

Seventh International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, 2025
Carleton University

Wednesday, June 25				
	Plenary Room	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 3
9:00-9:45	Coffee & Welcome			
9:45-10:00	Introductory Remarks			
10:00-10:45		Aribiah David Attoe (University of the Witwatersrand), Are Africans' Lives Anti-meaningful?	Roland Kipke (Bielefeld University), Meaning in Life as a Matter of Moral Philosophy: The Example of Human Dignity	Jonah Goldwater (College of William and Mary), What's in an Article?: On the Meaning of Life, Meaning in Life, and the Meaning of a Life
10:45-11:00	Comfort Break			
11:00-11:45		Kirsten Egerstrom (Whatcom Community College), Grief Work, Mourning Rituals, and Meaning in Life	Yusuke Nagato (Osaka University), The Moral Value of Redeeming Oneself: Moral Recovery and Life's Meaning	Brian Lightbody (Brock University), Vignettes of the Absurd: Am I Nagel's Ant?
11:45-12:30		Héritier Kinzamba (Boston College), On Meaning in Suffering	Drew Chastain (Loyola University New Orleans), Absurd Art and Meaningful Living	Rivka Weinberg (Scripps College, Claremont Consortium), Cosmic Meaning: What Can A Miracle Do For You?
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break			
14:00-14:45		Marius Markuckas (Vytautas Magnus University), What Can Disability Teach Us About the Meaning of Life and a Meaningful Life: A Response to Transhumanism	Yuval Eytan (Columbia University), The Open Nature of Life's Meaning as the Source of Mill's Rejection of Happiness	Shawn Graves (University of Findlay), Love and Meaning in Life
14:45-15:30		Nawroz Ali Rohani Nizhad (Ahlul Bayt International University), Philosophical Analysis of the Components of Life's Meaning for Cancer Patients	Christopher McGrath (Carleton University), The Value of Life in Kant's Critique of the Power of Judgment: Culture, Art, and Religion	Peter Baumann (Swarthmore College), Meaning and Immortality
15:30-15:45	Comfort Break			
15:45-16:30		René Baston (TU-Dortmund), Reassessing Suicide Risk through Practical Rationality	Marc A. Moffett (University of Texas, El Paso), TBA	Thaddeus Metz (University of Pretoria), Types of Great Meaning in Life
17:00-18:30	Conference Buffet Dinner			

Thursday, June 26				
	Plenary Room	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 3
9:30-10:00	Coffee			
10:00-11:15	Keynote Address Iddo Landau (Haifa University), Meaning in Life: Narrative or Value?			
11:15-11:30	Comfort Break			
11:30-12:15		Tatsuya Murayama (Tohoku University), Life's Meaning and Second-Order Volition without First-Order Desire	Indrani Bhattacharjee (O. P. Jindal Global University), Communing with Nature to Understand Ourselves: Tagore, Naess and Sundry Nature-lovers	Tiger Roholt (Montclair State University), Meaning in Practice
12:15-13:45	Lunch Break			
13:45-14:30		George Backen (Saint Cloud Technical and Community College), Meaning and the Self-World Relation	Fausto Grimaldi (Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) – Rome), Meaning of Life and the Relationship “Person-Body”: Their Connection with Neuroscience	David Matheson (Carleton University), Two Modes of a Meaningful Life
14:30-15:15		Jonathan Strand (Concordia University of Edmonton), The Significance Value of Free Will	Tyler Sproule (University of Illinois, Chicago), Meaningful Beings: An Enactive Account of Meaning in Life	Yury Tikhonravov (Café philosophique in Goa), TBA
15:15-15:30	Comfort Break			
15:30-16:15		Masahiro Morioka (Waseda University), The Collapse of a Life Framework and Bernard Williams's Ground Projects	Angel On Ki Ting (Hong Kong Baptist University), The Role of Meaning in Life in Bioethical Decision: Body Integrity Identity Disorder (BIID) as an Example	John Uglietta (Grand Valley State University), Living Like You Mean It: Expressive Meaning and Its Value
16:15-17:00		Lucas Scriptor (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University), Ground Projects in the Age of AI	Andrew Winters (Northern Arizona University), TBA	Cade Schafer (Binghamton University), Nihilism & Narrative: Nishitani, Cioran, and A Critique of Narrative Meaning

Friday, June 27				
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9:30-10:00	Coffee			
10:00-11:15	Keynote Address Kiki Berk (Southern New Hampshire University), Simone de Beauvoir and Samuel Scheffler on the End of the World			
11:15-11:30	Comfort Break			
11:30-12:15		Masoud Toossi Saeidi (Shahid Beheshti University), Emotionalized AI and Meaningful Life: AI Ethics from the Perspective of Absurdity of Life	Lorraine Yeung, Angel On Ki Ting and Yvonne Wong (Hong Kong Baptist University), Bridging the Gap Between Philosophical and Empirical Inquiries in Meaning in Life	Nobuo Kurata (Soka University), Narrative Approach to the Philosophy of the Meaning of Life
12:15-13:45	Lunch Break			
13:45-14:30		Ernest V. Garcia (University of Massachusetts – Amherst), Two Approaches to Nihilism	Lawrence Lengbeyer (United States Naval Academy), Contextualism & Pluralism in Meaning-in-Life Assessment	Tianyao Yun (École normale supérieure de Lyon), Meaning as Teleological Intelligibility Sub Specie Boni: Towards a Synthetic Account of “Life’s Meaning”
14:30-14:45	Closing Remarks			