

The XII. Prague Interpretation Colloquium
**The Power of Analysis
and the Impossibility of Understanding:
Lessons from Kafka**

Department of Analytic Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy,
Czech Academy of Sciences
Faculty of Theatre, The Academy of Performing Arts



APRIL 24

10:00 – 12:00 Chair: Tomáš Koblížek

Gregg Lambert (*Syracuse University*)
THE ANIMAL THAT LAUGHS

Simon Glendinning (*London School of Economics*)
"ONLY FOR YOU" – KAFKA'S GATE REVISITED

14:00 – 18:00 Chair: Jerry Levinson

Anders Pettersson (*Umea University*)
KAFKA'S THE JUDGEMENT AND THE LOGIC OF THE ORDINARY
READING OF LITERATURE

Michaela Fišerová (*Charles University, Prague*)
ON DEFERRAL. KAFKA AND DERRIDA BEFORE THE LAW

Daniela Šterbáková (*Charles University, Prague*)
FRANZ KAFKA, THOMAS BERNHARD AND THE COLLAPSE OF
THOROUGH THINKING

Petr Kořátko (*Czech Academy of Sciences*)
THE INCOMPREHENSIBILITY OF THE WORLD AND THE
INEXTRICABILITY OF THE GUILT

18:00 – *Kafkasque walk through the Old City*

APRIL 25

10:00 – 12:00 Chair: James Hamilton

Jerrold Levinson (*University of Maryland*)
KAFKA'S "UNDERGROUND MAN": REFLECTIONS ON *THE BURROW*

Emily Troscianko (*Oxford University*)
COGNITIVE REALISM AND THE AMBIVALENT FASCINATION OF THE
KAFKAESQUE

14:00 – 17:00 Chair: Gregg Lambert

Gregory Currie (*University of York*)
KAFKA, WELLES AND THE TRIAL

James Hamilton (*Kansas State University*)
FINDING AN AUDIENCE

Josep Corbí (*University of Valencia*)
AGENCY IN THE SPACE OF REASONS

APRIL 26

10:00 – 12:00 Chair: Gregory Currie

Göran Rossholm (*University of Stockholm*)
KAFKA'S EXCLUSION OF THE LAW OF THE EXCLUDED MIDDLE

Fredrik Stjernberg (*Linköping University*)
WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A BEETLE? KAFKA AND IMAGINING THE
IMPOSSIBLE

14:00 – 17:00 Chair: Emily Troscianko

Bohumil Fořt (*Czech Academy of Sciences*)
KAFKA'S WORLDS: GAPS AND DENSITY

Martin Pokorný (*Charles University, Prague*)
ABSORPTION AND RADIANCE, EXTERIORITY AND MIRRORING

Richard Müller (*Czech Academy of Sciences*)
NOISE: KAFKA'S LESSON

17:00 *refreshment*

18:00 *Kafka Theatre Night (Faculty of Theatre - DAMU)*