

The Faces of Responsibility

Centre for Research in Ethics (CRÉ)
March 25–27, 2026

Organizers: Alex Carty, Melissa Hernandez-Parra, Christian Nadeau, Christine Tappolet and Daniel Weinstock

PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Salon François-Chevrette (Room A-3464), Faculty of Law — Maximilien-Caron Building, 3101 chemin de la Tour

12:30 – 12:50 pm *Welcome coffee and refreshments*

12:50 – 1:00 pm *Opening remarks*

Eric Montpetit (Université de Montréal), Vice-Doyen – Recherche, découverte et création, Faculté Arts et Sciences

First session – chaired by **Christine Tappolet** (Université de Montréal)

1:00 – 2:15 pm **Dana Nelkin** (University of California, San Diego): Obligation, Ability, and Responsible Agency

Commentary: **Jingzhi Chen** (McGill University)

Break

2:30 – 3:45 pm **Stephanie Collins** (Monash University): Indignation and Systemic Injustice

Commentary: **Alex Carty** (McGill University)

Second session – chaired by **Éliot Litalien** (Université de Montréal)

Room C-2059, Carrefour des arts et des sciences, Lionel-Groulx Building, 3150 Jean-Brillant

6:00 – 7:30 pm *Keynote*

Philip Pettit (Australian National University & Princeton University) via Zoom: Responsibility, Exhortation and Corporate Agents

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Room A-2474, Maximilien-Caron Building (Faculty of Law), 3101 chemin de la Tour

9:00 – 9:15 am *Welcome – coffee and croissants*

First session – chaired by **Christian Nadeau** (Université de Montréal)

9:15 – 10:30 am **David Owens** (University of Oxford) via Zoom: Adult Responsibility

Commentary: **Stephanie Kapusta** (Dalhousie University)

Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Simon-Pierre Chevarie-Cossette** (Université de Neuchâtel): Pleinement excusé, mais responsable

Commentary: **Melissa Hernandez-Parra** (Université de Montréal)

Second session – chaired by **Alex Carty** (McGill University)

Lunch talks

12:15 – 1:00 pm **Patricia Sánchez Oliva** (Université de Neuchâtel): Answerability, Undeserved Blame, and Closure

1:00 – 1:45 pm **Victor Babin** (UQAM): Do We Need Blame to Address Structural Injustice? An Aspirational-Deconstructive Proposal
Break

Third session – chaired by **Kristin Voigt** (McGill University)

2:00 – 3:15 pm **David O. Brink** (University of California, San Diego): Justifications, Excuses, and Standards
Commentary: **Chris Howard** (McGill University)
Break

3:30 – 4:45 pm **Ugo Gilbert-Tremblay** (Université de Montréal): La responsabilité pénale, entre description psychologique et construction normative : l'exemple des moyens de défense en droit canadien
Commentary: **Jonathan Simon** (Université de Montréal)
Break

5:00 – 6:15 pm **Sari Kisilevsky** (Queen's College, CUNY): Legal and Moral Responsibility: What Gets Written in the Moral Ledger?
Commentary: **Juliette Roussin** (Université Laval)

Friday, March 27, 2026

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9:00 – 9:15 am *Welcome – coffee and croissants*

First session – chaired by **Daniel Weinstock** (McGill University)

9:15 – 10:30 am **Violetta Igheski** (McMaster University): Moderation and Political Responsibility
Commentary: **Denise Celentano** (Université de Montréal)
Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Avia Pasternak** (University of Maryland): Responsibility, Citizenship, and Emigration
Commentary: **Arash Abizadeh** (McGill University)

Second session – chaired by **Melissa Hernandez-Parra** (Université de Montréal)

Lunch talks

12:15 – 1:00 pm **Virginie Simoneau-Gilbert** (Queen's University): Les animaux non humains peuvent-ils se tenir moralement responsables ?

1:00 – 1:45 pm **Keyao Yang** (University of California, San Diego): Psychological Oppression and Moral Conversation

1:45 – 2:30 pm **Mathilde Genest** (McGill University): The Justice System Is Responsible for Silencing Survivors of Sexual Assault: A Preliminary Account of Institutional Autonomy Silencing
Break

Third session – chaired by **Ryoa Chung** (Université de Montréal)

2:45 – 4:00 pm **Jules Salomone-Sehr** (Birkbeck University): Delayed Blame for Grave Wrongs
Commentary: **Natalie Stoljar** (McGill University)

4:00 – 4:10 pm *Closing remarks*

Ryoa Chung (Université de Montréal), Co-director of the Centre for Research in Ethics (CRE)