



The Nature of Social Identities:
Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Politics

Conference Program

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

9:00–9:10 Welcome Address

9:10–10:10 Keynote Lecture – Kristina Rolin (Tampere University, Finland) – Why Do Social Identities Matter in Epistemology and Philosophy of Science?

10:10–10:30 Coffee Break

10:30–11:00 Mia Biturajac (Institute of Philosophy, Zagreb, Croatia) – Epistemic Injustice and Naturalism in Psychiatry

11:00–11:30 Mohamed Diab (University of Mohamed Boudiaf in M'sila, Algeria) – Homo Economicus as a Social Kind: Abstraction, Epistemic Authority, and Economic Identity

11:30–11:40 Coffee Break

11:40–12:10 Vasil Gluchman (University of Prešov, Slovakia) – National Identity Between Moral Community and Political Construction: Ethical, Social, and Epistemic Aspects of the Nation

12:10–12:40 Kishore Kumar (University of Kerala, India) – Caste as Lived Ontology: Construction, Recognition, and Epistemic Violence

12:40–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–14:30 Ntobeko Shoji (University of Zululand, South Africa) – Ukukhubazeka: An African Account of 'Disability'

14:30–15:00 Semra Doğan (İzmir Katip Çelebi University, Turkey) – Social Identity as Process: Beyond Realism and Eliminativism

15:00–15:30 Radim Bělohrad (Masaryk University, Czech Republic) – Projectivist Reduction of *Metaphysical* Social Constructionist Theories

15:30–15:45 Coffee Break

15:45–16:15 Daniel Chakrabarti (University of Essex, Great Britain) – Us-Them Encounters

16:15–16:45 Nataliya Toteva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria) – Making Up People, Only Faster

Evening program (optional) – dinner, wine, beer, etc.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

9:00–9:30 Irene Adán Sánchez-Infantes (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain) – Gender Metaphysics in Facial Recognition and Gender Categorisation

9:30–10:00 Franco Manni (Liceo Scientifico Statale Leonardo, Italy) – The Judgment of Reason: Overcoming Woke Determinism through an Aristotelian-Thomistic Metaphysics of Identity

10:00–10:30 Marek Picha (Masaryk University, Czech Republic) – Epistemic Dialogues and The Adversary Paradigm

10:30–10:45 Coffee Break

10:45–11:15 Volker Kaul (Charles University, Czech Republic) – Social Construction and the Epistemology of Identity

11:15–11:45 Mark Thomson (University of the Fraser Valley, Canada) – Knowing Your Own Gender

11:45–12:15 Ivan Gospodinov (Independent Researcher, Germany) – The Conceptual Contents of Lived Experience: Brandom on Epistemic Authority

12:15–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–14:00 Carmela Vieites Figueiras (University of Valencia, Spain) – Who are we? Slurs, Target Groups and Reclamation

14:00–14:30 Jeroen Hoffbauer (University of Antwerp, Belgium) – Social Identities and the Loss of Personal Authenticity

14:30–15:00 Vojtěch Zachník (University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic) – Social Norms as Misinformation Guardians or Architects?

15:00–15:15 Closing thoughts, remarks, observations...