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CHAIR

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Registration for Attendance via ZOOM:
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Monday, May 15

13:00  Words of Welcome

13:15  Heiko Schulz: The Rationality of Religious Beliefs: Despite, Because or Independent of their Emotional Ties?

14:30  Coffee-Break

14:45  Johannes Grössl: Religious Emotions as Evidence for God? The Problem with the Principle of Credulity

16:00  Coffee-Break

16:15  Yiftach Fehige: Religious Emotions and Rationality According to Hermann Schmitz

17:30  Coffee-Break

17:45  Bob Roberts: Practical Wisdom and the Rationality of Emotions: A Christian View

17:15  Coffee-Break

17:30  Jing-Jong Luh: Trialectics of Religious Emotion, Rationality and Language: A Systemic Dialogue between Christianity and Asian Philosophy of Religion

19:30  Dinner

Tuesday, May 16

9:00  Menachem Fisch: The Rationality of Laughter, Human and Divine

10:15  Coffee-Break

10:30  Yael Almog: Homesickness as a Religious Sentiment

11:45  Coffee-Break

12:00  Jean-Pierre Fortin: Brazing Heart, Burning Desire: Hadewijch of Antwerp and Teresa of Avila on Mystical Love as Experience of Personal Intimacy with God

12:00  Lunch

13:15  Lunch-Break

14:30  Thomas Wagner: Aetiologies as Rational Approaches to Emotions in the Hebrew Bible

15:45  Coffee-Break

16:00  Brad McLean: Emotions as Symptoms of Machines of Resonance in the Gospel of Mark

Wednesday, May 17

9:15  Yasin Basaran: Leaving Things in His Hands: An Analysis of the Believer’s Confidence in God (tawakkul)

10:30  Coffee-Break

10:45  Hureye Kam: In Search of Knowledge of God between Emotion and Reason. A Cursory Look at the Relationship between Epistemology and Ethics in Islamic Theology from al-Māturīdī to al-Ghazālī

12:00  Concluding Discussion

12:30  Lunch

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