

PLURALISM: EAST AND WEST CONFERENCE

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY
SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"

PROGRAMME 3-5 DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday 3 December 2025

Conference Hall

9.45-10.00 Registration

10.00-10.15 Opening Session

10.15-11.15 Invited Talk: Kris McDaniel (University of Notre Dame)

11.15-11.45 Q&A Session

12.00-13.00 Lunch Break

13.00-14.30 Session 1, Hall 63

Chair: Alex Kostova

13.00-13.30 Alexander Kanev (Sofia University) Conditions of Being, Ontological Structures, and Cosmoi

13.30-14.00 Taymaz Azimi (University of Kent) Degrees of Being in Islamic Tradition: A Way to Reconcile Ontological Monism and Pluralism

14.00-14.30 Bartosz Żukowski (University of Lodz) Three Strategies of Ontological Pluralism in Early Modern British Philosophy: Sergeant, Berkeley, and Burthogge

14.30-14.45 Coffee Break

14.45-16.15 Session 2, Hall 63

Chair: Boris Pantev

14.45-15.15 Leszek Kopciuch (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University) The Pluralism of Values in Nikolai Hartmann's Theory

15.15-15.45 Alex Kostova (Sofia University) Moral Pluralism Between Western and Indian Particularist Approaches

15.45-16.15 Wang Xing Hao (University of Athens) Pluralism East and East: Zen Versus Tendai on Doctrinal Classification (判教)

16.15-16.45 Coffee Break

16.45-17.45 Session 3, Hall 63

Chair: Vladimir Pachemanov

16.45-17.15 Alexander Velichkov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) Pluralism in Moral Responsibility from Isaiah Berlin Onwards

17.15-17.45 Saumya Sirothia (University of Delhi) Decolonizing Feminist Transcendence: Irigaray's Sensible Transcendental and the Plural Grounds of Indian Philosophical Embodiment

18.15 Drinks Reception

Thursday 4 December 2025

10.00-11.30 Session 1, Hall 1

Chair: Francesco Menichetti

10.00-10.30 Luís Lóia (Portuguese Catholic University) Political Pluralism and Comprehensive Doctrines

10.30-11.00 Naira Mkrtychyan (Yerevan State University) A Historical Perspective and Normative Pluralism. What Does Walzer's Theory of Justice Aim to Address?

11.00-11.30 Loulou Malaeb (American University of Dubai) A Pluralist Reinterpretation of the Lebanese Concept of Wattan (Homeland) and Lebanese Identity

11.30-12.30 Lunch Break

12.30-14.00 Session 2, Hall 63

Chair: Emma Herzog

12.30-13.00 Boris Pantev (Sofia University) Plurality in the Second-Person Singular:
Toward a Phenomenology of the Communicative Lifeworld

13.00-13.30 Emilio González Ferrín (University of Seville) Otherness and Selfness: the
Road that Led to Ibn Tufayl (d. 1185)

13.30-14.00 Francesco Menichetti (University of Perugia) Being-with as a Grammar of
Pluralism. Jean-Luc Nancy and the Deconstruction of Metaphysics

14.00-14.30 Coffee Break

14.30-15.30 Session 3, Hall 63

Chair: Alexander Velichkov

14.30-15.00 Vladimir Pachemanov (Sofia University) Pragmatic Approaches to Pluralism

15.00-15.30 Emma Herzog (Creighton University) Jaina Non-Absolutism as a
Comparative Analysis

19.00 Drinks Reception

Friday 5 December 2025

The Egg Hall

10.30 Workshop