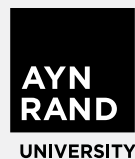


# AYN RAND CON



APRIL 1-3, 2022  
LONDON

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

17:00 – 20:00 | **Welcome Address and Reception**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

8:15 | **Morning Check-in**

Tea, coffee and snacks available

8:40 – 9:40 | **Keynote: Overview of Ayn Rand's Ideas (Title TBD)** | **Onkar Ghate**

9:40 – 10:10 | **Break**

10:10 – 10:50 | **The Evil of Self-Sacrifice** | **Aaron Smith**

Everyone knows that altruism — selfless sacrifice for the sake of others — is the essence of virtue, right? But what if, like the concept “selfishness,” our understanding of the true meaning of “altruism” and “sacrifice” is completely mistaken? What if these ideas are actually destructive and harmful? From Ayn Rand’s perspective, our whole way of thinking about morality needs to be radically rethought.

10:50 – 11:30 | **The Virtue of Selfishness** | **Keith Lockitch**

Everyone knows that selfishness is evil, right? But what if our concept of “selfishness” is completely mistaken? From Ayn Rand’s perspective, “selfishness” does not mean what people typically think it means. And a central tenet of her philosophy is that, properly understood, selfishness is actually the essence of virtue.

11:30 – 13:00 | **Buffet Lunch (included)**

13:00 – 14:00 | **Capitalism: The System of Individual Rights** | **Yaron Brook**

Do citizens have a duty to serve the state? Or does government exist to protect the freedom of individuals to pursue their own lives and happiness? What are individual rights and what are they based on? Ayn Rand often described her political views by saying that she’s not a conservative but a “radical for capitalism.” What is capitalism? And how does it differ from both socialism and conservatism?

14:00 – 14:30 | **Break**

**14:30– 15:45 | Q&A Panel on Objectivism | Yaron Brook, Keith Lockitch, Nikos Sotirakopoulos**

After reflecting on the day's talks, here is your chance to ask any questions you have about Ayn Rand's philosophy, Objectivism.

**15:45 – 16:15 | Break**

**16:15 – 17:00 | How Tribalism Distorts Your Thinking | Nikos Sotirakopoulos**

From politics to the "culture wars," it is evident that tribalism has added to the toxicity of the public sphere. But there is one other field where tribalism, i.e., the viewing of the world through the prism of a group, can be even more insidious: in one's own thinking. Nikos will talk about how tribalism can poison our mind, and discuss what the remedy is.

**17:30 – 20:00 | Reception & Dinner (included)**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022**

**8:15 | Morning Check-in**

Tea, coffee and pastries available

**8:40 – 9:20 | Talk (Title TBD) | Onkar Ghate**

**9:20 – 10:00 | Reason Versus Faith and Emotionalism | Aaron Smith**

At the root of Ayn Rand's philosophy is the idea that reason is man's basic tool of survival and only means of knowledge. What is reason? And why is it incompatible with faith? What are emotions and how do they relate to reason?

**10:00 – 11:00 | Break & Group Photo**

**11:00 – 12:15 | Mentoring / Networking Hour**

Network informally with conference speakers and mentors about your professional and personal development. Meet with ARI staff about how you can continue your exploration of Ayn Rand's philosophy and stay connected to those you've met over the weekend. Mentors from a range of fields will participate; at past events these have included academia, business, education, film, law, marketing, nonprofits, philosophy, policy, psychology and technology.

**12:15 – 13:45 | Buffet Lunch (included)**

**13:45 – 14:45 | Q&A Panel on Objectivism | Selected AynRandCon-Europe Speakers (TBD)**

This is your chance to ask any further questions you have about Ayn Rand's philosophy.

**14:45 – 15:30 | From Theory to Practice: Applying Objectivism to the Pursuit of Happiness | Tal Tsfany**

Ayn Rand gave us the gift of her fictional characters manifesting moral ideals, and showing us what is possible and admirable. How do we leverage that inspiration toward writing our own story, paving our own path, living our own heroic life? In this talk, ARI's CEO, Tal Tsfany, shares his experience and insights about the process of implementing moral ideals in one's life.

**15:30 – 16:00 | Checkout & Goodbyes**