

**Learning to be Human for Global Times:
Challenges and Opportunities from the Perspective of
Contemporary Philosophy of Religion**

International Symposium

**April 7 – 8, 2017
University of Vienna, Austria
(in English Language)**

Coordinators

**Mag. Dr. Brigitte Buchhammer and Univ.-Prof. i.R.
Dr. Herta Nagl-Docekal, Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna.**

Institutional Cooperation

**Interdisciplinary Research Platform: ‘Religion and Transformation in
Contemporary Society’, University of Vienna;
Austrian Academy of Sciences;
The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, Washington, D.C.**

Venue

**Campus of the University of Vienna, Spitalgasse 2, Hof 2.8, Seminarraum
des Instituts für Ethik und Recht in der Medizin (= Kapelle)**

Friday, April 7, 2017

13.00 – 13.30

Welcome Address & Introduction

13.30 – 15.00

Chair: Ludwig Nagl

13.30 – 14.00

Kurt Appel / University of Vienna
The Humanistic Potential of Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit

14.00 – 14.30

Thomas M. Schmidt / Goethe University Frankfurt
The Search for Lost Intimacy. Georges Bataille on Religion as Immanent Human Experience

14.30 – 15.00

Angela Kallhoff / University of Vienna
Rescue Cases and Environmental Duties in the Climate Crisis

15.00 – 15.15 coffee break

15.15 – 16.45

Chair: Claudia Melica

15.15 – 15.45

Birgit Heller / University of Vienna
To Whom It Concerns. Humanity and Dignity in Interreligious Perspective

15.45 – 16.15

Maureen Junker-Kenny / Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
Re-learning to be Human: Translations Between Religions and Cultures as Case Studies of Mutual Learning

16.15 – 16.45

Sandra Lehmann / University of Vienna
Messianic Cessation and the Praxis of the Neighbor

16.45 – 17.00 coffee break

17.00 – 18.30

Chair: Herta Nagl-Docekal

17.00 – 17.30

Stephan Steiner / Katholische Akademie Berlin
Emersonian Anxieties. The Age of Anthropocene and the Legacy of Humanism

17.30 – 18.00

Cornelia Esianu / Alexandru-Ioan-Cuza-University of Iași, Rumänien
The Conception of Love in Immanuel Kant and Friedrich Schlegel: Its Relevance for a Comprehensive Theory of the Human Being

18.00 – 18.30

Brigitte Buchhammer / University of Vienna
Philosophy as an Advocate of the Whole Humanity: Moral Enhancement Theories – a Current Philosophical Problem

19.00 dinner

Saturday, April 8, 2017

10.30 – 12.00

Chair: Thomas M. Schmidt

10.30 – 11.00

Ludwig Nagl / University of Vienna
What is it to be a Human Being? Charles Taylor on „the Full Shape of the Human Linguistic Capacity“

11.00 – 11.30

Carlo Willmann / Alanus University of Arts and Social Sciences, Vienna
Empathy - Attention - Responsibility. Milestones to Humanity by Edith Stein, Simone Weil and Dag Hammarskjöld and their Relevance in the World of Today

11.30 – 12.00

Rita Perintfalvi / Ökumenischer Verband der Theologinnen Ungarns
(Re)-Learning to be Human in Central and Eastern Europe: If Political Authoritarianism is Flirting with Religious Fundamentalism

12.00 – 14.00 lunch break

14.00 – 15.30

Chair: Maureen Junker-Kenny

14.00 – 14.30

Herta Nagl-Docekal / University of Vienna
Educating Humanity. A Core Concern of Kant's Philosophy of History

14.30 – 15.00

Leonhard Weiss / Alanus University of Arts and Social Sciences Vienna
'The Human Being – A Beginner'. The Anthropological Foundations and Current Relevance of Hannah Arendt's Understanding of Childhood and Education

15.00 – 15.30

Claudia Melica / Sapienza University Rome
'Menschlichkeit'. Lessing's Ideal Model for Culture, Religion and Ethics Today

15.30 – 15.45 coffee break

15.45 – 17.15

Chair: Cornelia Esianu

15.45 – 16.15

Isabella Guanzini / University of Graz
Humanisation and Desire. The Symbolic Dimensions in the Thinking of Jacques Lacan

16.15 – 16.45

Elisabeth Menschl / Johannes Kepler-University Linz
Occam's Razor: Simplicity Versus Simplification or How to Deal with the Complex Images of Humanity

16.45 – 17.15

Sibylle Trawöger, Katholische Privatuniversität Linz
Learning to be Human in the Silence