Tenth Annual

BU Workshop on Late Modern Philosophy Pessimism, Optimism, and Meaning in Life



Friday, April 28

10:00-11:15am **Mor Segev** (USF) "Schopenhauer on Optimism and Immortality"

11:30am-12:45pm Sandra Shapshay (CUNY) "Schopenhauer's Ethic of Compassion: Pantheistic, not Pessimistic" Saturday, April 29

10:00-11:15am **Paul Loeb** (Puget Sound) "A Nietzschean Critique of Wittgenstein's Philosophical Quietism"

> 11:30am-12:45pm Paul Katsafanas (BU)

2:45-4:00pm Samantha Matherne (Harvard) "From Aesthetic Pessimism to Aesthetic Optimism in the Long Nineteenth Century"

4:15-5:30pm Elijah Millgram (Utah) "The Life as Artwork and the Paradoxes of Narcissism" "Identities of Resentment"

2:45-4:00pm **Katherine Withy** (Georgetown) "On the Meaning of Life, and Tolstoy's Questions about It"

4:15-5:30pm **Desmond Hogan** (Princeton) "The Meaning of Life and the Critical Philosophy"

Location: 665 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 1646

Note: this is a pre-read conference. For paper access and additional information, scan the QR code. Supported by the BU Center for the Humanities, the BU Department of Philosophy, and the Associate Dean of Humanities.



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