

Issues on the (Im)Possible XII

May 20 – 22, 2026 (Klemensova 19, Bratislava, SLOVAKIA)

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

DAY 1 (May 20, 2026)		
	Room 1	Room 2
9:00 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 10:15	Opening	
10:15 – 10:45	<p><b>Kamil Lemanek</b> (Maria Curie–Skłodowska University): <i>Nonexistent Objects and Unspoken Words</i></p>	<p><b>Riccardo Baratella</b> (University of Genoa; University of Cassino): <i>Towards a Theory of being–apt–to</i></p>
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:30	<p><b>Gabriele Turati</b> (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa): <i>Logical and Metaphysical Impossibility in Genuine Impossible Worlds</i></p>	<p><b>Dani Alnashi</b> (USI, Lugano; Lund University): <i>What is Relevant to Exclude? On Necessitation in Truthmaking</i></p>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break	

11:45 – 12:15	<b>Friederike Moltmann</b> (Université Côte d'Azur): <i>A Positionalist Alternative to the Notion of a Variable Embodiment</i>	<b>Agata Paszke</b> (Jagiellonian University): <i>Metaphysical Grounds of Kripkean Rigidity: The Case of Proper Names</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Break	
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Nathan Wildman</b> (Tilburg University): <i>Modality, Sparsity, and Essence, Redux</i>	<b>Francisca Silva</b> (University of St. Andrews): <i>How is Truthmaker Semantics a Kind of Impossible Worlds Semantics</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Jitai Zhang</b> (Free University of Berlin): <i>Evaluative Disagreement: Intensional Content or Hyperintensional Difference?</i>	<b>Karol Lenart</b> (University of Warsaw): <i>Why Essentialism Does Not Require Plenitude</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Break	
14:45 – 15:15	<b>Cameron. L. Johnson</b> (CUNY Graduate Center):	<b>Andrea Visintini</b> (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa):

	<i>Generative Parsimony as Reverse Metaphysics</i>	<i>Formal Semantics for Noneist Five-Dimensionalism</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Break	
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Nikk Effingham</b> (University of Birmingham & University of Johannesburg)  <i>An Exegetic Theory of Location</i>	<b>David Harmom</b> (University of St.Andrews)  <i>Two Kinds of Necessitarianism</i>
16:00 – 16:15	Break	
16:15 – 16:45	<b>Daniel Linford</b> (Old Dominion University):  <i>Three Skeptical Challenges for the Kalam Cosmological Argument</i>	<b>Paulina Kraft</b> (University of Barcelona):  <i>The Integration Requirement in Metaphysical Realism and Anti-Realism</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Coffee Break	
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Iulian D. Toader</b> (University of Vienna):  <i>Could Logic be Empirical? Yes, but it's Impossible to Prove It</i>	<b>Christabel Cane</b> (University College London):  <i>Modal Distributional Properties</i>

DAY 2 (May 21, 2026)		
	Room 1	Room 2
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Stefano Pigliacelli</b> (University of Bergen) & <b>Giorgio Lenta</b> (University of Pavia):  <i>Compositional Synonymies via Linguistic Ersatz Worlds.</i>	<b>Ka Ho LAM</b> (University of Hong Kong):  <i>Can Essence Non-Vacuously Explain Counterpossibles?</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Yucheng Li</b> (University of Virginia):  <i>Structuralism and the Question of Existence</i>	<b>J. J. Snodgrass</b> (University of Tennessee Southern):  <i>The Trope Co-extension Problem: the Identity-Affirming Response Revisited</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Reginald Chua</b> (University of Oxford):  <i>A Puzzle of Relative Identity</i>	<b>Robert Oliver</b> (Freie Universität Berlin):  <i>Is There Grounding Indeterminacy? Yes</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Break	
12:15 – 12:45	<b>Florian Gatignon</b>	<b>Simon McGregor</b> (University of Sussex):

	(University of Geneva): <i>Flexible Counterparts</i>	<i>Beyond Propositional Belief: Embodied Hyperintension</i>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	Carla Peri (University of Padua): <i>Beyond Equivalence: Identity Criteria as Because-Claims</i>	Milenko Lasnibat (Adolfo Ibañez University): <i>Assessing Essentialist Claims within an Essentialist Perspective on Metaphysical Modality</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee Break	
14:45 – 15:45	David Vander Laan (Westmont College) <i>Abstract Modal Fictionalism</i>	
16:00 – 19:00	Dinner	

<b>DAY 3</b> <b>(May 22, 2026)</b>		
<b>Room 1    Room 2</b>		
10:00 – 10:30	Daehwi Jeong (University of California, Santa Barbara):	Ignacy Kłaput (University of Warsaw): <i>Amodalism and Abstracta</i>

	<i>Impossible Worlds, Counterpossibles, and Impossible Object</i>	
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:15	<p><b>Giorgio Lenta</b> (University of Pavia)  <b>&amp; Stefano Pigliacelli</b> (University of Bergen)  <b>&amp; Davide Sutto</b> (University of Oslo):</p> <p><i>Are There More Ways Things Could not Be than Impossible Worlds?</i></p>	<p><b>Mihai Rusu</b>  (University of Bucharest; Babeş–Bolyai University of Cluj–Napoca):</p> <p><i>On Counterfactual Conditions for Knowledge from Virtual Reality</i></p>
11:15 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Alexandru Dragomir</b>  (University of Bucharest):</p> <p>Imaginative Resistance and the Possibility of Moral Status</p>	<p><b>Ziad Eldanaf</b>  (Bilkent University):</p> <p><i>A Hylomorphic Critique of Pure Potentialism</i></p>
12:00 – 12:15	Coffee Break	
12:15 – 12:45	<p><b>Michael De</b>  (Utrecht University):</p>	<p><b>Elżbieta Eysymont</b>  (University of Warsaw):</p>

	<i>Against the Identity of Indiscernibles</i>	<i>Modal Status of Semantic Rules in Modal Normativism</i>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	<p><b>Giacomo Ferrari</b> (Università della Svizzera Italiana)  <b>&amp; Satbhav Voleti</b> (Università della Svizzera Italiana):</p> <p><i>A Riddle about the Middle</i></p>	<p><b>Javier Ferrer</b>  (Universitat de València):</p> <p><i>Modal Transcendentalism without Transcendental Idealism?</i></p>
14:30 – 14:45	Break	
14:45 – 15:15	<p><b>Sebastian Kołodziejczyk</b>  <b>&amp; Agata Paszke</b> (Jagiellońska Uniwersytet):</p> <p><i>No Easy Road to Truthmakers: Towards Substantive Metametaphysics of Truthmaking</i></p>	<p><b>Erman Kar</b>  (Cankiri Karatekin University):</p> <p><i>Between Independence and Inherence: An Aristotelian–Neo–Aristotelian Inquiry into Substances and Modes</i></p>
15:15 – 15:30	Break	
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Kathrin Koslicki</b>	

	(University of Neuchâtel)  <i>Rules, Artworks, and Games</i>	
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