



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



# JONATHAN LOWE AND ONTOLOGY

## Memorial Conference

organized by

**International Society for Formal Ontology (ISFO)**

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**Edward Jonathan Lowe** (1950–2014) was one of the most influential analytical philosophers of the twentieth and early twenty-first century. He published eleven books, more than 300 articles, and was the co-editor of four volumes. The topics covered in his works concern philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, philosophical logic, philosophy of religion and history of modern philosophy, but his real centre of interest was metaphysics and ontology: “The Possibility of Metaphysics” and the inevitability of ontological questions. Taking this into account, our conference will focus on Lowe’s important contributions to ontology and to related topics in other areas of philosophy. In this way, we hope to highlight the lasting importance of this great philosopher and the relevance of his work for contemporary philosophy.

## P R O G R A M

The format for each talk is as follows:  
– 45 minutes for paper-presentation – 10 minutes discussion

### Tuesday (21.05.2019)

8.50 – 9.00 **Welcome Address**

**Chair: Uwe Meixner**

9.00 – 9.55 **Peter van Inwagen** (Notre Dame University, USA)  
– *Lowe on Predication*

9.55 – 10.50 **John Heil** (Washington University in St. Louis, USA)  
– *Lowe’s Progress*

**Chair: Ludger Jansen**

11.05 – 12.00 **Kevin Mulligan** (University of Italian Switzerland, Lugano; University of Geneva, Switzerland)  
– *Internal Relations*

**Chair: Markku Keinänen**

12.30 – 13.25 **Christopher Daly** (University of Manchester, UK)  
– *The Plausibility of Lowe’s Metaphilosophy*

13.25 – 14.20 **Christian Kanzian** (University of Innsbruck, Austria)  
– *The Possibility of Metaphysics*

**Chair: Eric Olson**

16.15 – 17.10 **Peter Simons** (Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland; and University of Salzburg, Austria)  
– *Persons and Physicalism*

17.30 – 18.25 **Ludger Jansen** (University of Bochum/Rostock, Germany) and **Sandstad P.** (University of Rostock, Germany)  
– *Kinds and Explanations*

### Wednesday (22.05.2019)

**Chair: Christian Kanzian**

9.00 – 9.55 **Rögnvaldur Ingthorsson** (University of Lund, Sweden)  
– *A Causal Theory of Persistence*

9.55 – 10.50 **Michał Głowala** (University of Wrocław, Poland)  
– *Causal and Non-Causal Aspects of Agency in Lowe’s Ontology of Action*

**Chair: Peter Simons**

11.05 – 12.00 **Eric Olson** (University of Sheffield, UK) – *Lowe’s Non-Cartesian Dualism*

**Chair: John Heil**

12.30 – 13.25 **Max Kistler** (University of Paris 1, France)  
– *E. J. Lowe’s Dualist Construal of Mental Causation*

13.25 – 14.20 **Tuomas Tahko** (University of Bristol, UK) – *Sparse Essentialism*

**Chair: Christopher Daly**

16.15 – 17.10 **Jani Hakkarainen** (University of Tampere, Finland)  
– *Fundamentality of Categories - Elaborating on Lowe’s Account*

17.30 – 18.25 **Markku Keinänen** (University of Tampere, Finland)  
– *Lowe’s Eliminativism of Relations versus the Reductive Analysis of Relating*

### Thursday (23.05.2019)

**Chair: Ludger Jansen**

9.00 – 9.55 **Uwe Meixner** (University of Augsburg, Germany) – *Powers Are Not Enough*

9.55 – 10.50 **Christof Rapp** (University of Munich, Germany)  
– *Primary substances in Aristotle and Jonathan Lowe*

**Chair: Max Kistler**

11.20 – 12.15 **Janusz Kaczmarek** (University of Łódź, Poland)  
– *The Four-Category Ontology modulo Topological Ontology*

12.15 – **Conference Closing**



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