

Kyoto, Japan - 13th Annual SIEPM Congress, 27 September - 1 October 2005

The Word in Medieval Logic, Theology and Psychology

Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei
et opera manuum eius adnuntiat firmamentum
dies diei eructat verbum et nox nocti indicat scientiam
non sunt loquellae neque sermones
quorum non audiantur voces eorum
in omnem terram exivit sonus eorum
et in fines orbis terrae verba eorum.
(Psalm. 18.2-5)

St. Paul quoted the last phrase in his Letter to the Romans (10.18) to confirm that people had heard the gospel of God's salvation through Christ, but the Psalm is actually referring to the non-vocal sounds of the whole of creation. Paul shifted what is said to be uttered and heard from the Psalmist's original intention, but by doing this he opened up a new intellectual field: a fusion between creation and salvation, or human locution and the locution of created beings, and this fusion was mediated by the original and metaphorical usages of the terms that concern locution.

In the western medieval intellectual world the term, or the concept, 'verbum' was used in many ways with many meanings and implications. Besides investigation in grammar and dialectic into human words, or logic, in theology the Word of God was investigated with diverse meanings: as God himself, as the origin, or ratio, of the created world in God, or as the activity of creating the world; and created beings were contemplated on the understanding that they spoke of the Creator by their existence. Thus the word, though having many senses, was the common object of investigation in many intellectual fields. Also the investigations themselves were done with human language and logic, so that the understanding of what they took in hand corresponded to the understanding of the objects investigated.

This congress, therefore, will focus its attention on the word in several medieval intellectual fields and its concept as a fusion of many phases, or meanings, of the 'word'. After beginning with sessions devoted to language and logic, we will attend to such topics as creation and metaphysics, epistemology and psychology, and theology. One session will be devoted to the fields outside Europe, in which the holding of the congress in Japan may give us a special perspective.

Our being in Japan has, to a large extent, determined the subject of this congress. For us Japanese scholars, language is the most apparent and the highest wall that separates us from the inter-communicating circle of western scholars. We are always aware of this wall and have struggled to find means to cross over it. On the other hand we sometimes realize that this wall can be to our advantage, for our necessity of intensively attending to the language of western culture can result in discovering some points that western scholars have missed. Thus attending to the word itself seems to be the most appropriate activity when and where western scholars in medieval philosophy meet Japanese scholars.

This is also the reason why we have chosen Kyoto, for Kyoto is the city that most impressively represents Japanese culture. It has 1200 years' history, and was the capital of Japan from 794 to 1868. It is surrounded by wooded hills, and has about 400 Shinto shrines and 1650 Buddhist temples as well as beautiful Imperial Villas, full of cultural treasures. To hold a congress on such a subject in such a venue is likely to open up new horizons and stimulate fresh ideas for our research on western medieval philosophy.

Programme

Lectures will be restricted to 30 minutes in length, and to English, French, or German.

Tuesday, 27 September

17h00-18h00: Registration

18h00-18h30: Speech on "Western Medieval Philosophy in Japan"

18h30-20h00: Reception

Wednesday, 28 September

09h30-12h30: Orientation -- Language itself

SHIMIZU Tetsuro (Tohoku Univ., Sendai): "Introductory Remarks on the Subject: with special reference to the language before Babel"

Irene ROSIER-CATACH (CNRS, Paris 7/EPHE): "Locutio as Intentional Speech Addressed to Someone: the Influence of Discussions about Angels' Talk on Dante's Theory of Language in the *De vulgari Eloquentia*"

Katherine TACHAU (Univ. of Iowa): Words for color: naming, signifying, and identifying color in the theologies of Roger Bacon and his contemporaries

Sten EBBESEN (Institute for Greek and Latin, Copenhagen): "Spiritus - Tenor - Accentus: Suprasegmental feature of Word"

14h00-17h00: Grammar and Logic

SUTO Taki (Kyoto Univ.): "Logic and Grammar in Boethius"

IWAKUMA Yukio (Fukui Pref. Univ.): "Vocales Revisited"

Onno KNEEPKENS (Univ. of Groningen): "Abelard and the Orleans 266 *Peri Hermeneias* commentaries"

Christopher MARTIN (Univ. of Auckland): "Imposition and Essence."

Thursday, 29 September

09h30-12h00: The Word outside Europe

YAMAUCHI Shiro (Niigata Univ.): "Univocity of Being in Duns Scotus and Avicenna's Influence"

Charles BURNETT (Warburg Inst.): "The Theory of Powerful Words in Medieval Magical Texts"

Steven HARVEY (Bar-Ilan Univ., Israel): "Logic, Theology, and the Beginning of Medieval Jewish Philosophy"

KANZAKI Shigeru (Tokyo Metropolitan Univ.): "De Anima Ensouled in 16th and 17th century East Asia: the case of the Japanese and Chinese Translations of a Late scholastic Compendium on Aristotle's *De Anima*"

13h30: Excursion to famous spots of Kyoto (Optional)

Friday, 30 September

09h30-12h30: The Word in Creation and Metaphysics

KATO Masato (Kansai Univ.): "Aquinas on ESSE: From Semantic and Pragmatic Points of View"

UEEDA Yoshinori (Fukuoka Univ.): "Aquinas, God, and Existential Quantification"

Matthew KOSTELECKY (Univ. of Leuven): "Verbum, Thomas Aquinas, and an Approach to the *via negativa*"

Carlos STEEL (Univ. of Leuven): "One Word and Many Words"

14h00-17h00: Word in Epistemology and Psychology

KAWAZOE Shinsuke (Kyoto Univ.): "Verbum and Epistemic Justification in Aquinas"

Richard CROSS (Oxford Univ.): "Duns Scotus and Some Late Thirteenth-Century Opinions on the Mental Word"

Simo KNUUTTILA (Univ. of Helsinki): "Meaning and Reference in Thomas Aquinas and William Ockham"

Joel BIARD (Univ. de Tours): "Verbe, concept, intention, similitude: Le lexique du signe mental de Jean Buridan a Pierre d'Ailly"

19h00: Banquet

Saturday, 1 October

09h30-12h30: The Word and Theology

Constant MEWS (Monash Univ., Australia): "'Non sunt loquellae neque sermones quorum non audiantur voces eorum': Glosses on Ps. 18.4 as reflection on language"

Luisa VALENTE (Univ. di Roma): "Verbum in Porretan Theology: the Case of the Treatise *Invisibilia Dei*"

Constantino MARMO(): "The Decline of Symbols in XIIth-Century Theology"

Alain DE LIBERA (Univ. de Geneve, EPHE): "Langage négatif et négativité dans la mystique rhénane"

Venue

Lectures will take place in Room C1 of Kyoto International Conference Hall, which is located at

the foot of the Mt. Hiei, and opened in 1966 as the first national conference center in Japan.
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Phone: 81-75-705-1234 ; Fax: 81-75-705-1100
URL <http://www.kich.or.jp/en/index.html>

Travel to Kyoto

The Conference Hall is in the northern part of the city. If you visit from abroad, Kansai International Airport is the most convenient, you can come from there by JR Airport Express 'HARUKA' (75 minutes), or by Limousine Bus (95 minutes) to Kyoto Station, and from there by Karasuma Subway Line (20minutes) to KOKUSAIKAIKAN (which means in Japanese 'the international conference hall') which is the terminus.

A full description of the ways to reach Kyoto and the Kyoto International Conference Hall is provided at <http://www.kich.or.jp/en/access/index.html>

Hotels

Information concerning hotels near the congress venue is available at:

<http://www.kich.or.jp/en/kyoto/access02.html#d>.

Conference participants other than Bureau members and speakers need to make their own reservations. SIEPM takes no responsibility for accommodation or reservations.

Tourist Bureau

The JTB Kyoto Office can give you details on the city and hotels. The information is available at

<http://homepage2.nifty.com/pistis/siepm2005.html>

Congress Fee

To cover necessary organizational costs, a congress fee of 3000 Japanese Yen per participant will be charged in cash at registration. Those participants who deliver a lecture are exempted from this fee.

Prior Registration

Prior registration is highly recommended. It facilitates the organization of the congress and allows the organizers to contact participants if necessary. To register, please use the online registration form or send an email, a letter, or a fax indicating your

1.name, 2. address, 3. position, 4. academic affiliation, and 5. email to the following address:

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