

August 3; 1 pm to 3 pm

RT on the Philosophy of the Human Condition:

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Chair: Lydia Amir, Editor of the *Companion to the Philosophy of the Human Condition* (work under contract for Brill)

1. **Luca Maria Scarantino**, “On Slavery”;
2. **Giorgio Baruchello**, “On Cruelty”;
3. **G. John Abbarno**, “On Poverty”;
4. **Lou Marinoff**, “On War”;
5. **Michael Paroussis**, “On Relationality”;
6. **Lydia Amir**, “On Compassionate Happiness.”

We have two hours; kindly aim at a 15 minutes talk; each speaker may have 5 minutes discussion after each talk, which leaves 10 minutes for discussion at the end with the audience.

August 5; 9 am to 11 am

RT on Cruelty and Humor

Jacob Dahl Rendtorff <jacrendt@ruc.dk>; **Richard Rubin** <rmrubin@georgesantayanasociety.org>; giorgio@unak.is; arsaell@hi.is;

We celebrate the 4 volumes of *Cruelty and Humor* published by de Gruyter Series in Philosophy of Humor (2023- 2024):

Giorgio Baruchello and Ársæll Már Arnarsson. *Cruelty and Humor* (4 volumes). Berlin: De Gruyter Series in Philosophy of Humor.

With the format of **Authors meet Critics**

Chair: Lydia Amir, Founding Editor of de Gruyter Series in Philosophy of Humor

Critic 1: Jacob Dahl Rendtorf (20 minutes)

Critic 2: Richard M. Rubin (20 minutes)

Authors' Response (20 to 40 minutes)

Discussion with the audience (20 minutes)

August 5; 1pm to 6pm

Sessions of the International Society for the Philosophy of Humor

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Session I: Historical Perspectives (1 to 3 pm)

Chair: Andrea Hurst

Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Speakers:

1. Tristan Burt

“Why Humor Is the Key to Understanding the Allegory of the Cave.”

The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

2. Elena García Peláez Cruz

“Quintilian and the Issue about the ‘Inborn’ or ‘Acquired’ Capacity to Make People Laugh.”

Universidad Panamericana, Campus México, Mexico City, México

3. Richard M. Rubin

“Dewey on Humor.”

President of the George Santayana Society, St. Louis, MO, USA

4. Patrizia Salvaterra

“Does Philosophy Kill Humor?”

University of Milan, Italy

Session II: Exploring Humor (3 to 5 pm)

Chair: Tristan Burt

The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Speakers:

1. Brian Robinson

“Amusement: Its Role as an Emotion in Humor.”

Texas A&M University-Kingsville, TX, USA

2. Lauren Olin

“On Lying and Joking.”

University of Missouri - St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA

3. Michael K. Cundall, Jr.

“Laughter and Humor: Common Goods Like No Other.”

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, NC, USA

4. Mark Ralkoswki

“What Does It Mean for Humor to Be Liberating?”

George Washington University, DC, USA

Session III: Going Deep (5 to 6 pm)

Chair: Lauren Olin

University of Missouri - St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA

Speakers:

1. Andrea Hurst

“Humor as the Key to Complexity-Thinking.”

Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

2. Lydia Amir

“How to Be Saved from Salvations?”

Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA

Each speaker has 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes discussion.

August 6; 9 am to 11 am and 1 pm to 3 pm

Philosophy and the Comic: A New Field

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9 am to 11 am:

Chair: Lydia Amir

Affiliation: Tufts University, Medford, MA Country: USA

Speakers:

1. First name: Abraham

Family name: Olivier

Affiliation: University of Fort Hare, Alice, Eastern Cape Country: South Africa

“Emotions, Humor, and Meaning”

2. First name: Steven

Family name: Harvey

Affiliation: Jewish Studies, Bar-Ilan University Country: Israel

“Humor in Medieval Jewish Thought”

3. First name: David

Family name: Bartosch

Affiliation: Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai Country: China

“Humor in Chinese Philosophy”

4. First name: Robert

Family name: Clewis

Affiliation: Gwynedd Mercy University, Gwynedd Valley, PA Country: USA

“Kant on Laughter”

1 pm to 3pm

5. First name: Russell

Family name: Ford

Affiliation: Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL Country: USA

“Bergson on the Comic”

6. First name: Lauren

Family name: Olin

Affiliation: Center for Neurodynamics, University of Missouri - St. Louis, MI Country: USA

“The Cognitive Science of Humor”

7. **First name: Michael K.**

Family name: Cundall, Jr.

Affiliation: North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, NC Country: USA

“Offensive Humor”

8. **First name: Lydia**

Family name: Amir

Affiliation: Tufts University, Medford, MA

Country: USA

“Laughing at Self as Other: From *Homo Ridens* (The Laughing Human Being) to *Homo risibilis* (The Ridiculous Human Being)”

Each speaker has 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes discussion.

August 6; 3 pm to 7 pm

RT on Transformative Philosophy

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Presentation of the *Transformative Philosophy Handbook* (work under contract for Springer)

The lectures follow the order of the *Handbook*:

Chair: Lydia Amir, Editor of the *Transformative Philosophy Handbook*:

Short Presentation of the work

1. **David Bartosch**, "Transformative Philosophies in Late Antiquity and Medieval Philosophy."
2. **Lydia Amir**, "Transformative Philosophies in the Renaissance and Modern Philosophy."
3. **Lou Marinoff**, "Transformative Eastern Philosophies Influencing the West."
4. **Andrea Hurst**, "Will as Transformative."
5. **Finn Thorbjørn Hansen**, "Wonder as Transformative."
6. **Jose Barrientos-Rastrojo**, "Experience as Transformative."
7. **Anders Lindseth**, "Understanding as Transformative."
8. **G. John Abbarno**, "Love as Transformative."

Each speaker can talk for 20 minutes; 10 minutes discussion will follow each lecture.

August 7; 1 pm to 3 pm:

Philosophy: Between Theory and Practice

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This Roundtable celebrates the recently published book of Ora Gruengard, in Lexington Series in Philosophical Practice, edited by Lydia Amir

Ora Gruengard, *Philosophy in Philosophical Counseling: Unasked Questions*. Lexington Series in Philosophical Practice, 2023.

It is organized as an **Author Meets Critics** Session:

Chair: Lydia Amir, Founding Editor of Lexington Series in Philosophical Practice

Critic One: Anders Lindseth

Critic Two: David Sumiacher

Critic Three: Michael Picard

Critic Four: Giancarlo Marinelli

Author's Response: Ora Gruengard

Each (critic or author) will talk for 20 minutes, and the discussion with the audience will take an additional 20 minutes at the end.

August 7; 3 pm to 5 pm:

"Who Is a Philosopher? Thinking Philosophical Praxis with Its Founder, Gerd B. Achenbach."

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This Roundtable celebrates the recently published book of Gerd B. Achenbach, a collection of essays translated into English by Michael Picard, in Lexington Series in Philosophical Practice, edited by Lydia Amir

Gerd B. Achenbach. PHILOSOPHICAL PRAXIS: ORIGIN, RELATIONS, AND LEGACY, translated into English by Michael Picard. Lexington Series in Philosophical Practice, 2024.

The roundtable is organized as an **Author Meets Critics** format:

Chair: Lydia Amir, Founding Editor of Lexington Series in Philosophical Practice

Critic One: Ora Gruengard

Critic Two: Anders Lindseth

Critic Three: (and Translator into Korean of Achenbach's work) Soung-Suk Nho

Co-Translator: Laura V. Achenbach

Translator: Michael Picard

Author's Answer: Gerd B. Achenbach

Presentation 5 minutes; each (critic and translator) will aim at 15 minutes; author's answer 20 minutes, and discussion with the audience 20 minutes.