

INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

“Pain and Suffering: Evolutionary and Theological Perspectives”

14 -15 APRIL 2023

DAY 1 14 APRIL

- 9:00** Opening address
- 9:15** Mats Wahlberg (Umeå University, Sweden): *Natural Selection, Scarcity and Evil: Reflections on the Fittingness of Evolution as a Divine Instrument of Creation.*
- 10:00** Lluís Oviedo (Pontifical University Antonianum in Rome, Italy): *Evolutionary explanations of pain and suffering: a 'gift to theology' or a challenge?*
- 10:45** Coffee break
- 11:15** Saša Horvat (University of Rijeka, Croatia): *Pain, life and God – facing perplexity and paradox*
- 11:45** Ruben Herce (University of Navarra, Spain): *The perception of the suffering of the weak, the innocent and the marginalized from the perspective of evolution and Christian theology.*
- 12:30** Award ceremony for participants of poster competition
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:30** Michał Oleksowicz / Grzegorz Karwasz (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń): *Suffering and struggle as a motor of progressing.*
- 15:00** Gabriel Turkiewicz (Pontifical University Antonianum in Rome, Italy): *Contemporary Conceptions of Original Sin Relating to the Theory of Evolution.*
- 15:30** Paweł Orzeł (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń): *The transhumanist point of view to the evolutionary indifference to pain and suffering.*
- 19:30** Dinner – 10 th Anniversary of the journal “Scientia et Fides” (Hotel Filmar)

DAY 2 15 APRIL

- 9:00** Anne Kull (University of Tartu, Estonia): *Sexual violence: a complex web of failures for God or nature?*
- 9:15** Michal Valco (Comenius University, Slovakia): *The pain-riddled world as a workshop of the soul: St. Irenaeus and Martin Luther on the purpose of suffering in God's good creation.*
- 10:30** Coffee break
- 11:00** Martin Montoya / Giménez Amaya (University of Navarra, Spain): *A God who saves. The relevance of Philosophical Anthropology in Humanistic Biomedical Sciences for a Dynamic Theodicy model.*
- 11:30** Piotr Roszak / Tomasz Huzarek (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń): *God, nature and evolutionary evil. Revisiting the Thomistic dual causality approach.*
- 12:00** Small coffee break
- 12:15** Adam Jeszka (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń): *The struggle for existence as a process of awakening self-consciousness in Miguel de Unamuno's philosophy.*
- 12:45** Arkadiusz Gudaniec (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland): *Pain and suffering in the personal perspective. Reflections inspired by the philosophical method of Karol Wojtyła.*
- Lunch
- Guided tour Toruń