

Kierkegaard Reconsidered in a Global World

International Congress, May 6 - 8, 2013

The Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

University of Copenhagen

**Registration required: www.ereg.me/kierkegaard
All days: 135 Euro; Single day: 70 Euro**

Monday, May 6

Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen, Vor Frue Plads, 10.15-16.30

- 10.15-10.30 Words of Welcome by Prorector, Thomas Bjørnholm, University of Copenhagen
10.30-10.45 Practical information and words of welcome to Siri Hustvedt by Pia Søltoft, Director of Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

Keynote Session

- 10.45-11.30 Keynote address: Siri Hustvedt, New York, U.S.A., "Kierkegaard's Pseudonyms and the Truths of Fiction"
11.30-12.00 Discussion
12.00-13.00 Lunch

Plenum Session: Panel Presentations: International Kierkegaard Research Today

Chair: Associate Professor Jan Evans, Baylor University

- 13.00-13.20 Associate Professor John Davenport, Fordham University, U.S.A., "Kierkegaard Studies in the USA"
13.20-13.40 Professor Méliisa Fox Muraton, France Business School, France, "Kierkegaard Studies in the Francophone World"
13.40-14.00 Professor Heiko Schulz, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany, "Kierkegaard Studies in the Germanophone World"
14.00-14.20 Professor Elisabete de Sousa, University of Lisbon, Portugal, "Kierkegaard Studies in the Portuguese and Hispanophone Worlds"
14.20-15.00 Coffee/Tea Break

Plenum Session: Panel Presentations: International Kierkegaard Research Today

Chair: Distinguished Professor of Religion, University of Mary Washington, David Cain

- 15.00-15.20 Professor Karl Verstrynge, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, "Kierkegaard Studies in Belgium and Holland"
15.20-15.40 Associate Professor Ettore Rocca, Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria, Italy, "Kierkegaard Studies in Italy"
15.40-16.00 Professor Takahiro Hirabayashi, Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan, "Kierkegaard Studies in Asia"
16.00-16.20 Dr. Marius Mjaaland, University of Oslo, Norway, "Kierkegaard Studies in Scandinavia"
16.20-16.30 Closing of the day

Welcome reception: Copenhagen City Hall, Rådhuset, 1599 København V

- 17.00-18.00 Words of welcome by Copenhagen City Council at the City Hall .
18.00-19.00 Entertainment: *Kierkegaard Comedy Show* with Claus Damgaard, www.eitherOR.dk

Tuesday, May 7

Keynote Session: Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen, Vor Frue Plads, 9.30-13.15

Chair: Associate Professor Joakim Garff, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

- 09.30-10.15 Keynote address: Professor George Pattison, University of Oxford, U.K., "Kierkegaard, God, and the Singing Mouse"
- 10.15-10.45 Discussion
- 10.45-11.00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11.00-11.45 Associate Professor, Pia Søltoft, Director of Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, "Kierkegaard and the Telegraphic Intelligence of Emotions"
- 11.45-12.15 Discussion
- 12.15-13.15 Lunch

13.15-16.45 Thematic Panel Groups

Session A: Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen, Vor Frue Plads, 13.15-16.45

Theme: Danish Golden Age

Chair: Professor Paul Cruysberghs

- 13.15-13.45 Professor Bruce H. Kirmmse, Connecticut College, New Hampshire, U.S.A., "Kierkegaard and the End of Danish Golden Age"
- 13.45-14.15 Associate Professor Ettore Rocca, Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria, Italy, "Searching for a New Immediacy: Kierkegaard's Influence on the Painter Johan Thomas Lundbye"
- 14.15-14.45 Discussion
- 14.45-15.15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15.15-15.45 Professor Robert L. Perkins, Stetson University, Florida, U.S.A., "Toward a Kierkegaardian Politics"
- 15.45-16.15 Associate Professor Jon Stewart, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, "Kierkegaard's Complex Relation to Rasmus Nielsen"
- 16.15-16.45 Discussion

Session B: Alexandersalen, Bispetervet 1-3, 13.15-16.45

Theme: Psychology

Chair Postdoc René Rosfort, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

- 13.15-13.45 Professor Vincent McCarthy, Saint Joseph's University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., "Is Despair an insoluble Problem for a 'Global Kierkegaard'"
- 13.45-14.15 Professor Jörg Disse, University of Fulda, Germany, "The Two Process Model of Cognition and Kierkegaard's Stages of Life"
- 14.15-14.45 Discussion
- 14.45-15.15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15.15-15.45 Professor Jörgen L. Pind, University of Iceland, Iceland, "Kierkegaard's Psychology: Danish Context, Contemporary Relevance"
- 15.45-16.15 PhD Jakub Marek, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, "The Tuning of Existence: On Moods and the Temporal Syntheses of Existence in Kierkegaard"
- 16.15-16.45 Discussion

Session C: Annex A, Studiestræde 6, 13.15-16.45

Theme: Philosophy

Chair: Associate Professor, Brian Söderquist, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

- 13.15-13.45 Professor Daniel Conway, Texas A&M University, Texas, U.S.A., “Irony and Agency”
13.45-14.15 Research Associate, PhD Gerhard Schreiber, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany, “Kierkegaard’s Account of Faith as ‘The New Immediacy’ ”
14.15-14.45 Discussion
14.45-15.15 Coffee/Tea Break
15.15-15.45 Professor Emerita Daphne Hampson, University of St Andrews, U.K., “Kierkegaard’s Epistemology”
15.45-16.15 PhD Will Williams, Baylor University, Texas, U.S.A., “Mackey, Deconstruction and the Kierkegaardian Redemption of Irony”
16.15-16.45 Discussion

Session D: Annex B, Studiestræde 6, 13.15-16.45

Theme: Philosophy of Religion (1)

Chair: Associate Professor Karl Verstrynge, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

- 13.15-13.45 Professor M. Jamie Ferreira, University of Virginia, Virginia, U.S.A., “The Trouble with Christianity: Faith is a Restless Thing”
13.45-14.15 PhD candidate Gerhard Thonhauser, University of Vienna, Austria, “Kierkegaard: Thinking in the Blind Spot of Universal Ontology”
14.15-14.45 Discussion
14.45-15.15 Coffee/Tea Break
15.15-15.45 PhD Sharon Krishek, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, “What is Despair?”
15.45-16.15 Professor Wang Qi, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China, “Viewing Kierkegaard as a Christian Philosopher”
16.15-16.45 Discussion

Evening program: Restaurant Josty, Pile Allé 14A, 2000 Frederiksberg

- 18.30-23.00 Banquet (incl. beverages) and a musical surprise: *I love, and therefore I support the force of gravity*. Christina Meißner, cello; Eberhard Harbsmeier, readings.
Price: 115 Euro

Wednesday, May 8

Keynote Session: Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen, Vor Frue Plads, 9.30-13.15

Chair: Jon Stewart, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

- 09.30-10.15 Keynote address: Professor Slavoj Žižek, Slovenia, "Is Kierkegaard really a Post-Hegelian?"
10.15-10.45 Discussion
10.45-11.00 Coffee/Tea Break
11.00-11.45 Keynote address: Professor Arne Grøn, University of Copenhagen, "Love's Recognition"
11.45-12.15 Discussion
12.15-13.15 Lunch

13.15-16.45 Afternoon: Thematic Panel Groups

Session E: Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen, Vor Frue Plads, 13.15-16.45

Theme: Philosophy of Religion (2)

Chair: Associate Professor Ettore Rocca, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

- 13.15-13.45 Professor Ingolf U. Dalferth, University of Zürich, Switzerland, "The Singular Individual: Kierkegaard's Philosophical Re-Working of the Extra Me"
13.45-14.15 Assistant Professor Noreen Khawaja, Yale University, Connecticut, U.S.A., "Seduction and Inwardness"
14.15-14.45 Discussion
14.45-15.15 Coffee/Tea Break
15.15-15.45 Dr. Markus Kleinert, University of Erfurt, Germany, "Glimpses of Glory: Transfigurations (*forklarelse*) in Kierkegaard and His Times"
15.45-16.15 Professor Hami Verbin, Tel Aviv University, Israel, "Providence Interiorized: Maimonides, Kierkegaard and Weil on Providence, Intellect and Love"
16.15-16.45 Discussion

Session F: Alexandersalen, Bispetorvet 1-3, 13.15-16.45

Theme: Literature and Art

Chair: PhD-candidate Thomas Fauth Hansen, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

- 13.15-13.45 PhD Julio Jensen, University of Copenhagen, "Kierkegaard and Literary Modernity: An Interpretation of the Ludic Aspects of Kierkegaard's Authorship from a Literary-Historical Perspective"
13.45-14.15 Postdoc Bartholomew Ryan, New University of Lisbon, Portugal, "Theatres of the Self with Søren Kierkegaard and Fernando Pessoa"
14.15-14.45 Discussion
14.45-15.15 Coffee/Tea Break
15.15-15.45 Associate Professor Rick Anthony Furtak, Colorado College, Colorado, U.S.A., "Love, Subjectivity, and Truth: Kierkegaardian Themes in Proust's Philosophical Novel"
15.45-16.15 Professor Lydia Amir, The College of Management - Academic Studies (COMAS), Israel, "Shaftesbury: An Important Forgotten Source of Kierkegaard's Thought"
16.15-16.45 Discussion

Session G: Annex A, Studiestræde 6, 13.15-16.45

Theme: Ethics

Chair: PhD-candidate Christian Hjortkjær, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

- 13.15-13.45 Professor C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University, Texas, U.S.A., "Can an Admirer of Silentio's Abraham Consistently Hold that Child Sacrifice Is Forbidden?"
- 13.45-14.15 Associate Research Professor Iben Damgaard, University of Copenhagen, "Søren Kierkegaard on the Dignity of a Human Being"
- 14.15-14.45 Discussion
- 14.45-15.15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15.15-15.45 Professor John Lippitt, University of Hertfordshire, U.K., "How Can I Forgive Myself? *Works of Love* and the 'Victim's Prerogative' in Forgiveness"
- 15.45-16.15 Professor Sylvia Walsh, Stetson University, Florida, U.S.A., "Kierkegaard vs. Frankfurt on Self-Love, Redoubling, and Self-Denial"
- 16.15-16.45 Discussion

Session H: Annex B, Studiestræde 6, 13.15-16.45

Theme: Christian Theology

Chair: PhD-candidate Stine Zink Kaasgaard, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

- 13.15-13.45 Dr. Simon D. Podmore, Liverpool Hope University, U.K., "Love's Struggle with the Darkness of God: A Kierkegaardian Theology of Spiritual Trial"
- 13.45-14.15 Assistant Professor Christopher B. Barnett, Villanova University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., "'Leap, then, into the Embrace of God': Kierkegaard and the Christian Response to Technology"
- 14.15-14.45 Discussion
- 14.45-15.15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15.15-15.45 Professor Mogens Müller, University of Copenhagen, "Kierkegaard and the Historical Jesus"
- 15.45-16.15 Professor Haim Gordon, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, "Kierkegaard and Judaism: Some Problems"
- 16.15-16.45 Discussion

Farewell reception: Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen, Vor Frue Plads

17.00-19.00 Words of farewell, Pia Søltoft. Musical surprise: *Promenade Abyss*. Soprano: Gitta Maria Sjöberg, Pianist: Linda Dahl Laursen, Music by Anna Lena Laurin; lyrics by Pablo Golborne. Recitatives quoted from "The Sickness unto Death" by Anti-Climacus. Special Thanks: The one act opera "Promenade Abyss" was commissioned and supported by *Musik i Syd* and manager Peter Wilgotsson, with further support from the Embassy of Sweden in Denmark"

Locations:

- A: Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen, Vor Frue Plads
- B: Alexandersalen, Bispetervet 1-3
- C: Annex A & B, Studiestræde 6
- D: Copenhagen City Hall, Rådhuset
- E: Restaurant Josty, Pile Allé 14A, 2000 Frederiksberg
- F: Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Farvergade 27D

