

Naturalism and Social Philosophy



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Conference I of SNSF Project
“A Diagnosis of Social Pathologies? Variations of Naturalism in Social Philosophy”

Preliminary Program

Day One

9:00-9:30 Opening words: Martin Hartmann and Arvi Särkelä

Panel I Naturalism and Social Critique
Chair: Martin Hartmann (Lucerne)

9:30-10:30 Arvi Särkelä (Lucerne), “Three Kinds of Naturalism in Social Philosophy”

10:45-11:45 Italo Testa (Parma), “Embodiment and Social Action”

11:45-13:00 Lunch in the university cafeteria

Panel II Ethical Naturalism and Social Philosophy
Chair: Arvi Särkelä (Lucerne)

13:00-14:00 Sabina Lovibond (Oxford), “The Sickness of a Time: Social Pathology and Therapeutic Philosophy”

14:15-15:15 Martin Hartmann (Lucerne), “Hume’s Critical Naturalism: Its Reach and Its Limits”

15:15-15:45 Coffee break

Panel III Deweyan and Ethical Naturalism
Chair: Johannes Schulz (Lucerne)

15:45-16:45 Andreas Hetzel (Hildesheim), “Democracy as Form of Life: From Dewey to Thompson and back again”

17:00-18:00 Steven Levine (Massachusetts), “Motivation, Interest, and the Speculative Identity of Self and Act”

19:00 Dinner at Bellini Locanda Ticinese

Day Two

Panel IV Naturalism in Hegel and Marx and the Frankfurt School

Chair: Federica Gregoratto (St. Gallen)

- 9:00-10:00 Andreja Novakovic (UC Riverside), "Ethical Life as Second Nature"
10:15-11:15 Karen Ng (Vanderbilt), "Species-Being and Ethical Life"
11:30-12:30 Fabian Freyenhagen (Essex), "Objective Reason, Ethical Naturalism and Social Pathology:
The Case of Horkheimer and Adorno"

12:30-13:45 Lunch in World Café

Panel V Nature and Social Life

Chair: Lukas Peter (Lucerne)

- 13:45-14:45 Emmanuel Renault (Paris X Nanterre), "On the Darwinian Presuppositions of Dewey's
Conceptions of the Social Centrality of Work"
15:00-16:00 Louis Carré (Namur), "From Naturalism to Vitalism: The Bergson-Durkheim Debate on
Social Obligations"

16:15-16:45 Final discussion