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CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS:

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English and German

July 29

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11:00 - 11:15 | Opening of the Conference. Welcome addresses by representatives of the organizing institutions:

Keynote Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Teona Khupenia, Rector of Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University. Georgia;
Prof.Dr. Tamar Lominadze, Vice-Rector of the Georgian Technical University. Georgia;
Prof. Em. Theo Kobusch, Professor Emeritus of the University of Bonn.

First Session

Moderator: Dr. Davit Galashvili

Time	Title	Speaker
11:15 - 11:55	<i>Das Prinzip der Individualität. Friedrich Heinrich Jacobis Begründung einer Philosophie der Moderne</i>	Prof.Dr. em. Theo Kobusch University of Bonn, Germany
11:55 - 12:35	The Paradigm of Redemptive Theomachy in K. Gamsakhurdia's Novels "The Right Hand of the Grand Master" and "The Smile of Dionysus"	Assoc. Prof.Dr. Khatuna Gogia Prof. Zaal Kortua Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University, Georgia
12:35 - 13:05	Metaphysics & Metaphor	Prof. Dr. Jure Zovko University of Zadar
13:05 - 14:30	Coffee Break	

14:30 - 14:45 | Welcome Address to Professor Violetta Waibel

Theo Kobusch - University of Bonn, Germany
Lore Hühn - University of Freiburg, Germany
Teona Khupenia - Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University, Georgia
Mamuka Beriashvili - Georgian Technical University, Georgia
Simon Werle

Second Session

Moderator: Professor Emeritus, Dr. Theo Kobusch

Time	Title	Speaker
14:45 - 15:25	Medea from Colchis. A Myth in Transition using the Example of Euripides, Christa Wolf, Simon Werle, and Aribert Reimann	Prof. Dr. Violetta Waibel University of Vienna, Austria
15:25 - 16:05	<i>Metaphysik des Bösen" zur "Banalität des Bösen". Schelling, Heidegger und Hannah Arendt</i>	Prof. Dr. Lore Hühn University of Freiburg, Germany
16:05 - 16:45	Aesthetic Alienation and Its Critics	Saba Kokhreidze PhD Candidate Kutaisi, Georgia
19:00	Gala Dinner	

July 30:

Departure of conference participants from Zugdidi to Mestia (Transfer to Mestia)

Zugdidi State University

AGENDA





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First Session

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Time	Title	Speaker
10:00 - 10:40	Word and Melodies from the World of Eternity	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nestan Pipia Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University, Georgia
10:40 - 11:20	Human Dignity Between Culture, Religion, and Artificial Intelligence: A Republican Perspective	Prof. Dr. Agnieszka Nogal University of Warsaw, Poland
11:20 - 12:00	The Spiritual Heritage of Polish Solidarity (1980-1981) and Trauma of Neo-Liberal Transformation (1989-1993)	Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Brzechczyn Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland
12:00 - 13:30	Coffee Break	

Second Session

Moderator: Saba Kokhreidze

Time	Title	Speaker
13:30 - 14:10	The rhetoric of the Orthodox Church, human rights, democracy (comparison of Greek and Georgian models)	Dr. Giorgi Kashibadze Georgian Technical University, Georgia
14:10 - 14:50	Hegelian Traces in Marx's Theory of Modernity	Professor Dr. Andreas Arndt Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
14:50 - 15:30	The Logic of Dehumanization: The animal as the Guarantor of Human Dignity	Zhironi Khujadze PhD Candidate
15:30 - 16:10	The Place of a Definite Religion in the Process of the Realization/Becoming of the Concept and History of Religion (According to Hegel's Philosophy of Religion)	Prof. Dr. Mamuka Beriashvili Georgian Technical University, Georgia



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August 1

First Session

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Agnieszka Nogal

Time	Title	Speaker
10:00 - 10:40	Problems with Meritocracy	Prof. Dr. Stefan Gosepath Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
10:40 - 11:20	The Principle of Naming (Nomination) as an Indicator of Intercultural Vision (Lexical Differences and the Potential for Inter-ethnic Consolidation)	Prof. Dr. Teona Khupenia, Assoc.Prof. Luiza Khachapuridze Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University, Georgia
11:20 - 12:00	Beyond the Sovereign Subject: Defining the Human in Spinoza's Radical Materialism	Dr. Davit Galashvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia
12:00 - 12:40	Human Dignity in Modern Legal and Value Systems: The Interconnection of Culture, Religion, and Ethics	Dr. Ketevan Kokrashvili Georgian Technical University, Georgia
12:40 - 13:20	Liberal Democracy and the Religion of Humanity	Prof. Dr. Zdzisław Krasnodębski Ignatianum Academy in Kraków, Poland
13:20 - 14:00	Coffee Break	

Second Session

14:00 | Scenic Reading (Szenische Lesung)

A play by Simon Werle: „Medea. Das Sonnenfleisch“

Cast: Violetta Waibel, Simon Werle, Jure Zovko, Saba Kokhreidze, Lore Hühn, Irmela Roelcke.

August 2

Cultural Program – Sightseeing around Mestia

August 3:

Closing Discussion of the Conference / Round Table /

Departure from Mestia

