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TIME HAS BEEN FUNDAMENTAL FOR EXPLAINING THE NATURE OF THE WORLD THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY, FROM PLATO TO CONTEMPORARY ANALYTIC DEBATES ON TIME TRAVEL. DISCUSSIONS ON THE CONCEPT OF TIME HAVE FLOURISHED FOLLOWING THE EMERGENCE OF MODERN PHYSICS AND PHENOMENOLOGY IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY. THE WORLD IN GENERAL, AND ALSO HUMAN ACTION AND EXISTENCE, ARE INEXTRICABLY TIED TO THE STRUCTURES OF TEMPORALITY. SOME HAVE ARGUED THAT TIME, WHEN CONCEIVED ONTOLOGICALLY, CAN BE A UNITARY AND ABSOLUTE IDEA, DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN DEPICTIONS OF IT THROUGH IMAGE (LINEAR, CIRCULAR, SPIRAL, ETC.). HOWEVER, CONTEMPORARY DISCUSSIONS HAVE ADDRESSED THE VARIEGATED TEMPORALITY OF CONCRETE SITUATIONS AND PROCESSES (PSYCHOLOGICAL TIME, REVOLUTIONARY TEMPORALITY, FEMINIST TEMPORALITY, ETC.). OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TEMPORALITY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES AFFECTS THE WAY WE ACT WITHIN THESE STRUCTURES, WHETHER FREELY OR DETERMINED. THIS CONFERENCE INVITES SUBMISSIONS FROM ALL AREAS OF PHILOSOPHY THAT ARE CONCERNED TO INVESTIGATE THE ONTOLOGICAL, ETHICAL, POLITICAL, AND EPISTEMOLOGICAL STATUS OF TIME.

TO HELP FACILITATE THIS DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE TOPICS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- *AION, KRONOS, KAIROS*
- THE RELATION BETWEEN TIME AND ETERNITY
- THE TEMPORAL RELATION OF HUMANS AND HISTORY
- TIME AND CONSCIOUSNESS
- TIME AND EVENT
- TIME AND SPACE/PLACE
- ABSOLUTE TIME VS. RELATIVE TIME
- FUTURITY AND DETERMINISM OR FREEDOM
- MEMORY AND ANTI-MEMORY
- TIME IN PSYCHOANALYSIS
- BEING AND BECOMING

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