The Conspiracy of the Good: On Necessary Evil

Day 1: 16.12.2019


10:15-12:15 Session I: Chair: Naftali Meshel (Bible and Comparative Religion, HUJI)
David Shulman (Asian Studies, HUJI) "If Untruth Dies, the Self Dries Up": On the Necessity of Wickedness in Hindu Thought
Yonatan Moss (Comparative Religion, HUJI) The Body as Negative Space in Early Christianity

14:00-16:00 Session II: Chair: Karma Ben Johanan (Polonsky Academy & Theology, Humboldt-Universität)
David Satran (Comparative Religion, HUJI) “You deceived me, Lord, and I was deceived” (Jer 20:7): Salvation through Deceit in Early Christian Thought
Antonio Vargas (Martin Buber Society, HUJI) The Divine Engineering of Vice in Proclus qua Political-Theological Paradigm

16:30-18:30 Session III: Chair: Olivier-Thomas Venard, OP (École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem)
Matthew Hart (Philosophy, U. Liverpool) Calvinism and Divine Involvement in Evil
Lore Hühn (Philosophy, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg) Metaphysics of Evil. Schelling, Heidegger, Jonas

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09:30-11:30 Session IV: Chair: Michael Fagenblat (History, Philosophy and Jewish Studies, Open University of Israel)
Ynon Wygoda (Martin Buber Society, HUJI) Can there be a Virtue of Hatred?
Agata Bielik-Robson (Theology and Religious Studies, U. Nottingham & Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science) The Revolutionary Theodicy. Violence in Taubes, Badiou and Žižek

13:00-15:00 Session V: Chair: Omer Michaelis (Mandel Scholion Research Center, HUJI)
Moshe Halbertal (Jewish Thought, Hebrew U. & Law, NYU) Redemption through Sin Revisited
Daniel Lav (Arabic Language and Literature, HUJI) Philosophy as a Necessary Evil in Ibn Taymiyyah

15:30-16:30 Session VI: Chair: Efraim Podoksik (Political Science, HUJI)
Stephen de Wijze (Politics, U. of Manchester) Complicit with Evil: The Problem of Democratic Dirty Hands

16:30 Closing remarks