THE BOOK OF JOB
Modern Philosophical Readings

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MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024
(Jackman Humanities Building, 318)

10:00-10:15 Opening remarks
Michael Rosenthal (Toronto) and Ynon Wygoda (Toronto)

10:15-11:30
José María Sánchez de León Serrano (Barcelona)
The God of Imagination: Spinoza's Remarks on Job

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45-13:00
Willi Goetschel (Toronto)
Margarete Susman and the Figure of Job

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:45
Thomas Schmidt (Frankfurt)
The Moralization of the Sacred: Jürgen Habermas’s Interpretation of the Book of Job

15:45-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 ATCJS Talk (Jackman Humanities Building, 100)
Marci Shore (Yale)
Hegel or Job: Reading Lev Shestov in Wartime Kyiv

18:30 Conference Dinner for Participants
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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024
(Jackman Humanities Building, 318)

9:30-10:45
Leora Batnitzky (Princeton)
Justice and Creation: Thinking about Job in Light of
Genesis and Ecclesiastes

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15
Ynon Wygoda (Toronto)
Martin Buber and the Challenge of Translating Job’s
Suffering

12:15-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:45
Shira Billet (JTS)
Suffering, Moral Luck, and Virtue in Hermann Cohen’s
Reading of Job

14:45-15:00 Break

15:00-16:15
Nicolas de Warren (Penn State)
Made a Fool Because of Job: Levinas, Grossman, and the
Stupidity of Kindness

16:15-16:30 Final Thoughts

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