

First International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life

Sapporo, August 20-21, 2018

August 20th, Monday

	W409	W309	W308
10:00-10:55	Registration (Registration Desk @ 4th floor)		
10:55-11:00	Welcome Speech: Nobuo Kurata (W409)		
11:00-11:45	Keynote Speech 1 (W409)		
chair	Nobuo Kurata		
	Thaddeus Metz		
	Is a Moderate Supernaturalism about Meaning in Life Possible?		
11:50-12:35	Keynote Speech 2 (W409)		
chair	Nobuo Kurata		
	Masahiro Morioka		
	A Solipsistic and Affirmative Approach to Meaning in Life		
12:35-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-15:30	Wittgenstein	Emotion and Meaning of Life	Bioethics and Purpose of Life
chair	Minao Kukita	Nobuo Kurata	Takeshi Sato
14:00	“Christianizing” the Investigations: the Meaning of Life in Wittgenstein’s Philosophical Investigations	The Hope and Horror of Physicalism	Significance of the Narrative in Spiritual Care
	Jairus Espiritu	Christopher Brown	Shunichi Miyajima
14:30	The Meaning of Life in “Tractatus”. No Answer for No Question and Some Fictional Illuminations	Is There an Emotional State That is Distinctive of (Living) a Meaningful Life?	Application of Logotherapy and the Concept of "Meaning of life" in the Context of Women in Prenatal and Postnatal Distress
	Isabel Gamero Cabrera	Abel Franco	Sylwia Maria Olejarz
15:00	Diagonal	Suffering and Meaning in Life	The Value of Life Derives from the Purpose of Life: Teleological Potentiality for Rational Agency as the Arouns for Full Moral Status
		Efrain Gayosso-Cabello	Sara Chan Yun Yu
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break		
15:45-17:45	Anti-Natalism 1 (Benatar meets critics)	Meaning of Life & Wolfian view	Diagonal
chair	Fumitake Yoshizawa	Tatsuya Murayama	
15:45	Anti-Natalism and Meaning in Life	Importance and Meaning in Life	
	Asheel Singh	Joshua Glasgow	
16:15	Agnosticism about the Value of Life and Practical Anti-natalism	Immortality and Meaning in Life	
	Kazuo Kojima	David Matheson	
16:45	Not Better to Have Been: Death and the Value of Life	Meaning in Life – Fitting Objective or Rational Attractiveness?	
	Vijay Mascarenhas	Susanne Hiekkel	
17:15	An Argument for Better Never to Have Come into Existence	Expressive Meaning in Life and Its Relation to Value	
	Kong Ngai Pei	John Anthony Uglietta	
18:00-19:30	Welcome Party (W201&202)		

August 21st, Tuesday ☒

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10:00-12:00	Anti-Natalism 2 (Benatar meets critics)	Existentialism	/
chair	Ikuro Suzuki	Tatsuya Murayama	
10:00	Fundamental Problems of the Natalism vs Anti-Natalism Controversy	Negativism as the Philosophical Approach to the Meaning of Life	
	Yuichi Nakagawa	Johannes Abel	
10:30	Saying Yes, or Anti Anti-Natalism	Sartre on Death and Meaning in Life	
	Andrew Oberg	Kiki Berk	
11:00	Posthumanism and Anti-Natalism		
	Sean Clancy		
11:30-13:30	Lunch		
13:30-14:15	Keynote Speech 3 (W409)		
chair	Masahiro Morioka		
	David Benatar An Unexpected Route to Anti-Natalism		
14:30-16:00	Moral Life	Chinese Philosophy	Art & Education
chair	Takeshi Sato	Tomohiko Kondo	Masahiro Morioka
14:30	Meaning and the Moral Life	The Meaning of Life in the Zhuangzi	Teaching “the Meaning of Life”: Pedagogical Strategies and Reflections
	Lucas Scripter	Mark L. Farrugia	Evgenia Cherkasova
15:00	Utilitarian Theory of Meaning in Life as a Solution to the ‘Why Be Moral?’ Problem	The “Subjective Attraction” and the “Objective Attractiveness” of the Rites in the Xunzi	Why Rachel Needed Implanted Memories?—The Role of Memory in a Meaningful Human Life in Ridley Scott’s Blade Runner
	Shunsuke Sugimoto	Angel On Ki Ting	Naomi Tsuruta
15:30	A Social Approach to the Meaning of Life		Meaning in/of Life and the Unity of the Artwork: The Dialogue between Western and Japanese Conceptions of Artistic Unity in Iris Murdoch’s "Metaphysics as a Guide to Morals"
	Emil Mazzoleni		Fiona Tomkinson
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break		
16:15-17:15	Meaning of Meaning of life	Japanese Philosophy	Universe/Wellbeing
chair	Nobuo Kurata	Tomohiko Kondo	Shunsuke Sugimoto
16:15	Phoniness and the Meaning of Life	Life-Problems: Individualism and Questions on the Meaning of Life in Meiji Japan	What, if Anything, Would Give Human Life Meaning in this Immense Universe?
	Iddo Landau	Richard Stone	Brooke Trisel
16:45	Interpreting life's meaning: An explanation of <i>why</i> meaning is objective	Meaning and Self-Identification: On Umemoto Katsumi’s Subjectivity Problem	The Deflationary Challenge to Meaning in Life
	Michael Prinzing	Sho Yamaguchi	Matthew Hammerton
17:30-17:45	Closing Remarks: Tatsuya Murayama (W409)		