



# The Jesuit Imagination

Workshop, 15 June 2026, Human Abilities Centre, Schönhauser Allee 10–11, 10119 Berlin, Room 4.17, Organizers: Esben Rasmussen & Dominik Perler (HU Berlin)  
Please register by emailing [human-abilities@hu-berlin.de](mailto:human-abilities@hu-berlin.de)

08.30 – 09.10

Welcome, Coffee and Tea

09.10 – 09.40

Jesuit Imagination: Between Visual Culture and Philosophy

Esben Rasmussen (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

09.40 – 10.30

The Augustinus Conversus (1592) by Jakob Gretser. Reflections on Human Imagination on the Stage of Jesuit Theatre

Jenny Körber (Universität Hamburg)

10.30 – 10.50

Break

10.50 – 11.40

*In intimas phantasiae latebras*: Mental Images and the Physiology of the Soul in Jesuit Poetical and Rhetorical Treatises

Aline Smeesters (Université Catholique de Louvain)

11.40 – 12.30

The Imagination Painting, Painting the Imagination

Ralph Dekoninck (Université Catholique de Louvain)

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch at the Centre for Human Abilities

14.00 – 14.50

Suárez on Natural Contemplation and Ecstasy: Attention and the Interplay of the Soul's Powers

Daniel Heider (University of South Bohemia)

14.50 – 15.40

What's Imaginary about Imaginary Spaces? A Debate Within Jesuit Scholastic

Jean-Pascal Anfray (École Normale Supérieure de Paris)

15.40 – 16.00

Break

16.00 – 16.50

The Role of Imagination/Fantasy in Benet Perera's Theory of Cognition

Anna Tropia (Charles University Prague)

16.50 – 17.30

Concluding Remarks and Discussion