



International Conference

# Immunity and Contagion: Philosophical and Biopolitical Approaches Toward the Pandemic

29–30 September 2022, Vilnius

## Programme

### 29 September, Thursday

12.00–12.30 **Welcome & Coffee**

12.30–14.30 **Panel I: Immunity and Community. Moderated by Denis Petrina**

12.30–13.00 Krzysztof Skonieczny (University of Warsaw)  
*Discourses of Audacity and the Auto-Immunity of Reason.*

13.00–13.30 Audronė Žukauskaitė (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute)  
*Immunity, Autopoiesis, and Biopolitics.*

13.30–14.00 Virgilio Rivas (Polytechnic University of the Philippines)  
*Immunity and Duplicity: Biopolitics in a Dual Extensive World.*  
(Online presentation)

14.00–14.30 Gian Marco Galasso (Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies)  
*Co-Immunity. An Ontological Political Paradigm.* (Online presentation)

14.30–15.30 **Lunch**

15.30–17.30 **Panel II: The Pandemic as Biopolitics. Moderated by Linas Jokubaitis**

15.30–16.00 Denis Petrina (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute)  
*The “Milieu” of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Quarantine.*

16.00–16.30 Arindam Nandi (Indian Institute of Technology)  
*The Affective Politics of Fear and the “Infected Body” as Pathogen in the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.* (Online presentation)

16.30–17.00 Andrew Wahnsiedler (George Mason University)  
*The Rise of Alternative Facts: COVID Denial, Epistemological Immunity, and the Future Management of Our Post-Truth Era.*  
(Online presentation)

17.00–17.30 J. D. Mininger (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute)  
*Mourning and Melancholia in the COVID-19 pandemic: a (Spinozist) Ethics of Dispossession.* (Online presentation)

17.30–18.00 **Coffee break**

18.00–19.00 **Keynote I: Kiarina Kordela (Macalester College)**  
*Biopower of Blood: From Immunity to Self-Referentiality / Actualization and Transindividuality.* (Online presentation)

## 30 September, Friday

- 10.00–11.00 Keynote II:** Sergei Prozorov (University of Jyväskylä)  
*Why Theories of Biopolitics Teach Us Little About the Pandemic.*  
(Online presentation)
- 11.00–12.30 Panel III: Biopolitics as Necropolitics. Moderated by Audronė Žukauskaitė**
- 11.00–11.30** S. E. Wilmer (Trinity College Dublin)  
*The Danger of the Foreign.*
- 11.30–12.00** Aistis Žekevičius (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute)  
*Pandemic and Race: Un(fore)seen Circumstances, Same Old Biopolitics of Extraction and Use?*
- 12.00–12.30 Luana Adriano Araujo** (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster)  
Scarce to Whom? Rethinking Resource Allocation through Necropolitics. (Online presentation)
- 12.30–13.00 Coffee break**
- 13.00–15.00 Panel IV: Epistemology, Networking, and Technology. Moderated by Danutė Bacevičiūtė**
- 13.00–13.30** Jurga Jonutytė (Vytautas Magnus University)  
Pandemic as an “Experiment” of a Contingent Equality.
- 13.30–14.00** Tomasz Kitlinski (Freie Universität Berlin)  
*A Philosophy of the Pandemic of Authoritarianisms: A Biopolitical Case of Poland.* (Online presentation)

**14.00–14.30** Agostino Cera (University of Ferrara)  
*In the Pandemic Society (or what's the Price of a Global Common Immunity?)* (Online presentation)

**14.30–15.00** Toni Čerkez (University of Aberystwyth)  
*Digital Opportunities, Machine Necropolitics: The Virus as a Productive Force.*

## 15.00 Closing Remarks.

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