

Summer School – Bioethics in Context XII: Nature and Normativity

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Schedule

- Plenary lectures: 45-60, min. 15 minutes discussion
- Student presentations: 45 minutes per person, 30 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion, 3x3 parallel sessions, each 2h

Friday, 20 June

15.00-17:30: Virtual component

(details tba)

Sunday, 29 June

Arrival

Monday, 30 June

09.00-09.30

Opening: Welcome address (Rector Prof. Dr. Michael Fuchs), Introductory remarks (DDr. Max Gottschlich)

09.30-10:45

L1 Prof. Dr. Stavroula Tsinorema: The Normative and the Natural. A Critique of Contemporary Naturalisms from the Standpoint of “Reason’s Demand of Unity”

Coffee break

11.00-13.00

Seminar 1: Stavroula Tsinorema: Normativity, Agency, Nature

13.00-14.15

Lunch break

14.15-15.30

L2 Prof. Dr. Fuchs: The Naturalness of Nature

Coffee break

15.45-17.00

L3 Prof. Dr. Hrvoje Juric: American Nature Thinking from Emerson, Thoreau, Whitman and Muir to Leopold and Potter

Tuesday, 1 July

Excursion to St. Florian Monastery (Bus, Fa. Leonhartsberger)

Departure from Linz 9:00

10.00-11.15

L4 Prof. Dr. Marko Kos: The New Technological Condition. Questioning the Future of Human Experience and Nature

11.15-12.30

L5 PD Dr. Christian Erk: Nature and Normativity in (Classical) Natural Law Theory

12.30-13.45

Lunch break in St. Florian

Cultural programme

~ 14:00 Organ audition (world famous “Bruckner-organ”)

~ 14:45-16:45 Guided tour (library, Anton Bruckner’s crypt, etc.)

17:15 Departure (Bus)

Wednesday, 2 July

09.00-10.15

L6 Prof. Dr. Valentina Kaneva: Nature, Ethics, and Value Controversies in Environmental Ethics

Coffee break

10.30-12.15

L7 PD Dr. Marcus Knaup: Orientation Towards Nature. The Significance of “Nature” for Integrative Bioethics

12.15-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-15.30

Student Presentations 1+2 (parallel sessions)

Coffee break

15.45-17.00

L8 Prof. Dr. Miltiades Vantsos: The Normative Nature of Orthodox Bioethics and its Limits

17.00-19.00

Seminars (parallel sessions)

Seminar 2: Helge Köttgen: Logic/Metaphysic and Nature

Seminar 3: Michael Spieker: Nature and Spirit (Hegel)

Thursday, 3 July

09.00-10.15

L9 Prof. Dr. Michael Spieker: Natural Normativity: “Socio-ecological transformation” and “Sittlichkeit” as Concepts of Integrative Bioethics

Coffee break

10.30 – 12.30

Student Presentations 3+4 (parallel sessions)

12.30-13.45

Lunch break

13.45-15.00

L10 Assoc. Prof. Vassil Vidinsky: *Homo Sapiens Technicus* as a Mediator between Nature and Normativity

Coffee break

15.15-17.15

Student Presentations 5+6 (parallel sessions)

Friday, 4 July

09.30-10.45

L11 Prof. Dr. Thomas S. Hoffmann: The Dialectic of Normativity and Non-normativity of Nature

Coffee break

11.00-12.30

Closing discussion, wrap-up