



King's to host scholars from 11 countries at Edith Stein conference

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King's is welcoming around 75 scholars from 11 countries on June 12, 13, and 14, 2013 for the 2nd annual conference of The International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein. Participants will be coming from across Canada, the USA, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Australia, Mexico, Hungary, Chile, Poland and Ireland.

Co-hosted by King's Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy (CAREP), the conference will focus on the collected works of Edith Stein, a 20th century thinker known for her books on philosophy and for having left Judaism for Catholicism. Stein became a nun who was killed in a Nazi concentration camp in 1942 and recognized as a saint by the Vatican in 1998.

Dr. Antonio Calcagno, King's Philosophy Professor and co-founder of CAREP, has dedicated research on Edith Stein and published his book *The Philosophy of Edith Stein* in 2007.

"This international conference brings together leading scholars from around the globe working on Edith Stein and early phenomenology. It is a unique opportunity to discover aspects about her heroic life as well as her thought, which touched upon wide-ranging topics in philosophy, theology, politics, feminism, and education," says Calcagno.

"Having scholars from so many countries gives conference-goers a chance to see how Stein's legacy has been expanded and worked upon from a multiplicity of perspectives."

Dr. Angela Ales Bello, Lateran University, Rome, will be delivering a keynote address, *From the Neutral Human Being to Gender Difference: Phenomenological and Dual Anthropology in Edith Stein*, on June 12, 10:35 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Delegates are also anticipating the screening of a film by Mrs. Susanne Batzdorff, Edith Stein's niece and author of *Aunt Edith* (1998), on June 14, 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Batzdorff will reflect on her aunt's life in Germany and their personal relationship.

All events at the conference will be held at Labatt Hall, 266 Epworth Ave., London.

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