



# Attention in Medieval and Postmedieval Scholasticism

📍 **Classroom No. 3, Faculty of Theology USB**

🕒 **September 18-19, 2025**

## September 18, Thursday

### 9.45 Conference Opening

**Adam Mackerle** (Vice-Dean of Faculty of Theology, USB), **Daniel Heider** (Head of Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, USB)

Moderator: Daniel Heider

**10.00–11.00 Keynote Address:** What is Wrong with Distraction?  
(Sebastian Watzl, University of Oslo)

**11.00–11.30** Coffee Break

### Medieval Philosophy

**11.30–12.30 Tuned to Disruption: John Pecham's Metaphysics and Epistemology of Perceptual Attentiveness** (Elena Băltuță, Tel-Hai College, Israel)

**12.30–14.30** Lunch

Moderator: Martin Borovjak

**14.30–15.30 Keynote Address: Even Angels Must Pay Attention: Some Elements of Medieval Angelological Debate on a Spiritual Attitude** (Tiziana Suarez-Nani, University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

**15.30–16.00** Coffee Break

Moderator: Irena Attlová

**16.00–17.00 Primum Cognitum and Cognitive Attention. William Farinier on the Primacy of the Concept of Being** (Giacomo Fornasieri, The Catholic University of America)

**17.00–18.00 Simplifying or Complicating the Picture? Two Diverse Jesuit Sources: Durand and Nifo** (Anna Tropia, Charles University, Prague)

**19.00** Dinner

## September 19, Friday

### Post-Medieval Scholasticism

Moderator: Emanuele Lacca

**10.00–11.00 Voluntary and Involuntary Attention in Angels:**  
**Gabriel Vásquez and Francisco Suárez** (Daniel Heider, USB)

**11.00–11.30** Coffee Break

**11.30–12.30 *Attentio* as an Epistemic Virtue: Origins and Developments of a Suarezian Concept** (Giulio Conidi, University of Salento, University of Cologne)

**12.30–14.00** Lunch

Moderator: Joshua Keatley

**14.00–15.00 Rapture, Ecstasy and Flight of the Spirit: Baroque Carmelites on Radical Redirecting of Attention** (Kateřina Kutarňová, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)

**15.00–16.00 Attention and Contemplative Spirituality. The 'Loving Attention' According to St. John of the Cross** (David Peroutka, Charles University, Prague)

**16.00–16.30** Coffee Break

Moderator: Pavol Mišejka

**16.30–17.30 Benign and Blameworthy Negligence in Late Scholastic Moral Psychology** (Joshua T. Keatley, USB)

**17.30–18.30 The Role of Attention in Second Scholastic Theories of the Beatific Vision** (Patrícia Calvário, UCLouvain)

**18.30** Conference Closure

For registration for in-person or online participation, send an email to the address: [keatlj00@tf.jcu.cz](mailto:keatlj00@tf.jcu.cz)

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