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PROGRAM

Issues on the (Im)Possible XII

(international conference)

May 20-22, 2026

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Keynote Speakers:

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(Westmont College)

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The Principle of Explosion as a Foundational Philosophical Principle.**

DAY 1 (May 20, 2026)

ROOM 1

Registration

Opening

Kamil Lemanek

(Maria Curie-Skłodowska University)

Nonexistent Objects and Unspoken Words

Break

Gabriele Turati

(Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)

**Logical and Metaphysical Impossibility in
Genuine Impossible Worlds**

Coffee Break

Friederike Moltmann

(Université Côte d'Azur)

**A Positionalist Alternative to the Notion of a
Variable Embodiment**

Break

Nathan Wildman

(Tilburg University)

Modality, Sparsity, and Essence, Redux

Lunch

Jitai Zhang

(Free University of Berlin)

**Evaluative Disagreement: Intensional Content or
Hyperintensional Difference?**

Break

Cameron. L. Johnson

(CUNY Graduate Center)

Generative Parsimony as Reverse Metaphysics

Break

Nikk Effingham

(University of Birmingham & University of
Johannesburg)

An Exegetic Theory of Location

Break

Daniel Linford

(Old Dominion University)

**Three Skeptical Challenges for the Kalam
Cosmological Argument**

Coffee Break

Iulian D. Toader

(University of Vienna)

**Could Logic be Empirical? Yes, but it's
Impossible to Prove It**

ROOM 2

Riccardo Baratella

(University of Genoa; University of Cassino)

Towards a Theory of being-apt-to

Break

Dani Alnashi

(USI, Lugano; Lund University)

**What is Relevant to Exclude?
On Necessitation in Truthmaking**

Coffee Break

Agata Paszke

(Jagiellonian University)

**Metaphysical Grounds of Kripkean Rigidity:
The Case of Proper Names**

Break

Francisca Silva

(University of St. Andrews)

**How is Truthmaker Semantics a Kind of
Impossible Worlds Semantics**

Lunch

Karol Lenart

(University of Warsaw)

Why Essentialism Does Not Require Plenitude

Break

Andrea Visintini

(Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa)

**Formal Semantics for Noneist Five-
Dimensionalism**

Break

David Harmom

(University of St. Andrews)

Two Kinds of Necessitarianism

Break

Paulina Kraft

(University of Barcelona)

**The Integration Requirement in Metaphysical
Realism and Anti-Realism**

Coffee Break

Christabel Cane

(University College London)

Modal Distributional Properties

DAY 2 (May 21, 2026)

ROOM 1

10:00 – 10:30 **Stefano Pigliacelli** (University of Bergen) & **Giorgio**

Lenta (University of Pavia)

Compositional Synonymies via Linguistic Ersatz

Worlds

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 11:15

Yucheng Li

(University of Virginia)

Structuralism and the Question of Existence

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00

Reginald Chua

(University of Oxford)

A Puzzle of Relative Identity

12:00 – 12:15

Break

12:15 – 12:45

Florian Gatignon

(University of Geneva)

Flexible Counterparts

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 14:30

Carla Peri

(University of Padua)

Beyond Equivalence: Identity Criteria as

Because-Claims

14:30 – 14:45

Coffee Break

14:45 – 15:45

David Vander Laan

(Westmont College)

Abstract Modal Fictionalism

16:00 – 19:00

Dinner

ROOM 2

Ka Ho LAM

(University of Hong Kong)

Can Essence Non-Vacuously Explain

Counterpossibles?

Break

J. J. Snodgrass

(University of Tennessee Southern)

The Trope Co-extension Problem: the Identity-

Affirming Response Revisited

Coffee Break

Robert Oliver

(Freie Universität Berlin)

Is There Grounding Indeterminacy? Yes

Break

Simon McGregor

(University of Sussex)

Beyond Propositional Belief: Embodied

Hyperintension

Lunch

Milenko Lasnibat

(Adolfo Ibañez University)

Assessing Essentialist Claims within an

Essentialist Perspective on Metaphysical

Modality

Coffee Break

Dinner

DAY 3 (May 22, 2026)

ROOM 1

ROOM 2

10:00 – 10:30

Daehwi Jeong

(University of California, Santa Barbara)

**Impossible Worlds, Counterpossibles, and
Impossible Object**

Ignacy Kłaput

(University of Warsaw)

Amodalism and Abstracta

10:30 – 10:45

Break

Break

10:45 – 11:15

Giorgio Lenta (University of Pavia) & **Stefano
Pigliacelli** (University of Bergen) & **Davide Sutto**
(University of Oslo)

**Are There More Ways Things Could not Be than
Impossible Worlds?**

Mihai Rusu
(University of Bucharest; Babeş-Bolyai University of
Cluj-Napoca)

**On Counterfactual Conditions for Knowledge
from Virtual Reality**

11:15 – 11:30

Break

Break

11:30 – 12:00

Alexandru Dragomir
(University of Bucharest)

**Imaginative Resistance and the Possibility of
Moral Status**

Ziad Eldanaf

(Bilkent University)

A Hylomorphic Critique of Pure Potentialism

12:00 – 12:15

Coffee Break

Coffee Break

12:15 – 12:45

Michael De
(Utrecht University)

Against the Identity of Indiscernibles

Elżbieta Eysymont

(University of Warsaw)

**Modal Status of Semantic Rules in Modal
Normativism**

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch

Lunch

14:00 – 14:30

Giacomo Ferrari (Universit`a della Svizzera
Italiana) & **Satbhav Voleti** (Universit`a della
Svizzera Italiana)

A Riddle about the Middle

Javier Ferrer

(University of Valencia)

**Modal Transcendentalism without
Transcendental Idealism?**

14:30 – 14:45

Break

Break

14:45 – 15:15

Sebastian Kołodziejczyk & Agata Paszke
(Jagiellonian University)

**No Easy Road to Truthmakers: Towards
Substantive Metametaphysics of Truthmaking**

Erman Kar

(Cankiri Karatekin University)

**Between Independence and Inherence:
An Aristotelian–Neo-Aristotelian Inquiry into
Substances and Modes**

15:15 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 16:30

Kathrin Koslicki
(University of Neuchâtel)

Rules, Artworks, and Games