

Relational Ontology in Luther, Kierkegaard, and Løgstrup: Investigating the 'in-between' Self and Other

Seminar at Aarhus University
August 25-26, 2021

In this seminar and course, we will examine theological and philosophical anthropology as 'relational ontology'. This notion characterises Martin Luther's anthropology and models how the Danish Lutheran theologians and philosophers Søren Kierkegaard and K. E. Løgstrup understand human existence.

Deadline for registration August 19: <https://phdcourses.dk/Course/80729>

Wednesday 25 August

Place: Preben Hornung stuen, Studenternes Hus

- 12.00-13.00: Lunch (speakers and organizers)
- 13.00-14.30: Welcome and Keynote address by Marius Timmann Mjaaland, Oslo University: "Creation, Creature and Creator: Challenges to Relational Ontology in the Anthropocene"
- 14.30-14.45: Coffee break
- 14.45-15.45: Reading session 1: Martin Luther's *On the Freedom of a Christian* & *Lectures on Genesis (Gen 1:26)*
- 15.45-16.00: Coffee break
- 16.00-16.45: Kinga Zeller, University of Kiel: "Reasoning for a Loving Self-Relation"
- 16.45-17.30: Sasja Emilie Mathiasen Stopa, Aarhus University: "'Ich werde am Du' – The Role of the Second-Person Perspective and Creative Dialogue in the Relational Anthropologies of Martin Luther and Martin Buber"
- 17.30-17.45: Coffee break
- 17.45-18.15: Simon Balle, Aarhus University: "Relational Ontology and Non-Human Others: *Becoming Selves* for Humans and Robots"
- 18.15-18.45: Mikael Brorson, Aarhus University: "Sin as *Anknüpfung*: Negative *imago Dei* in the Narrated Self"
- 19.30: Dinner (speakers and organizers)

Thursday 26 August

Place: Mogens Zieler stuen, Studenternes Hus (9.00–14.00); "Bed og Arbejd" build. 1453, room 415 (14.00-)

- 9.00-10.30: Keynote address by Patrick Stokes, Deakin University, Melbourne: "Løgstrup and the Sovereignty of Trust"
- 10.30-11.30: Reading session 2: Excerpts from Søren Kierkegaard's *Works of Love* and K.E. Løgstrup's *Ethical Concepts and Problems*
- 11.30-12.00: Lunch
- 12.00-13.30: Keynote address by Robert Stern, University of Sheffield: "Forgiveness in Luther and Løgstrup: A Groundless Inter-Personal Relation?"
- 13.30-13.45: Coffee break
- 13.45-14.30: Bjørn Rabjerg, Aarhus University: "Relational Ontology in K. E. Løgstrup's Thought"
- 14:30-15:00: Rounding off

Everyone is welcome!

NB: Please bring documentation for vaccination against covid-19
or a negative corona-test if you want to participate on site