# The Ethics of Debt

**Friday Evening, September 25**

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**Saturday Morning, September 26**

**Concurrent Talks**

| Time     | Session Title                                      | Presenters                                                                 | Details                                                                 |
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| 9:00-9:45| Philosophical Approaches                          | Curtiss 105                                                              |                                                                          |
|          | **Philosophical Approaches**                      |                                                                          |                                                                          |
|          | Representations of Debt                           | Curtiss 108                                                              |                                                                          |
|          | Studies in the Meaning and Experience of Debt     | Curtiss 208                                                              |                                                                          |
|          | Debt and the Economy                              | Curtiss 308                                                              |                                                                          |
|          | **Philosophical Approaches**                      |                                                                          |                                                                          |
| 9:00-9:45| Neither a Borrower Nor a Lender: Rethinking Plato's Views on Usury | Taylor Norwood, University of Dallas                                     |                                                                          |
| 9:45-10:30| The Paradox of Thrift and the Ethics of Debt Default | Rampal Dosanjh, Iowa State University                                    |                                                                          |
|          | Debt and the Post-Holocaust Austrian Novel        | William Carter, Iowa State University                                    |                                                                          |
|          | How the Culture of the Court Affects Consumer Bankruptcy Filing | Dena Wise, Ann A. Berry, University of Tennessee, Rita Green, Mississippi State University |                                                                          |
|          | Is Consumer Bankruptcy Strategic in Memphis?      | Dena Wise, Ann A. Berry, University of Tennessee, Rita Green, Mississippi State University |                                                                          |
|          | The Role of Debt in the Contemporary Global Economy: Implications for Normative Social Theory | Tony Smith, Iowa State University                                        |                                                                          |
| 10:45-11:30| Off With His Head! Capital Punishment as Debt Repayment | Mark Davielson, Wilfred Laurier University                               |                                                                          |
|          | Artists, Debt, and Global Capital                | Mark W. Rectanus, Iowa State University                                  |                                                                          |
|          | Informal Lending in Kyrgyzstan: Trust and The Troubles of Uncertainty | Damira Umetbaeva, European University Vaidbrina                         |                                                                          |
|          | Don't Leave Home Without It: The Credit Card as Symbol and Symptom | Jo Ann Oravec, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater                     |                                                                          |
| 11:30-12:15| Bankruptcy and Moral Obligation                  | Bertha Alvarez Manninen, Arizona State University                        |                                                                          |
|          | The Socialization of Loss: Credit, Collectivism and Modernism | Michael Traimer, Bryn Mawr College                                     |                                                                          |
|          | From Ethics to Aesthetics? Accounting for Debt in an Urban Retail Market in Quito, Ecuador | Taylor Nelms, University of California-Irvine                           |                                                                          |
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