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# Rootedness, Identity and Nation

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Thursday April 25th**

**10h15-10h45** Conference Registration (Sala Multimèdia 1)

10h45: **Welcome** – Oriol Quintana (IQS-Universitat Ramon Llull)

**11h00-12h00** **Keynote Speaker:**

José-Ignacio González Faus, sj – “Sabiduría. La Teología Política de Simone Weil”

**12h00-12h15** Dialogue

**12h15-13h00** Lunch

**13h00-14h30** **Panel 1: Rootedness, Nation and Politics (i):**

*Moderator:* Sophie Bourgault

Finding Refuge in Rootedness: Hannah Arendt and Simone Weil on subjectivity in migration, borders, and boundaries  
Scott Ritner (Temple University)

Shame and Identity in *L'Enracinement*: The Political Context of Simone Weil's final political testament.

David Pollard (independent scholar)

In what are we to be rooted? And why does it matter?

Eric O.Springsted (Santa Fe, New Mexico)

**14h30-16h00** **Panel 2: Approaching Simone Weil through Analogy: Energy, Nature, Resonance**

*Moderator:* David Pollard

Energy as a root of being  
Amanda de Pablo Martínez (Universitat de Barcelona)

At the root of weilian rootedness –the Tree as Real Symbol

Christine Zyka (Newman Institute, Sweden)

Gospel according to Simone Weil –Weil's Biblical Hermeneutics  
Thomas Sojer (Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural Studies & University of Graz)

**16h00-16h30 Coffee Break**

**16h30-18h00 Panel 3: Rootedness, Nation and Politics (ii)**

*Moderator:* Tomeu Estelrich

Identité personnelle et identité nationale. Une analogie.

Robert Chenavier (President of the *Association pour l'étude de la pensée de Simone Weil*)

Simone Weil: Història i Nació

Josep Otón Catalán (Professor at the ISCREB)

What 'native country' means in Simone Weil's writings

Francis Chiappone

### **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8h30-9h30 Keynote Speaker (Sala Multimèdia 1):**

Jordi Mir, Phd (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) – Title: “Simone Weil: Tomar partido contra el partidismo para poder pensar”

**9h30-11h00 Panel 4: Simone Weil and the Catholic Identity**

*Moderator:* E. Jane Doering

André Naud: From Vatican II to Simone Weil

Lawrence E. Schmidt (University of Toronto)

Oppression and Liberalism: Simone Weil, Catholic Anti-Liberal and the Bases of Liberty

Peter Morgan (Stanford University)

Comparing Rootedness in Simone Weil and T.S. Eliot

Emily King (Stanford University)

**11h00-11h30 Coffee Break**

**11h30-13h00 Panel 5: Weil's Ethics- Attention and the Destruction of the Self**

*Moderator:* Pau Matheu

What if Simone Weil is right about destroying the Self?

Tomeu Estelrich Barceló (Boston College)

The existential Ethics of Carlo Michelstaedter and Simone Weil

Josh Wagner (Stanford University)

Weil and Nowen

Lottie Erikson (University of Gothenburg)

**13h00-14.00h Lunch**

**14h00-15h00 Panel 6: Vulnerability, Humility and Strength**

*Moderator:* Amanda de Pablo

On the vulnerability and precariousness: from Simone Weil to Judith Butler (and back again)

Ángela Lorena Fuster Peiró (Universitat de Barcelona)

The identity of Simone Weil: Strength through humility  
E. Jane Doering

**15h00-15h30 Coffee Break**

**16h30-18h30 Business Meeting**

**18h30 Gathering at IQS to take the coach to Sitges**

**20h00 Banquet at Hotel Terramar (Sitges)**

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8h30-9h30 (Auditori FCC)**

**Panel 7: Rootedness, Nation and Politics (iii)**

*Moderator:* Larry Schmidt

Per una política de la mesura  
Pau Matheu Ribera (Universitat de Barcelona)

Weighty Roots: The Implications of Simone Weil's Bodily Thought and Praxis for 21st  
Century Political Reflection  
Katherine Sepulveda (University of Villanova)

**9h30-10h00h Coffee Break**

**10h00-11h30 Panel 8: Simone Weil and the eternal destiny of man**

*Moderator:* Amanda Pérez

Simone Weil and the politics of attention  
Cristina Basili (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

On Identical Thought  
Helen Cullen

Simone Weil: una posible respuesta a la lejanía de Dios  
Carmen Herrando (Universidad San Jorge de Villanueva de Gállego- Zaragoza)

**11h30-12h30 Panel 9: Simone Weil and education**

*Moderator:* Eric Springsted

Simone Weil, educadora  
M<sup>a</sup> Ángeles García-Carpintero (Universitat de Barcelona)

The relationship between the Weilian attention and the Hegelian Bildung to think about  
the identity processes  
Amanda Pérez (Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, México)

**12h30-13h00 Closing Speech**

Oriol Quintana

**13h00 Lunch**