

As part of its spring meeting

The Indiana Philosophical Association

will inaugurate its

Distinguished Lecturer Series

**THE FINE-TUNING ARGUMENT FOR A DESIGNED UNIVERSE,
DUNS SCOTUS, AND CURRENT PHYSICAL THEORY**

George Nakhnikian
Indiana University
Bloomington

April 6, 2002

at DePauw University
Greencastle, Indiana
Performing Arts Center (PAC) 115, 2:00

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Program Schedule:

9:30 - 10:00 Coffee, etc.

10:00-11:00: "Three Concepts of Liberty"
Kyle Swan, Bowling Green State University
Commentator: to be arranged

11:00-12:00 "Fine-tuning, Multiple Universes, and the 'This Universe' Objection"
Neil A. Manson, University of Notre Dame
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12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:00 **IPA business meeting**

2:00-4:00 **Distinguished Lecturer Series**
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Abstracts of Papers

"Three Concepts of Liberty"

Kyle Swan, Bowling Green State University

Isaiah Berlin's distinction between negative and positive liberty is familiar to political philosophers. The negative variety is freedom as non-interference. The positive variety is freedom as self-mastery. However, recently there has been an attempt on the part of a group of philosophers and historians to recapture a third concept of liberty. This is the republican one of liberty as non-domination. The attempt has been to carve out the conceptual space for this neglected third option. However, many have resisted that it is a viable third option. Some have claimed that it is virtually indistinguishable from liberty as non-interference. Others have claimed that it is simply another variety of positive liberty. I say these critiques go wrong in a variety of ways.

"Fine-tuning, Multiple Universes, and the 'This Universe' Objection"

Neil A. Manson, University of Notre Dame

When it is suggested that the fine-tuning of the universe for life provides evidence for a cosmic designer, the multiple-universe hypothesis is often presented as an alternative. Some philosophers object that the multiple-universe hypothesis fails to explain why *this* universe is fine-tuned for life. We suggest the "This Universe" objection is no better than the "This Planet" objection. We also fault proponents of the "This Universe" objection for presupposing that we could not have existed in any other universe and that the values of the free parameters of the Universe could have been different.