

Hylomorphism: the Ancient Theory Solving Modern Problems



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Programme

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10:30-10:40 **Opening**

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10:40-11:40 **Hylomorphism: the Ancient Theory
Solving Modern Problems**

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11:40-12:00 **A reply** Simone Gozzano *Università de L'Aquila*

12:00-12:30 **Debate**

Description

Since the Scientific Revolution of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the dominant philosophical worldviews have taken the physical universe to be a vast undifferentiated sea of matter and energy that can be described exhaustively by our best physics. These worldviews have given rise to seemingly insoluble philosophical problems such as mind-body problems. What place can there be in the universe for thought, feeling, and perception if at a fundamental level the universe lacks any such characteristics? I outline a hylomorphic framework that dovetails with current work in metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and scientific disciplines such as biology and neuroscience, and explain how it enables us to situate mental phenomena within the natural world.

William Jaworski is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University in New York City. He is the author of *Structure and the Metaphysics of Mind: How Hylomorphism Solves the Mind-Body Problem* (Oxford University Press), *Philosophy of Mind: A Comprehensive Introduction* (Wiley-Blackwell), and a range of papers dealing with topics in metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and the philosophy of religion.



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