



Signs of life

Life, Living and Death in Modern and Contemporary Continental Philosophy

A conference organised by the Leiden Centre for Continental Philosophy (LCCP)
in Leiden, NL, 28-29 April 2022, 16 speakers (40min), 2 keynote (60min).

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9:00 – 17:20

Day 1: Thursday 28 April, [Kamerlingh Onnes Building A051](#)

9:00 - 9:20	Conference Opening
Session 1	Immanence and the Living
9:20 - 10:00	Signs of a Life (une vie), Martijn Boven (Leiden University)
10:00 - 10:40	Metabolism and Mimesis in the Ontology of life, Vincent Blok (Wageningen University)
10:40 - 11:20	Life, Being, and Thought between Deleuze and Meillassoux, Charles Bowen (University of Kent)
11:20 - 11:40	Pause
11:40 - 12:40	Keynote 1: Douglas Berger (Leiden University) "Life, Liberation and 'Pessimism:' The Reception of Early Indian Thought in Schopenhauer and Nietzsche."
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch
Session 2	Life, Technique, Faith
13:40 - 14:20	Techniques of Separation, Donovan Stewart (Leiden University)
14:20 - 15:00	Living-on Phantasms: Revaluating the Phantasm in Jacques Derrida's Final Seminars, Michael Giesbrecht (Leiden University)
15:00 - 15:20	Pause
Session 3	Life and its Others
15:20 - 16.00	On Annihilation: Living Between Death and Immortality or, 'Getting over Death' with Fichte, Tom Giesbers (Open University)
16.00 - 16.40	The Life of the Concept and the Concept of Life. Of 'Life' in Hegel's Science of Logic, Bart Zantvoort (Leiden University)
16.40 - 17:20	Philosophy of Life and the Essence of the Living Organisation: A Critical Reading of Scheler's Biologievorlesung (1908/09), Martina Properzi (Pontifical University of Rome)
18:00	Evening programme: official conference dinner for participants



09:00 – 18:00

Day 2: Friday 29 April, , [Matthias de Vrieshof 4, 008A](#)

Session 1	Life Form
09:20 - 10:00	Being Alive: History, Violence, and Commodification in Alicia Borinsky and Isaac Julien. Monique Roelofs (University of Amsterdam)
10:00 - 10:40	The Question of Life in Contemporary Italian Philosophy, Antonio Cimino (Radboud University Nijmegen)
10:40 - 11:20	Sculpting in Life: Form-of-Life and Life Forms, Georgios Tsagdis (Leiden University)
11:20 - 11.40	Pause
11:40 - 12:40	Keynote 2: Howard Caygill (Kingston University London) - "Life in the Anthropocene"
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch
Session 2	Futures of Life
13:40 - 14:20	"Yes Future!" – but not like that: Avoiding Queer Nihilism with Nancy and Stiegler, Genevieve Melville (Durham University)
14:20 - 15:00	Living oppositions. On the Relation Between Trans and Cisgender, Annemie Halsema (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
15:00 - 15:40	The Logic of Life: Taking the Experience of Pregnancy Seriously, Jonna Bornemark (Södertörn University)
15:40 – 16:00	Pause
Session 3	The Writing of Life
16:00 – 16:40	Carrying Life: The Fecund Relation to the World in the Work of Clarice Lispector, Kim Schoof (Open University), Rodante van der Waal (University of Humanistic Studies)
16:40 - 17:20	Forms of Life and Forms of Writing: Autobiography, Novel, and Autofiction, Kyrke Otto (Radboud University Nijmegen)
17:20 - 18:00	Schelling and Nietzsche on Life, Death and Writing, Katia Hay Rodgers (University of Amsterdam)
18:00	Drinks at the Faculty Building





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