

Einladung zum GASTVORTRAG

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Reframing the Divine Action Debate: An Argument against Theo-Physical Incompatibilism

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In this lecture, Simon Maria Kopf will present an argument against theo-physical incompatibilism – the view that just as human (libertarian) free action presupposes causal indeterminism, so, too, does divine action in the world presuppose causal indeterminism – as one of the core theoretical commitments of a wide range of theories in the divine action debate. Drawing on Thomas Aquinas' theory of secondary causation, he will then present an alternative according to which divine and creaturely action increase in direct, and not in inverse, proportion. The argument is part of his new book "Reframing Providence: New Perspectives from Aquinas on the Divine Action Debate" (Oxford University Press 2023)



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