

Global Bergsonism Conference

Interpreting Bergsonian Ideas through
Philosophical, Cultural,
and Literary Interconnections

October
16-17
2025

Conference Program

Venue: Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul (SRII)
Address: Istiklal Caddesi 247, Tünel - Beyoğlu, İstanbul



Ahmet Gümüştekin, Sarcophaguses of Alphabet



Organization:

M. Sait Özervarlı (Yıldız Technical University, İstanbul) and
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as part of the CNRS International Research Network
"A Chapter in the Global History of Philosophy: New Perspectives on Bergsonism"

Thursday, October 16, 2025

9:30

Welcome Reception

10:00-10:30

Opening Remarks

10:30-12:30

Keynote and Updates on the Project

Moderator: Caterina Zanfi, CNRS/ENS Paris

Frédéric Worms, ENS Paris

How Can a Philosophical Problem Concern the Whole World ?

From Global Bergsonism to Our Present Time

Alessandro Taverniti, ENS Lyon

Worldwide Bergsonian Bibliography

12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:00

Bergsonism in Turkey

Moderator: Pascale Roure, Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul

Dilek Sarmış, University of Strasbourg

Multiscalar Bergson: An Epistemology of the Conceptual and Terminological Interconnections between Philosophy, Literature and Politics in the Republican Turkish World

Micah A. Hughes, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Between "Total Social Fact" and "Social Institution":

Bergsonian Philosophy of Religion in 20th-century Turkey

30' Break

16:30-18:30

Bergsonism in the MENA Region

Moderator: Dilek Sarmış, University of Strasbourg

Khaled Bahri, Université de Tunis El Manar

Perception tunisienne des idées de Bergson : Nature et enjeu

Seyed Ashkan Khatibi, Université de Téhéran

Au prisme de la philosophie irano-islamique :

Contre trois (fausses) lectures du bergsonisme

Friday, October 17, 2025

10:00-13:00

Bergson and the Traditions of Philosophy

Moderator: Khaled Bahri, Université de Tunis

Clara Zimmerman, Institut Catholique de Paris et Université Paris-1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Le bergsonisme en Argentine :

Une médiation philosophique entre l'Europe et l'Amérique latine

Anna Kuszmiruk, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń

Forgotten Dialogues: Bergson and the Polish Philosophy of Science

Doudja Boumaza, Université Grenoble Alpes

Vers un bergsonisme analytique?

Matière et mémoire, une passerelle entre deux traditions philosophiques

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:00

Language and Linguistics in Bergsonian Thought

Moderator: M. Owais Khan, Istanbul Zaim University

Asmaa Ramil, Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul

Secular Transcendence:

Bergson, Valéry and Merleau-Ponty on Language as a Gateway to the Ineffable

Tobias Endres, ENS Paris

An Intercultural Perspective on Bergson's Engagement with the Linguistics of His Time

30' Break

16:30-18:30

Bergsonian Influence on Global Literature

Moderator: Micah A. Hughes, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Nurgül Şener, Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul

Re-reading Halide Edib's Literary Masterwork in the Light of Bergsonian Influences

Ties van Gemert, Tilburg University

A Bergsonian Prometheus: The Experience of the Anti-Social in Carry van Bruggen

18:30-19:15

Conclusion and General Discussion

Moderator: M. Sait Özvarlı, Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul



Program and Streaming Link :

<https://bergson.hypotheses.org/>

<https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/96354754233?pwd=UHgycFhnNnR1VXVVcWNrZXZnV1haUT09>

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