



Concepts of God in Underrepresented Religious Traditions

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Nord Luzzor Tambaú, João Pessoa, Brazil

February 6-7 and 12-14, 2025

ONLINE SESSIONS • February 6-7, 2025

Day 1 • Thursday, February 6

(The times are in Brazil's main time zone, which is UCT-3)

February 6 - Morning

Chair: *Ricardo Silvestre*

- 08:30 - 08:45 **Opening session**
08:45 - 09:30 **Keynote Talk:** Early Chinese Conceptions of Divinity
Kelly Clark
09:30 - 10:15 The Concept of God in Chinese Folk Religion Indonesian Case
Refan Aditya
10:15 - 11:00 Manichaeism, the problem of evil and the problem of order
Zoheir Bagheri Noaparast

February 6 - Afternoon

Chair: *Benedikt Paul Göcke*

- 12:00 - 12:45 The Concept of Divinity from Ancient to Semitic Cultures
Julio César
12:45 - 13:30 Yezidism as Fluid Metaphysics
Nesim Aslantatar
13:30 - 13:45 **Break**
13:45 - 14:30 Can Pantheism Explain the Existence of the Universe?
Thomas Oberle
14:30 - 15:15 In Search of the Native American Logos Monotheism, Panentheism, and Divine Attributes in Indigenous American Religions
Joel Alvarez



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Day 2 • Friday, February 7

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February 7 - Morning

Chair: Alan Herbert

- 08:45 - 09:30 **Keynote Talk:** Concepts of God in African Traditional Religions
Emmanuel Ofuasia
- 09:30 - 10:15 Transcendence and Immanence, Ekwensu and the Dynamic Nature of Evil in Igbo Religious Thought
Lucas Nwachukwu
- 10:15 - 11:00 Exploring the Divine in Jainism: A Comparative Analysis of Jain Philosophy and Western Concepts of God
Jashwant Shah

February 7 - Afternoon

Chair: Ricardo Silvestre

- 12:00 - 12:45 **Keynote Talk:** Freemasonry as Universal Religion
Benedikt Paul Göcke
- 12:45 - 13:30 From Shadows to Light: A Philosophia Perennis in Plato's Allegory of the Cave and the Bhagavad Gītā
Martha Rumbelsperger
- 13:30 - 14:15 Beyond Dualities: Nishida Kitaro's Concept of God and Unity of Experience
Lucas Murata



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IN-PERSON SESSIONS • February 12-14, 2025

Day 3 • Wednesday, February 12

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February 12 - Morning

Chair: Ricardo Silvestre

- 09:00 - 09:15 **Opening session**
- 09:15 - 10:00 **Keynote Talk:** Gods, devata-s, and Postcolonial Philosophy of Religion
Purushottama Bilimoria
- 10:00 - 10:45 The Shentong Tradition and Classical Theism
Tyler McNabb
- 10:45 - 11:30 A new approach to the various concepts of God in light of negative theology
Ana Maria

February 12 - Afternoon

Chair: Alan Herbert

- 13:30 - 14:15 **Keynote Talk:** Ghosts, Gods, and Spirits in Chinese Discourses on Self-Cultivation
Leah Kalmanson
- 14:15 - 15:00 Confucianism's View of the Heavens (tiān 天): Defending the "Immanent" Reading
James Garrison
- 15:00 - 15:15 **Coffee-break**
- 15:15 - 16:00 Paraconsistency, Dialetheism and Contradictory Theology: Resolving a Theological Problem in the Acintya Bhedābheda Vedānta Tradition
Ricardo Silvestre
- 16:00 - 16:45 Freedom and Planes of Consciousness in Non-dual Kashmirian Śaivism
Shubham Solanki



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Day 4 • Thursday, February 13

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February 13 - Morning

Chair: José Eduardo Porcher

- 08:45 - 09:30 **Keynote Talk:** Western Models of God and Indian Concepts of the Absolute
Alan Herbert
- 09:30 - 10:15 Gītā-inspired panentheistic cosmopsychism and atheist cosmopsychism
Gustavo Oliva de Oliveira
- 10:15 - 11:00 The qualitative character of conscious experience in samādhi
Helio Fernando Rodrigues Silva
- 11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee-break**
- 11:15 - 12:00 The Yoga of the Subalterns and the Capoeira: Corporality and Spirituality in the Streets of India and Brazil between the 19th and 20th Centuries.
Maria Lucia Abaurre Gnerre
- 12:00 - 12:45 On Divine Sovereignty (Svātantrya)
Niharika Sharma and Lalit Saraswat

February 13 - Afternoon

Free afternoon

- 15:00 - 18:00 Bus trip to [Jacaré beach](#)
- 18:30 - 20:30 Gathering dinner at [Mangai Restaurant](#)



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Day 5 • Friday, February 14

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February 14 - Morning

Chair: Gabriel Reis

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- 09:15 - 10:00 **Keynote Talk:** Concepts of Divinity in Afro-Brazilian Religious Traditions
José Eduardo Porcher
- 10:00 - 10:45 The Conception of a God of the Subaltern and Oppressed: The African-Indigenous Origins of Popular Catholicism in Cariri
Francisco José da Silva
- 10:45 - 11:30 The divinity of non-theistic gods
Mike Ashfield

February 14 - Afternoon

Chair: Vitor Chaves de Souza

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- 13:30 - 14:15 **Keynote Talk:** Sacrality in Indigenous America: Camac and the Everpresent Sacrality of Life in Andean Thought
Jorge Sanchez-Perez
- 14:15 - 15:00 Teaching Brahman on the pedagogy of Śaṅkarācārya and its resonance in Paul Deussen's work
Daniel Rodrigues Braz
- 15:00 - 15:15 **Coffee-break**
- 15:15 - 16:00 A Panpsychist and Panentheistic Approach to Divine Presence in Sacred Objects
Gabriel Reis
- 16:00 - 16:45 Can the physical and the mental really be separated?
Lucas Nascimento Machado