



The Organic and the Normative

Jul 30–Aug 1, 2024

Prešernova dvorana ZRC SAZU, Novi trg 3

The Organic and the Normative conference seeks to investigate the phenomenon of vital normativity, which refers to the capacity of living beings to (co)determine and (co)constitute their own conditions of existence, preservation, and development.

Each talk will be followed by a 15 min discussion, with breaks and meal times as indicated and longer closing discussions on day two and three. All sessions will be recorded and made available online.



Detailed information about conference proceedings, including speaker CVs and talk abstracts, can be found at metanoia.si. You can quickly access the website by scanning the QR code to the left with your phone camera.

The conference is part of the “Vital Normativity: Beyond the Is/Ought Divide” project, which is part of the “New Horizons for Science and Religion in Central and Eastern Europe” initiative organised by the **Ian Ramsey Center of the University of Oxford** in cooperation with the **John Templeton Foundation**. The event is also made possible with the kind support of the **Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana**. We would like to thank the **Slovenian Academy of Science and Arts (ZRC SAZU)** for hosting us in their venue.

Jul 30 Tuesday

- 14:00 **Sebastjan Vörös**
Introduction
- 14:15 **Alejandro Fabregas-Tajeda**
The Pulses of Vital Normativity: A Metaphilosophical Bird's-Eye View
- 15:15 **Predrag Šustar**
A Kantian Normative Landscape for the Life Sciences
- 16:15 **Break (15 min)**
- 16:30 **Vera Straetmanns**
Formal Teleology in Agnes Arber's Philosophy of Plants
- 17:30 **Andreas Weber**
Bodies Are Love Processes
- 19:00 **Dinner (5–6 kg)**

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Jul 31 Wednesday

9:00 **Timotej Prosen**

Creative Normativity: Some Insights and Lingerin Questions in Canguilhem, Simondon and Enactivism

10:00 **Sebastjan Vörös & Jan Halák**

Life as the Advent of the Problematic: Vital Normativity in Canguilhem, Merleau-Ponty, and Varela

11:30 *Lunch (Stazione Parenzana)*

14:00 **Charles Wolfe**

Organisms as Material Agents, Organisms as Meaning-Makers

15:00 **Johannes Jäger**

Organizational Continuity as the Basic Norm for Living Systems

16:00 *Break (15 min)*

16:15 **Arantza Etxeberria Agiriano**

The Normativity of Organic Reproduction

17:15 **General Discussion**

19:00 *Dinner (Šestica)*

Aug 1 Thursday

9:00 **Ela Praznik & Moritz Kriegleder**

Like a Rolling Stone? Normativity in Enactivism and Active Inference

10:00 **Xavier Barandiaran**

An Organismic Approach to Cognitive Normativity

11:00 *Break (15 min)*

11:15 **Konrad Werner**

A Long Way from Salience to Values and Norms

12:15 **Christopher Donohue**

Ernst Cassirer and the Possibility of Ethics from the Life Sciences

13:15 **General Discussion**

14:30 **Wrap-up**