# 5th Biennial Australian Hegel Society Conference: 'Globalising Hegel's Philosophy of Freedom'

## Thursday 11 December 2025 (UNSW campus and hybrid)

Electrical Engineering, Room G04

**Welcome 8:50**

**Session 1 9:00-11:30 (in person and online)**
9:00 Chong-Fuk Lau (CUHK): 'Freedom as Autonomy under Idealism as Holism'
9:40 Heikki Ikäheimo (UNSW Sydney): 'Concrete Freedom and Anthropological Universalism'
10:20 *Jarrad A. Felgenhauer (Seattle): 'Freedom and the Power of Resistance in Hegel's Thought'
11:00 *Mithra Lehn (The New School): 'Freedom of Necessity or Necessity of Freedom? The Politics of Hegel's A-Normative Concept of Freedom' (HDR)

Lunch 11:30-12:30

**Session 2 12:30-14:30 (in person)**
12:30 Friedemann Barniske (Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hong Kong): 'Religion of Freedom. Hegel on Reformation'
13:10 Samuel Vitel (Ottawa): 'From constitution to self-constitution: Hegel on spiritual kinds as concepts of freedom'
13:50 Yusuke Iizumi (Fukuoka): 'Freedom of the "Ungrateful" Thinking: On the Potential Openness of Hegel's Speculative Philosophy'

Break 14:30-14:50

**Session 3 14:50-17:10 (online)**
14:50 *Berker Basmaci (Bilkent): 'Inwardness and the Globalization of Freedom: Hegel, Sufi Poetry, and the Limits of Objective Spirit'
15:30 *Olerato K. Mogomotsi (Cape Town): 'Towards an Ontology of Safe Spaces: A Hegelian Account'
16:10 *Suresh Chauhan (Delhi): 'Freedom as the Truth of Necessity: A Logical and Ontological Investigation in Hegel's *Science of Logic*' (HDR)
16:40 *Cailan Harris (Luxembourg): 'Freedom, Eurocentrism and the idea of history of self-consciousness' (HDR)

Break 17:10-17:30

**Keynote Address 17:30-19:00 (online)**
*Julia Peters (Heidelberg): Beyond the Pleasure Principle: Pain, Negativity, and Freedom in Hegel

## Friday 12 December 2025 (UNSW campus and hybrid)

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**Session 4 9:00-11:00 (online)**
9:00 *Gerad Gentry (Baylor): 'Freedom and Hegelian Constitutivism'
9:40 *Zaida Olvera (Veracruzana): 'Earthly attachments: Hegel's concept of freedom beyond World history'
10:20 *Günter Zöller (Munich): 'After Freedom. The American Polity in Hegel's Philosophy of World History'

Break 11:00-11:30

**Keynote Address 11:30-13:00 (in person)**
Klaus Vieweg (Jena): 'A philosophical history of philosophy – On a logically founded conception'

1:00-2:00 Lunch

**Session 5 14:00-16:00 (in person)**
14:00 Matt Marasco (LaTrobe): 'The Freedom of Physiognomy in Hegel's Aesthetic'
14:40 Lior Levy (Melbourne): 'Racializing Freedom: Fanon Reading Hegel'
15:20 Andy Blunden (Independent): 'How Marx Used Hegel in *Capital*'

Break 16:00 -16:20

**Session 6 16:20-18:10 (online)**
16:20 *Eyal Yair-Hacohen (Tel Aviv): 'A Hegelian Critique of Climate Denial: Towards an Ecological conception of freedom' (HDR)
16:50 *Wouter Wiersma (Freiburg): 'Autonomy and Social Freedom'
17:30 *Paul Cobben (Amsterdam): 'Beyond Eurocentrism: Hegel's Universal Concept of Freedom'

Note: all times are Australian Eastern Daylight Times (GMT+11)
*Speaker presenting online

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