International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Culture, Values and Justice

University of Vaasa, Finland
21st–23rd May 2014
Auditorium Nissi at Tritonia building
**Program**

*Wednesday, 21 May 2014*

**9:00 a.m.** Participants meet informally: distribution of the program, name tags and other details

**9:15 a.m.** Presentation by the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Professor Hannu Katajamäki, University of Vaasa

**9:25 a.m.** Welcome by Chandana Chakrabarti, ICCSAE, USA

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**Session 1**

9:35–10:45 a.m.
Chair: Chandana Chakrabarti, ICCSAE, USA

**Inaugural Address**
“Justice as the Ability to Change the Point of View”
*Tommi Lehtonen*, University of Vaasa

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**Session 2**

10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Chair: Tommi Lehtonen, University of Vaasa

**Keynote Address**
“Perspectives on Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide: East and West”
*Kisor K. Chakrabarti*, ICCSAE, USA

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**Session 3**

1:00–2:30 p.m.
Chair: David Carlson, Franklin College, USA

“Wittgenstein and the Methodology of Semantics”
*Fritz J. McDonald*, Oakland University, USA

“Arrogance, Self-Respect and Power”
*Robin S. Dillon*, Lehigh University, USA

“The Literary Canon and Collective Identity”
*Christoph Parry*, University of Vaasa

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**Session 4**

2.30–3.10 p.m.

**Meet the Authors**
Book Signing by: Kisor Kumar Chakrabarti and Tommi Lehtonen

**Major Doctrines of Hinduism and Buddhism**
Author: Kisor Kumar Chakrabarti

**After Secularization: A Philosophical Study of the Preconditions of Religion**
Author: Tommi Lehtonen

**Door Prizes**

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**Session 5A**

3:20–5.25 p.m.
Auditorium Nissi at Tritonia Building
Chair: Cristina Sanchez-Conejero, University of North Texas, USA

“The Shinto Religion’s Core Values: Their Convenient Match with the Environment and the Mechanism of Discrimination Utilizing Those Values”
*Shusuke Yagi*, Furman University, USA

“The Interrelationship of Buddhist Ethics, Interdependence, and Mindfulness”
*Maxine Freed*, Central New Mexico Community College, USA

“Calmness in Profound Love”
*Aaron Ben-Ze ‘ev*, University of Haifa, Israel

“Ethics and Humanistic Scholarship”
*Isaac Nevo*, Ben-Gurion University, Israel
Session 5B
3.20–5.25 p.m.
Room C209 at Tervahovi Building
Chair: Christoph Parry, University of Vaasa, Finland

“Technology and Virtue in American Culture”
**Sandra Jane Fairbanks**, Barry University, USA

“Values in the Arabian Nights”
**Rizwanur Rahman**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

“Garden of Symbiosis”
**John Kortlander** and **Andrew McCauley**, Columbus College of Art & Design, USA

“Harmony as the Goal of Confucian and Daoist Ethics”
**Hyun Höchsmann**, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China

Session 6
5.25–6.10 p.m.
Invited Lecture

“Justice, Reconciliation, and the Differend on the Margins”
**Gordon Haist**, University of South Carolina at Beaufort, USA

PROGRAM
Thursday, 22 May 2014

Session 1
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Chair: Maxine Freed, Central New Mexico Community College, USA

“Cultural Encounters as a Gateway to Transformative Learning”
**Nancy Southern**, Saybrook University, USA

“Cultural Diversity Management in International and Private Schools in the Sultanate of Oman”
**Wajeha T. Al-Ani**, Sultan Qaboos University

“Teaching Justice”
**JoAnne Myers**, Marist College, USA

“Intersecting Culture, Values and Transformation in Shaping a Drastically Integrated Ethnic Identity within a Diastratically Variated Society: Employing Post-Apartheid South Africa as a Case Study”
**Jennifer Slater**, University of South Africa, Pretoria, RSA

“From Medium to Message: Love, Escapism and the Nostalgia of Identity in Late-Modern Japan”
**Maria Grajdian**, Nagasaki University, Japan

Break: 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.
Session 2A
1.00–3:05 p.m.
Auditorium Nissi at Tritonia Building
Chair: Robin Dillon, Lehigh University, USA

“Ethics, Law and Trauma in No tengas miedo (2011) by Montxo Armendáriz”
Cristina Sánchez-Conejero, University of North Texas, USA

“Origins of Nuclear Disarmament: Henry A. Wallace and His Atomic Policy”
Mayako Shimamoto, Osaka University, Japan

“Reinforcing Threats. The Iranian Nuclear Crisis and Jack Mezirow’s Transformative Learning Theory as an alternative approach to cope with Crises”
Saskia Eschenbacher and Andreas Bock Universität Augsburg, Germany

David Carlson, Franklin College, USA

“Forgiveness and Therapy”
Slonim Nevo, Ben-Gurion University, Israel

Session 2 B
1.00–3.05 p.m.
Room C209 at Tervahovi Building
Chair: Wajeha T. Al-Ani, Sultan Qaboos University

“Introduction to the Effectuationism Philosophy System”
Peter Kinane, Ireland

“Justice and Spirituality in the Scottish Enlightenment”
Christina Chuang, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

“On the Ideological and Political Dimension of Experimental Philosophy”
Hektor K. T. Yan, City University of Hong Kong

Session 3A
3:20–5:25 p.m.
Auditorium Nissi in Tritonia Building
Chair: Isaac Nevo

“Law, Justice and Morality in Las trece rosas (2007) by Martínez Lázaro”
Cristina Sánchez-Conejero, University of North Texas, USA

“On the Axiological Content of Law”
Aymeric D’Alton, New York, USA

“Negativity, Ethics, and Cultural Criticism”
Markku Nivalainen, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

“Turning the Other Cheek: Time to Fight the Global Persecution of Christians”
Audra L. Savage, Emory University School of Law, USA

Session 3 B
3.20–5.30 p.m.
Room C209 in Tervahovi Building
Chair: Aaron Ben-Ze’ev

“The Impact of Tourism Development on Georgian Cultural Identity”
Michael Long and Sara Alexander, Baylor University, USA

“Indian Jewish Identity as Reflected in Their Literature”
Navras Jaat Aafreedi, Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, India

“Reflection of Indian Culture in Travelogues”
Kwaja Mohammad Ekramuddin, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

“The Constructive Role of Comparative Philosophy in the Making of Global Philosophy”
Quanhua Liu, Gonzaga University, USA

“Globalizing Identities: The Evolution of the NRI in recent Bollywood Films”
Renu Juneja, Valparaiso University, USA

“Iqbal an Exponent of Values”
Syed Akhtar Husain, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
Session 4
ROUND TABLE SESSION
5.25–6.25 p.m.
Chair: Chandana Chakrabarti

**Topic: Morality and Religion**
Kisor Chakrabarti, Maxine Freed, Gordon Haist, Tommi Lehtonen, Isaac Nevo

We invite all participants to informally share their views on this panel.

Conference dinner at the student union house Domus Bothnica, at 7 pm.

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PROGRAM
Friday, 23 May 2014

Session 1
9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Chair: Andreas Bock, Universität Augsburg, Germany

“To What Extent is Human Behavior Natural?”
*Joel Wilcox*, Barry University, USA

“Is There a Rawlsian Argument for Animal Rights?”
*David Svolba*, Fitchburg State University, USA

“Group Rights, Genetic Research, and the Question of Community Consent”
*Dena Davis*, Lehigh University, USA

*Rick Chew*, University of Central Oklahoma, USA

“Ethics as the First Philosophy: Values and Justice in the Age of Globalization and Postmodernity”
*Simi Malhotra*, Jamia Millia Islamia, India

“Values in the Age of Uncertainty: Wittgensteinian Ethics and Postmodern Morality”
*Saugata Bhaduri*, Jawharlal Nehru University, India

Break: 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.
Session 2
1.00–3.30 p.m.
Chair: Dena Davis, Lehigh University, USA

“Showcasing Aboriginality: ‘If you don’t look it, you have to act it’”
Bronwyn Carlson, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, Australia
Michelle Harris, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, USA

“Ethnicity, Culture, and Exile”
Ilana Maymind, Ohio State University, USA

“Imperial Justice and Earth Democracy”
Mark D. Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University, USA

“Time to Standardize Kurdish after a Century Linguicide”
Ahmed Ferhadi, New York University

“The Happiness of Citizens”
Elyse Platt, Queen’s University, Canada

“Ethnic Identity Construction and Deconstruction: The Case of Oromo Diaspora in Norway”
Jemal Ayano Filicha, Åbo Akademi, Finland

“The Importance of Intercultural Dialogue”
Stefana Zecevic, Faculty of Media and Communications, Singidunum University in Belgrade, Serbia
Meet the Authors

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