

Sacrifice and the Body beyond Metaphysics

November 2-3, 2023

LOCATION

Library of the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM)
Spittelauer Lände 3, 1090 Vienna

ABSTRACT

This workshop will examine the concept of sacrifice and its relationship to the body from the perspectives of philosophy, theology and film. Historically, sacrifice has been discussed primarily as a metaphysical concept within the realm of ethics. However, feminist scholars in philosophy and theology have increasingly focused on the embodied nature of sacrifice and its concrete impact on the (mainly female) body. The workshop will explore the approaches to sacrifice and the body, highlighting ways in which they differ and overlap. We will seek a nuanced understanding of sacrifice, one that acknowledges the ways in which the body is implicated in sacrificial acting and the differential impact of sacrifice on different bodies.

In the broader sense, the workshop will aim for an embodied approach to sacrifice which can offer new insights into the nature of sacrifice itself, as well as its social and cultural significance.

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OPENING LECTURE

NOV 2
18:00

Yvonne Sherwood

University of Oslo, Norway

Sacrifice and Natality: Surrogacy Structures

moderation and commentary: Katerina Koci

WORKSHOP

NOV 3
11:45 - 13:15

Morning Session 2: SACRIFICE AND SOVEREIGNTY

3. Luka Trebežnik

Science and Research Centre, Koper, Slovenia

4. Robert Yelle

LMU Munich, Germany

moderation and commentary: Ludger Hagedorn

WORKSHOP

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9:30 - 11:15

Morning Session 1: PSYCHOANALYSIS & EXISTENTIALISM

1. Cæcilie Varslev Pedersen

University of Copenhagen, Denmark

2. Isabella Guanzini

KU Linz, Austria

moderation and commentary: Katerina Koci

13:15 - 14:00

LUNCH AT IWM (CAFETERIA OR LIBRARY)

14:15 - 17:00

Afternoon Session: SACRIFICE AND FILM

5. Dietmar Regensburger

University of Innsbruck, Austria

6. Gertrud Koch

Free University, Berlin, Germany

moderation and commentary: Milja Radovic / OPEN DISCUSSION

11:15 - 11:45

COFFEE BREAK

17:00 - 17:30

CLOSING REMARKS