

Religion and Theology 2021 Online Research Seminar Series

Redeeming Autonomy: A Discussion Panel

Thursday 13 May 2021
8pm-9:30pm (Melbourne) | 11am-12:30pm (London)
6am-8:30am (New York)

The purpose of the Redeeming Autonomy project is to make a strategic intervention into the academic and cultural debates around the notion of 'autonomy' by examining forgotten or repressed textures in its political, ethical, philosophical, and theological reception. This seminar will open up a conversation between the chief investigators and participants about what the project has done, where it is going, and what it hopes to accomplish.

For more information about the project, please visit:

[Redeeming Autonomy: Agency, Vulnerability and Relationality](#)

Panelists:

Christopher Insole (Professor of Philosophical Theology and Ethics at Durham University; and Professorial Fellow at Australian Catholic University) is currently developing a theory of natural theology as a type of negative theology, and has published widely on theology, metaphysics, political philosophy, and the thought of Immanuel Kant.

David Kirchhoffer (Director of the Queensland Bioethics Centre and a member of the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry at Australian Catholic University) researches and publishes on the meaning and relevance of the concept of human dignity, and contemporary understandings of the human person in biomedical, business, social, and personal ethics.

Jennifer Herdt (Gilbert L. Stark Professor of Christian Ethics at Yale Divinity School) is working on a project funded by the Templeton Foundation developing a science-informed theological anthropology, and has published extensively on virtue ethics, early modern and modern moral thought, and political theology.

Kristin Heyer (Professor of Theology at Boston College) specializes in and has published on social ethics, migration ethics, Catholic social thought, religion and politics, and moral agency.

Yves De Maeseneer (Lecturer in the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at KU Leuven) coordinates the research group Anthropos, and has published on Hans Urs von Balthasar, Theodor Adorno, theological aesthetics, sin and reconciliation, liturgy and ethics, theological anthropology, political theology, and autonomy.

RSVP is necessary [to register \(link\)](#)

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