THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SCEPTICISM IN PHILOSOPHY, JUDAISM, AND CULTURE

Keynote Lecture by Emidio Spinelli
Tuesday, July 16, at 5 pm

with LECTURES by:
Diego Machuca  Giuseppe Veltri  Adi Louria Hayon

and READING CLASSES by:
Annalisa Coliva  Daniel Boyarin  Danielle Drori
Michael Della Rocca  Yehuda Halper  Hemdat Kislev

Venue
Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies

Please contact MCAS for registration and further information.
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Wednesday, 17 July 2024

PHILOSOPHY

09:00 LECTURE
Diego Machuca
The Significance of Scepticism in Philosophy

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 READING CLASS
Michael Della Rocca
Epistemological and Conceptual Scepticism

12:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 READING CLASS
Annalisa Coliva
Wittgenstein’s response to Humean and Cartesian Scepticism in “On Certainty”

15:00 COFFEE BREAK
Thursday, 18 July 2024

JUDAISM

09:00   LECTURE
Giuseppe Veltri
*The Significance of Scepticism in Judaism*

10:30   COFFEE BREAK

11:00   READING CLASS
Yehuda Halper
*What can a Human Know of God? Predication, Negative, Theology, and Dialectical Claims in Maimonides and his Followers*

12:30   LUNCH BREAK

13:30   READING CLASS
Daniel Boyarin
*Midrash against Theology: Hazalic Scepticism*

15:00   COFFEE BREAK

15:30   SOCIAL EVENT
Guided Tour: Jewish Cemetery Hamburg-Altona
Friday, 19 July 2024

CULTURE

09:00      LECTURE
            Adi Louria-Hayon
            *The Significance of Scepticism in Culture*

10:30      COFFEE BREAK

11:00      READING CLASS
            Danielle Drori
            *The Significance of Scepticism in Jewish Culture: Sigmund Freud’s Case*

12:30      LUNCH BREAK

13:30      READING CLASS
            Hemdat Kieslev
            *Scepticism and the Analysis of Modern Art: Reading “Piet Mondrian, New York City” by Yve-Alain Bois*

15:00      COFFEE BREAK
Saturday, 20 July 2024

SHABBAT PAUSE

Sunday, 21 July 2024

10:00 SOCIAL EVENT
Boat Tour

17:00 OPENING of the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SCEPTICISM IN PHILOSOPHY,
JUDAISM, AND CULTURE

Keynote Lecture by GIUSEPPE VELTRI
Reading Materials

**PHILOSOPHY — Wednesday, 17 July 2024**

Michael Della Rocca

- Descartes, Meditation 1, Meditation 3 especially the beginning (AT 7:36, CSM 2:25)
- Descartes, two passages from the 7th replies: AT 7:460, 546 (CSM 2:309, 373)

Spinoza, *Treatise on the Emendation of the Intellect*, especially sections 1-13, 35, 47-48

- Spinoza, *Descartes’ Principles of Philosophy*, Prolegomenon (G I 141-149; Curley 1: 231-38)
- Spinoza, *Ethics*, Part 1, especially the definitions and axioms, 1p11d2, 1p15s
- Spinoza, *Ethics*, Part 2, especially 2p43, 2p43s, 2p49s.

- Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, sections 4 and 7
- Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, 1.3.3, 1.3.14.14, 1.4.7.5

Annalisa Coliva


**JUDAISM — Thursday, 18 July 2024**

Yehuda Halper

- Samuel ibn Tibbon, *Explanation of Unusual Terms in Maimonides’ Guide of the Perplexed*.

Daniel Boyarin

- *Handout prepared by the lecturer.*
CULTURE — Friday, 19 July 2024

Adi Louria-Hyon

Pasolini, P. P., *La Ricotta*, short film available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oz8tOMYGWWo

Danielle Drori

Freud, S., “A Case of Obsessional Neurosis.” *passim.*

Hemdat Kieslev