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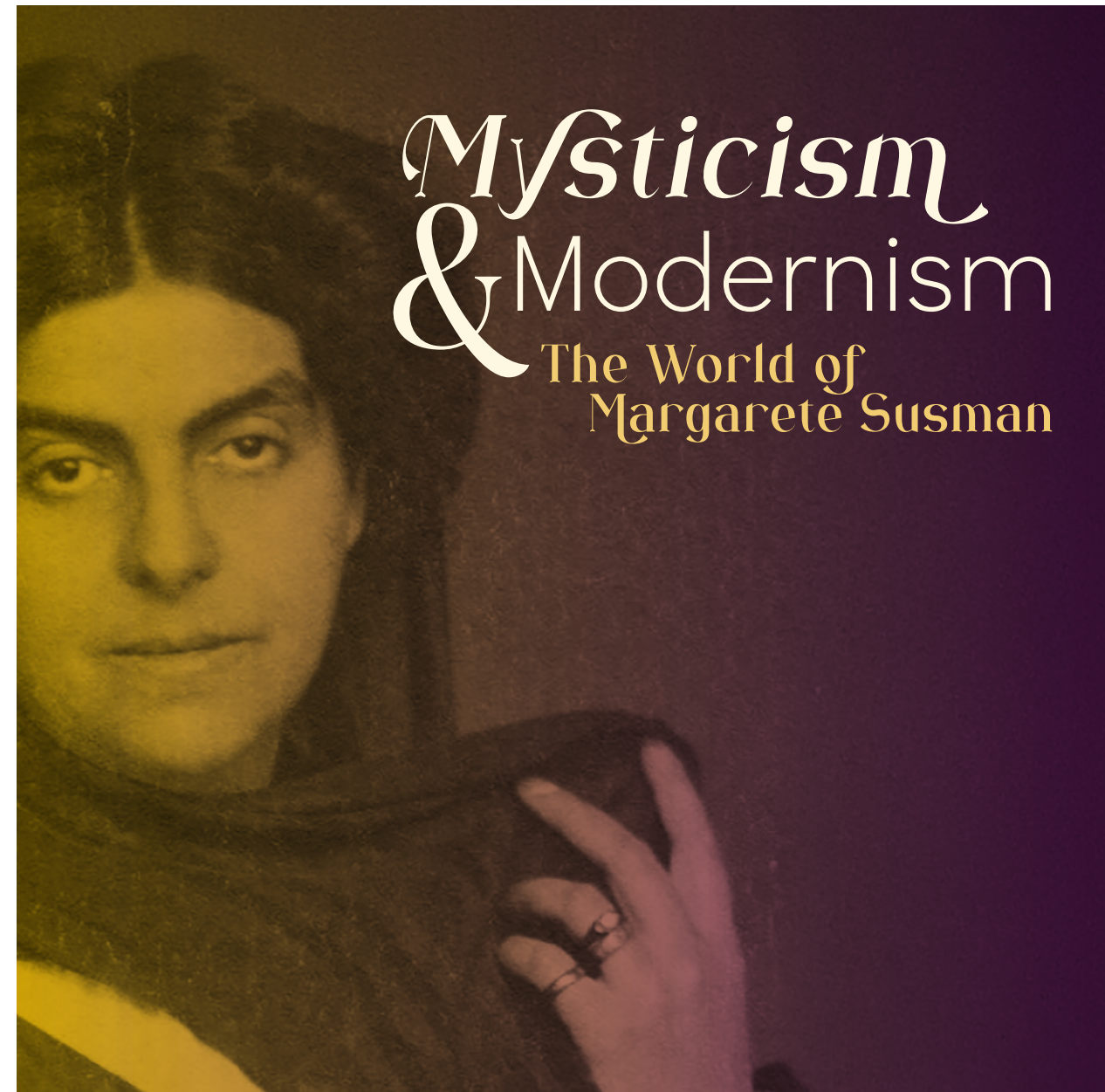
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Graduate Student Conference

**FEBRUARY 21-22, 2025**

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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### BREAKFAST & MINGLING

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**9:00-9:30 AM**

Beverages, breakfast and snacks

**9:30-9:45 AM** INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**Professor Barbara Nagel**

German Department, Princeton

### PANEL 1

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**9:45-10:10 AM**

**Carolyn Beard**

Women and the Revolution:  
Margarete Susman and Edith Stein  
on the Political Woman, 1918-1919

**10:10-10:35 AM**

**Lennart Bentler**

Mystical Experience Through Literature:  
Essayism as Epistemological and Ethical  
Inquiry in Susman and Musil

**10:35-11:00 AM**

**Matteo Zupancic**

Robert Musil as a Non-Dual Thinker: A  
Reassessment of His Approach to Mysticism

**11:00-11:30 AM** COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION

**11:30 AM-12:30 PM** LUNCH BREAK

### PANEL 2

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**12:30-12:55 PM**

**Wei Wang**

Colossal Illusion – Problematizing  
the 'Beyond' with Kafka's Beim Bau  
der chinesischen Mauer and the  
Kantian Colossal

**12:55-1:20 PM**

**Daniel Gottlieb**

'Now begins its other muteness':  
Silence and the 'Expressionless' in the  
Politics of Walter Benjamin

**1:20-1:45 PM**

**Arielle Friend**

'Eine im Kern ethische Krankheit': Traumatic  
Neurosis as 'Zeichen und Zeugnis' in  
Margarete Susman's Gestalten und Kreise

**1:45-2:15 PM** COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION

**2:15-2:30 PM** COFFEE BREAK

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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**2:30-4:00 PM**

**Barbara Hahn**

Professor Emerita, Vanderbilt University

**The Stars, Shrouded:  
Writing in an Empty World**

**6:00 PM** DINNER

La Mezzaluna, 25 Witherspoon St, Princeton

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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### BREAKFAST & MINGLING

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**9:00-9:30 AM**

Beverages, breakfast and snacks

**9:30-11:00 AM** LECTURE AND WORKSHOP

**Professor Nitzan Lebovic**

History Department, Lehigh University

A German-Jewish Time:

Susman, Buber, Celan

**11:00-11:15 AM** COFFEE BREAK

### PANEL 3

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**11:15-11:40 AM**

**Mitchell Bedows**

The Legitimacy of Tradition  
in Susman and Arendt

**11:40 AM-12:05 PM**

**Fabia Weisser**

Souls in Secular Times –  
Alfred Rosenberg's 'Rassenseele'

**12:05-12:30 PM**

**Paula Domingo Pasarín**

'Our Barbarian Slavic God':  
Ivanov's Nietzschean Dionysianism

**12:30-1:00 PM** COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION

**1:00-2:00 PM** LUNCH BREAK

### PANEL 4

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**2:00-2:25 PM**

**Jeremiah Young**

Aurora to Aura: Jakob Böhme, Kabbalah, and  
spatial affect in Benjamin's aesthetics

**2:25-2:50 PM**

**Thomas Heubeck**

Last Resort or Irrational Confusion?  
Margarete Susman's and Walter Benjamin's  
Perspectives on Religion of Art

**2:50-3:20 PM** COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION

**3:20-3:35 PM** OFFICIAL FAREWELL