



Spinoza on Power and Essence

10–11 February 2025

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Monday, 10 February

- 09:00 Welcome & Coffee
- 09:30 **Everything, Everywhere, All at Once: Spinoza on Power and Extension**
Antonio Salgado Borge (University of Nottingham)
- 10:50 **Spinoza on Thought as Substantial Essence**
Karolina Hübner (Cornell University)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 **Spinoza on Essence and Persistence**
Sebastian Bender (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
- 14:20 **Power and Atelic Essences in Spinoza**
Alexander Douglas (University of St. Andrews)
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 **The Trouble with Finite Modes: Spinoza on the Identity of Essence and Power**
Stephan Schmid (Universität Hamburg)
- 17:20 **Rethinking the Ratio of Motion and Rest**
Noa Shein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- 19:00 Dinner

Tuesday, 11 February

- 09:00 Coffee
- 09:30 **In Search of a Self**
Clare Carlisle (King's College London)
- 10:50 **Belief as an Essentially Human Attitude**
Ursula Renz (Universität Graz)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 **The Reasoning Mind: A Hybrid Beast**
Kristin Primus (UC Berkeley)
- 14:20 **Reason as a Causal Power (and Why It Matters for Spinoza's Ethics)**
Donald Rutherford (UC San Diego, Emeritus)
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 **Reality and Ideality in Spinoza's Conatus Doctrine**
Leonardo Moauro (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
- 17:20 **That Intelligible Object of Desire: Spinoza on Cupiditas**
Justin Steinberg (Cornell University)
- 19:00 Dinner

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