

Daniel Herskowitz, "The Wrong Side of History: Franz Rosenzweig's Judeo-Christian Thought and the Exclusion of Islam"

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Wordliness in the Talmud

Zachary Braiterman, "The Sense of the Image in the World: Rabbinic Nullification of the Idol"

Sergey Dolgopolski, "The Dress of the World"

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-18.00 Lévinas On/In the World: Metaphysics

Cedric Cohen-Skalli, "The Circle of Love – A Short History of Transcendence"

Willem Styfhals, "Worldliness through Eschatology: Blumenberg, Scholem, Lévinas"

Adam Lipszyc, "Network of the Groundless: Nancy, Lévinas, Mitchell"

18.00-18.15 Coffee Break

18.15-19.45 Lévinas On/In the World: Politics

Michael Fagenblat, "Paganism as a Political Problem: the Jewish Spiritual Investment in the World according to Lévinas in the 1930s"

Elad Lapidot, "Moseism after Maoism: Critique of Revolution as Gnostic in Post-68 French Jewish Thought"

20.00 Dinner