

Is it possible to ethically engender posthuman persons?

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Preliminary Conference Programme (Subject to Changes)

Friday 10 January 2020

9.30 – 10.00: **Introduction and Welcome**

Dr. Calum MacKellar and **Dr. Trevor Stammers**

Chairperson of the Morning Session: Dr. Calum MacKellar

10.00 – 10.45: **Talk 1 - The concept of a person including its history**

Prof. Dr. Phil. Michael Fuchs

Department of Practical Philosophy / Ethics, Catholic Private University Linz, AUSTRIA

10.45 – 11.15: **Coffee**

11.15 – 12.00: **Talk 2 - What it means to be human and a person in the light of the philosophy of the philosopher Charles Taylor**

Mr. Greg Parker Jr.

Department of Theology, University of Edinburgh, UK

12.00 – 12.45: **Talk 3 - One of Us: Humans, Transhumans and Posthumans**

Dr. Richard Playford

Institute of Theology, St Mary's University, Twickenham, London, UK

12.45 – 13.45: **Lunch**

Chairperson of the Afternoon Session: Dr. Trevor Stammers

13.45 – 14.30: **Talk 4 - The science of bringing new kinds of persons into existence**

Dr. Chris Willmott

Department of Molecular & Cell Biology, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK

14.30 – 15.15: **Talk 5 - Virtue Ethics, Moral Enhancement and Posthumanism**

Mr. Michael Wee

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford, UK

15.15 – 15.45: **Coffee and Tea**

15.45 – 16.30: **Talk 6 - Herman Bavinck's response to Friedrich Nietzsche on reproductive selection**

Dr. James Eglinton

Department of Theology, University of Edinburgh, UK

16.30 – 17.15: **Talk 7 - Body escapism: How does Heidegger's notion of engendering influence the ethics of creating new persons**

Mr. Matthew James

The Centre for Bioethics and Emerging Technologies, St Mary's University, London, UK
Institute of Theology, St Mary's University, Twickenham, London, UK

Saturday 11 January 2020

Chairperson of the Morning Session: Dr. Gillian Wright

9.30 – 10.15: **Talk 8 - Deliver Us from Evil: Are post-human futures universally bright?**

Dr. Trevor Stammers:

Director of the Centre for Bioethics and Emerging Technologies, St Mary's University, Twickenham, London, UK.

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10.15 – 11.00: **Talk 9 - Being somebody - Towards a categorical imperative for the age of transhumanism**

Mr. Christian Hölzchen

Institut für Ethik, Universität Tübingen, GERMANY

11.00 – 11.30: **Coffee**

11.30 – 12.15: **Talk 10 - The impossibility of the posthuman person**

Dr. Ashley John Moyse

McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Life, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, UK

12.15 – 13.15: **Lunch**

Chairperson of the Afternoon Session: Mr. Matthew James

13.15 – 14.00: **Talk 11 - Islamic perspectives on the ethics of bringing transhuman and posthuman persons into existence**

Dr. Mehrunisha Suleman

Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge, UK

Member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, London, UK

14.00 – 14.45: **Talk 12 - Is it Possible to Ethically Procreate Transhuman and Posthuman Persons?**

Dr. Calum MacKellar

Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, Edinburgh, UK

Centre for Bioethics and Emerging Technologies, St Mary's University, London, UK

14.45 – 15.15: **Coffee and Tea**

15.15 – 16.00: **Talk 13 - The Existential and Personal Identity Risks of Posthuman Persons**

Dr. Gillian Wright

Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, Edinburgh, UK.

16.00 – 16.30: **Conclusion**

Dr. Calum MacKellar and **Dr. Trevor Stammers**