

46th Annual International Conference on Critical Thinking Tentative Daily Schedule

July 19 – July 24, 2026

All Times Are Provided in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Before July 19

1. Before the 19th, you will receive emails on 1) how to access the Conference, and 2) how to gain complimentary access to [The Center for Critical Thinking Community Online](#), which is used extensively throughout the event. Please ensure you read those emails, and please check your junk/spam folder if they are not in your inbox.
2. Following the instructions in our emails, please ensure you can access the conference pages and Center for Critical Thinking Community Online **before** the Conference.
3. Watch [this tutorial video](#) on how to navigate The Center for Critical Thinking Community Online, which is used frequently during Conference sessions. (Please note that certain features described in the video, such as the Forum and Study Group sections, have since been removed or folded into other site functions.)

If you need technical assistance or do not see our emails, please [email us](#) or call +1 800 833 3645.

Sunday, July 19

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Welcome & Keynote Address

Monday, July 20 (Main Conference Begins)

Before 12:00 p.m.	<i>Be Sure to Watch the Introductory Videos Near the Top of the Conference Hub</i>
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Focal Session I Begins
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Break
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Focal Session I Continues
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Extended Break

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Watch the following video clips in preparation for the 5:15 p.m. Discussion. We advise watching twice and taking notes. • Richard Paul’s Keynote Speech at the 29th Annual International Conference, Part 1 • Part 2 • Part 3 • Part 4 • Part 5
5:00 – 5:15 p.m.	Break
5:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Discussion on the Above Videos Facilitated by Dr. Paul Bankes; <i>Bring Your Questions and Insights</i>
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Extended Break
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.	Focal Session I Continued
8:15 – 8:30 p.m.	Break
8:30 – 9:45 p.m.	Focal Session I Continued

Tuesday, July 21

Before 12:00 p.m.	Today’s Video Discussion at 5:15 p.m. is of a two-hour-long podcast. To prepare for the discussion, watch at least the first 30 minutes before Focal Session II begins. We advise taking notes: • Intellectual Virtues: Going Deeper – Intellectual Humility
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Focal Session II Begins
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Break
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Focal Session II Continues
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Extended Break
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	View whatever of the following podcast you didn’t watch before Focal Session II today. If you did not view any of the podcast before Focal Session II, simply view as much as you can before the 5:15 p.m. discussion. We advise taking notes: • Intellectual Virtues: Going Deeper – Intellectual Humility
5:00 – 5:15 p.m.	Break

5:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Discussion on the Video Above Facilitated by Dr. Paul Bankes; <i>Bring Your Questions and Insights</i>
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Extended Break
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.	Focal Session III Begins
8:15 – 8:30 p.m.	Break
8:30 – 9:45 p.m.	Focal Session III Continues

Wednesday, July 22

12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Focal Session IV Begins
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Break
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Focal Session IV Continues
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Extended Break
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.	Critical Thinking Fishbowl Debate
4:45 – 7:00 p.m.	Extended Break
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.	Focal Session V Begins
8:15 – 8:30 p.m.	Break
8:30 – 9:45 p.m.	Focal Session V Continues

Thursday, July 23

12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Guest Presentations I
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Break
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Guest Presentations II
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Extended Break
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.	Guest Presentations III
4:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Break
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Meet & Greet with All Presenters
6:00 – 6:15 p.m.	Break

6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

Plenary Session on Planning Your Development

Friday, July 24

12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Focal Session VI Begins

1:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Break

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Focal Session VI Continues

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Extended Break

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Session

The Closing Session will be recorded and made available to participants in distant time zones.

Friday, August 7

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

1st Optional Follow-Up Meeting: Checking in on Your Progress

Saturday, September 5

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

2nd Optional Follow-Up Meeting: Checking in on Your Progress