

# Second Annual Leszek Kołakowski Symposium

## Paradises Lost: *Entzauberung*, Utopia, and their Afterlives

6-8 October 2016, Vienna, Austria

Venue: IWM, Spittelauer Lände 3, 1090 Vienna

### Conference Program

Thursday, 6 October

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#### **Preconference Meeting**

*The philosophical work of Krzysztof Michalski (1948-2013), Leszek Kołakowski's erstwhile student at the University of Warsaw.*

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**1:30pm – 3:30pm**    **Opening**, Chair: Marci Shore

Andrzej Gniazdowski: *From Heidegger to Nietzsche. Michalski's Search for Authenticity*

Ludger Hagedorn: *Heresy the Polish Way: Michalski, Tischner, Kolakowski*

Nicolas de Warren: *The Unbearable Lightness of Eternity*

**3:30pm – 4:00pm**    *Coffee Break*

**4:00pm – 5:30pm**    Chair: Ludger Hagedorn

Marci Shore: *Either/Or. An Antidote to Hegel*

James Dodd: *On Michalski's 'Flame of Eternity'*

Marcin Król: *Personal Recollections*

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**6:30pm**

#### **Welcome and introduction**

Shalini Randeria, Rector of IWM

Keynote Speech

Krzysztof Cyżewski, Director of the Borderland Foundation, Sejny/ Poland

*"...there is no logical passage."*

*or: the Re-enchantment of the Bridge from Self to World*

Followed by wine and cheese in the IWM Cafeteria

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Friday, 7 October

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9:30 – 11:00am      **Session I: Utopia – Dystopia**

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Chair:                      Marcin Król

Interventions:        Agnes Heller: *From Utopia to Dystopia*

Leonidas Donskis: *Utopias, Dystopias and TINA (There is No Alternative)*

11:00 – 11:30am      Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:15am      **Session II: Secularism and Its Discontents**

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Chair:                      Ludger Hagedorn

Interventions:        Agata Bielik-Robson: *The Impossible Community. Kołakowski's Religious Consciousness and Ecclesiastical Ties Revisited*

12:30 – 2.30pm        *Lunch break*

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2:30 – 4:00pm        **Session III: Politics and Disillusionment**

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Chair:                      James Dodd

Interventions:        Marcin Król: *25 Years after Communism – A Spiritual Crisis that Could Be Fatal*

Pavel Barša: *Leftist Thought in Post-Utopian Times*

4:00 – 4:30pm        Coffee Break

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4:30 – 6:00pm        **Session IV: Romantic and Reactionary Utopias of Today**

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Chair:                      Marci Shore

Interventions:        Jurko Prochasko: *Reactionary Utopias, Romantic Utopias*

Marcin Szuster: *13 Tales from the Kingdom of Lailonia*

7:30pm                      **Conference Dinner**

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Saturday, 8 October

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9:45 – 10:30am      **Session V: Epistemological Certitude and Its Social Implications**

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Chair:                      Nicolas de Warren

Interventions:        Anna Yampolskaya: *Certainty/Certitude in Phenomenology and beyond*

10:30 – 11:00am      Coffee Break

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11:00 – 12:30am      **Session VI: Alienation and Leftist Utopias**

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Chair:                      Marci Shore

Interventions:        Andrzej Waśkiewicz: *The Utopian Idea of Active Citizenship*

                                 Sudipta Kaviraj: *Utopian Thinking and the Enchantment of Democracy*

1:00pm                      *End of conference*