

SPEAKERS



Dr. Onkar Ghate

Dr. Ghate is senior fellow, chief philosophy officer, and a board member of the Ayn Rand Institute. He specializes in Rand's philosophy, Objectivism, and is ARI's senior instructor and editor. He publishes and lectures on Rand's philosophy and fiction, including application of Objectivism to cultural issues, and has been a guest on national radio and television programs.



Dr. Tara Smith

Dr. Smith is a professor of philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin where she specializes in moral and legal philosophy. Dr. Smith has published numerous books and articles, including, most recently, *Egoism Without Permission: The Moral Psychology of Ayn Rand's Ethics* and *The First Amendment: Essays on the Imperative of Intellectual Freedom*.



TIKhistory

TIKhistory is a YouTuber who creates detailed and accurate historical documentaries that aim to put TV documentaries to shame. With a focus on World War II and similar topics, TIK seeks to dispel the myths and distortions of the past so that we can learn from it and not make the same mistakes again. TIK has recently developed a serious interest in Objectivism and in exploring how Rand's ideas can shed light on the topics he focuses on.



Dr. Nikos Sotirakopoulos

Dr. Sotirakopoulos is a visiting fellow at ARI. His main research interest is the history of political ideas, and he teaches the course Marx and Communism at ARU. He is the author of *Identity Politics and Tribalism: The New Culture Wars*.



Tal Tsfany

Mr. Tsfany is president and CEO of the Ayn Rand Institute. Previously, he was an entrepreneur, investor, and executive in the software world in Israel and the United States. Mr. Tsfany runs the Happiness Team and the Hero Mastermind programs guiding participants to rationally pursue their values. He has also published a young adult book titled *Sophie*.

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FRIDAY MARCH 14

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Welcome Reception and Opening Remarks

SATURDAY MARCH 15

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Onkar Ghate: Opening Keynote

10:00 – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Onkar Ghate, Tara Smith, Nikos Sotirakopoulos: Small-Group Discussions and Q&A About Objectivism

12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 – 2:15 PM

Tara Smith: What Does It Mean to Be Selfish? Ayn Rand's Vision of Rational Egoism

2:15 – 3:00 PM Break

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Onkar Ghate, Tara Smith: Reading Discussion Group: "The 'Conflicts' of Men's Interests"

7:00 – 10:00 PM Social Event

SUNDAY MARCH 16

9:00 – 9:45 AM

Nikos Sotirakopoulos: What Have the Capitalists Ever Done for Us?

9:45 – 10:30 AM

Tara Smith: Reason and Faith: Their Methods, Their Consequences, Their Relationship

10:30 – 11:00 AM Break

11:00 – 11:45 AM

Tal Tsfany: Pursuing Your Happiness

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM Lunch and Group Photo

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Nikos Sotirakopoulos, TIKhistory: Understanding Nazism and Communism: A Discussion with TIKhistory

2:30 – 3:15 PM Break

3:15 – 4:45 PM

Onkar Ghate, Tara Smith, Nikos Sotirakopoulos: Q&A Panel

4:45 – 5:15 PM

Tal Tsfany: Closing Remarks

5:15 PM ONWARD Explore Berlin on Your Own

■ General Sessions ■ Group Sessions ■ Meals

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