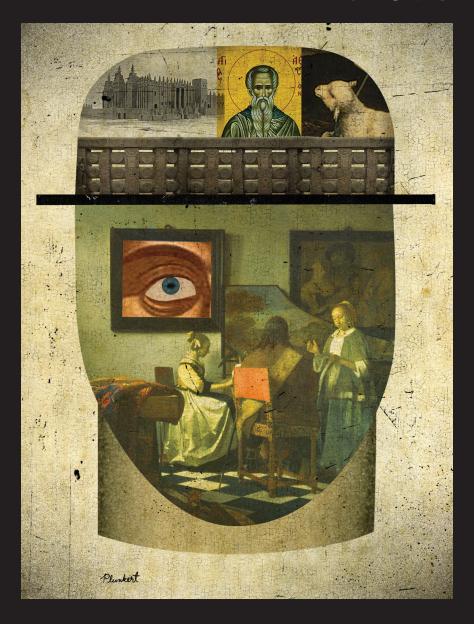


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### Program

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## Mind, Soul, World: Consciousness in Nature

A Templeton Colloquium led by David Bentley Hart Templeton Fellow at the NDIAS

March 14-15, 2016 Notre Dame Conference Center 100-104 McKenna Hall In this two-day Templeton Colloquium, Professor David Bentley Hart will explore the mystery of consciousness (the entirety of mental life), posing critical questions such as the place of nature within mind, and probing more traditional assumptions about the physicalist emergentist accounts of the origins of consciousness. In dialogue with other scholars he will take up the idea that careful reflection on the nature of consciousness yields an understanding of consciousness to which certain classical understandings of the soul (Western and Eastern) may prove far better suited than more materialist reductionist approaches.

This colloquium, made possible through the generosity of the John Templeton Foundation and a grant to the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS), brings together scholars from history and philosophy of science, philosophy, and theology to examine critical topics about consciousness including whether consciousness can evolve or emerge from matter, intentionality and the transcendental ends of consciousness, classical metaphysics of the soul, Eastern contributions to the understanding of consciousness, and the soul and the whole of being.

#### Monday, March 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast available

9:00 a.m. Introduction

Presenter:

David Bentley Hart,

Templeton Fellow at the NDIAS

Moderator:

Brad S. Gregory, University of Notre Dame

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. The Problems with the Materialist

Reduction of Consciousness

Panelists:

Janet Soskice, University of Cambridge Gerald McKenny, University of Notre Dame

Moderator:

Luke Wright, University of Virginia

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Can Consciousness Evolve or Emerge from Matter?

Panelists:

Stephen R. L. Clark, University of Liverpool Michael Hanby, John Paul II Institute

Moderator:

Celia Deane-Drummond, University of Notre Dame

3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Intentionality and the Transcendent

Ends of Consciousness

Panelists:

John Betz, University of Notre Dame D. C. Schindler, John Paul II Institute

Moderator:

Gretchen Reydams-Schils, University of Notre Dame

5:45 p.m. Dinner



#### Tuesday, March 15, 2016

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast available

9:00 a.m. The Classical Metaphysics of the Soul

Panelists:

Paul Griffiths, Duke Divinity School John Milbank, University of Nottingham

Moderator:

Anna Bonta Moreland, Villanova University

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Eastern Contributions to the Understanding of Consciousness

Panelists:

Robert Gimello, University of Notre Dame R. Trent Pomplun, Loyola University Maryland

Moderator:

Bradley J. Malkovsky, University of Notre Dame

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. The Soul and the Whole of Being

Panelists:

William Desmond, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Cyril O'Regan, University of Notre Dame

Moderator:

Jennifer Newsome Martin, University of Notre Dame

3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Conclusions and Discussion of Closing Thoughts and Comments

Presenter:

David Bentley Hart,

Templeton Fellow at the NDIAS

Moderator:

Brad S. Gregory, University of Notre Dame

5:45 p.m. Closing Dinner



#### **Colloquium Presenters and Moderators**

John Betz is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Notre Dame. He specializes in systematic and philosophical theology. Broadly engaged with German philosophy and theology from the eighteenth to the twentieth century, his research has focused in recent years on the eighteenth-century Lutheran philologist and man of letters, Johann Georg Hamann (1730-1788), and the twentieth-century Jesuit philosopher and theologian Erich Przywara (1889-1972). He is the author of After Enlightenment: The Post-Secular Vision of J. G. Hamann (2009) and numerous book chapters and articles in journals such as Modern Theology and the Journal of the History of Ideas. He is also the co-editor of an English edition of Erich Przywara's classic work, Analogia Entis (with David B. Hart, 2014). His current project is a monograph on Przywara, part of a larger project to recover the relevance of twentieth-century Christian metaphysics for theology today.

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Evolution (2009); Religion and Ecology in the Public Sphere (2011) (ed. with Heinrich Bedford-Strohm); Animals as Religious Subjects (2013) (ed. with David Clough and Becky Artinian Kaiser); The Wisdom of the Liminal (2014); Technofutures, Nature and the Sacred (2015) (ed. with Sigurd Bergmann and Bronislaw Szerszynski) and more than one hundred and forty book chapters, academic articles and popular articles on topics related to her research interests. She is also currently Chair of the European Forum for the Study of Religion and Environment and is Visiting Professor in theology and science at the University of Durham (United Kingdom).

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Schelling, and Hegel between the Ancients and the Moderns (2012), and The Catholicity of Reason (2013). Most recently, he has translated, and co-edited with his wife, Jeanne, The Robert Spaemann Reader: Philosophical Essays on God, Nature, and the Human Person (2015), and completed a manuscript tentatively entitled Freedom from Reality: John Locke and the Diabolical Character of Modern Liberty. He is currently finishing a translation of Ferdinand Ulrich's Homo Abyssus and working on a primer in philosophical anthropology founded on the transcendental properties of being. Since 2002, Professor Schindler has served as an editor of Communio: International Catholic Review.

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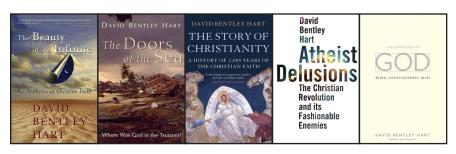
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