

Autumn Term, 2002

Graduate Newsletter

Department of Philosophy

This Newsletter looks to provide information for the graduate community in Philosophy at the University of Warwick. Its content include advertisements from fellow graduates regarding philosophical happenings that occur alongside the formal courses and modules offered by the Department such as reading groups, study workshops and discussion fora that pertain to all things philosophical at this University. Many of these will relate to the Centre for Research in Philosophy and Literature (CRPL), which may be approached by any graduate wishing to mount a project. Requests should be directed to the Centre Office, although it would be appropriate for a preliminary discussion to take place with the Director of Graduate Studies. Contact addresses and information can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

Ph.D. Work in Progress Seminar

These meetings will usually take place on **Wednesdays**; *room to be arranged*. Papers will typically begin at **11.00am** lasting for up to an hour. There will be a short coffee-break and the sessions are due to finish at around **1.00pm**. Anyone wishing to involve themselves in presenting a paper, should contact Prof. Ansell-Pearson. The sessions will begin in week 5 (Wednesday 30th October).

Week 5: *Joe Bossano*: tba

Week 7: *Beth Lord*: Philosophy as Physiology: Kant and matter

Week 8: *Wahida Khandker*: The Evolution of Metaphysics: Bergson and Kant

Week 9: *John Rubin*: tba

Week 10: tba

Graduate Reading Groups

All graduates are encouraged to begin or join reading groups that are organised to pursue issues, authors and texts that are of interest to them. Feel free to suggest possibilities by posting them on the graduate notice board, or ask the graduate secretary, Debbi, to circulate information by e-mail. Reading groups that have been organised for this term include:

Kant's 3rd Critique Reading Group:

For people in London, there might be a reading group gathering to discuss Kant's *Critique of Judgement*. Please contact: pyr fw@csv.warwick.ac.uk (Tom Bailey) for further details...to meet in central London, every two or three weeks or so...

Spinoza's Ethics:

A group will meet to discuss the *Ethics*; please see the graduate notice board for the latest, and sign up...

Centre for Research in Philosophy and Literature

Programme for Term 1

Colloquium in European Philosophy

(in conjunction with the Department of Philosophy)

12th November

5.30

R1.13

Speaker: Dr. Gary Banham (Manchester Metropolitan)

Title: *Transcendental Imagination and Transcendental Schematism*

26th November

5.30 pm

R1.13

Speaker: Dr. Sebastian Gardner (University College London)

Title: *Nietzsche, Naturalism, and Transcendental Philosophy*

4th October

4.00 pm

Room *tba*

Speaker: Sonia Sikka

Title: *Enlightened Relativism: The Case of Herder*

Dr Sonia Sikka is Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy, University of Ottawa. Her publications include *Forms of Transcendence: Heidegger and Medieval Mystical Theology* (SUNY Press, 1997) and many articles on Heidegger, Nietzsche, Levinas, and feminist philosophy. She is currently engaged in a project entitled 'Cultural Identity from Herder to Heidegger'.

Arts of War Seminar

(in conjunction with the Humanities Research Centre):

8th October

5.30 pm

R1.13 Speaker: Dr Christine Battersby

Title: *Terror, Terrorism and the Sublime: Rethinking the Sublime After 1789 and 2001*

...followed by wine reception. All welcome.

23rd October

5.30 pm

R0.03/04

Speaker: Dr Simon Bainbridge (Keele)

Title: *War and Poetry in the Romantic Period*

20th October

5.30 pm

R0.03/4

Speaker: Dr Mary A. Favret (Indiana)

Title: *Jane Austin and Everyday War*

4th December

5.30 pm

R0.03/4

Speaker: Dr Philip Shaw (Leicester)

Title: *The Image of Suffering in British Military Painting*

Poetry and Philosophy Reading Group

October: 16th 1-2 pm, S1.71 W S Sebald, *After Nature*

30th 1-2 pm S1.71 *tba*

November: 13th 1-2 pm S1.71 Peter Larkin, *Terrain Seed Scarcity*
27th 1-2 pm S1.71 *tba*

Greek Reading Group

October: 14th 2 pm H204 Sophocles' *Ajax*
28th 2 pm H204 Sophocles' *Ajax*

November: 11th 2 pm H204 Sophocles' *Ajax*
25th 2 pm H204 Sophocles' *Ajax*

Lectures/Seminars

21st November

11.00 am

S0.19 Seminar with Dr Mary Favret (Indiana). All welcome

29th December

5 pm

Irwin Goldstein (Davidson College)

will read a paper on Wittgenstein and pain.

Title and room to be confirmed.

Forthcoming...

Proust Series: 5.30 pm, in R1.13

Tuesday 14th Jan: Dr Duncan Large (Swansea)

Tuesday 28th Jan: Dr Ingrid Wassenaar (Christ's College, Cambridge)

Tuesday 11th Feb, Professor Mauro Carboné (Milan)

Guest Lecture Tuesday 11th March, 5.30 pm, in R1.13

Speaker Professor Stephen Mulhall (New College, Oxford)

Title: The Human Face and Aliens

Conferences

CRPL CONFERENCE: FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

ANCIENT MATERIALISM 3rd May 2003 (tbc)

Speakers to include: David Sedley (Cambridge) Author of *Lucretius and the Transformation of Greek Wisdom*, Catherine Osborne (Liverpool) Author of *Rethinking Early Greek Philosophy*. Further details will be issued in January 2003. For further information contact Dr John Sellars (john.sellars@btopenworld.com)

‘Ancient and Continental’ A One Day Workshop

Call for Papers.

From Nietzsche, Marx, and Heidegger to Foucault, Irigaray, Derrida, and Deleuze, continental philosophers have not hesitated to return to antiquity in order to draw upon ancient philosophical resources for their own work. While not always scholarly, these creative appropriations nevertheless form an important theme within modern European thought. Moreover, they often function as decisive moments in the philosophical development of continental philosophers, moments that deserve close attention. The aim of this workshop is to explore this continuing relationship between ancient and continental philosophy. Contributions on any aspect of this relationship are welcome, whether they be examinations of specific relationships (e.g. Derrida and Plato, Nietzsche and the Presocratics) or more general explorations of the nature of these philosophical appropriations. Contributions are invited for this event scheduled for late Spring 2003. Please send abstracts (c. 200-300 words, preferably electronically) by 1st December 2002 to: Dr John Sellars Centre for Research in Philosophy and Literature john.sellars@btopenworld.com Full programme details will be announced in January 2003.

Rilke Conference Thurs 22nd/Fri 23rd May

Speakers include: Professor Kathleen Komar (UCLA)
Mr Stephen Cohen
Dr Anthony Phelan (Keble College, Oxford)

Philosophy of Nature Conference Fri 30th May

Speakers include: Professor Nuno Nabais (Lisbon)
Professor Renaud Barbaras (France)
Professor Howard Caygill (London)
Dr Robin Durie (Staffordshire)
Professor Stephen Houlgate (Warwick)

Further details of these events can be obtained from the Centre Secretary, Heather Jones, on extension 22582 (email H.A.Jones@warwick.ac.uk)

.....ATTENTION NEW POSTGRADUATES.....

***Pli*: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy**

MA and PhD students in philosophy are encouraged to get involved with running and editing *Pli*, a journal of philosophy edited by graduate philosophy students at Warwick. *Pli* is published twice yearly with each volume focused on a particular philosophical theme, publishing papers by well known philosophers (e.g. Zizek, Badiou, Deleuze) as well as those by new and upcoming thinkers. Recent volumes include Foucault: Madness/Sexuality/Biopolitics, What is Materialism? and Nietzsche: Revenge and Praise. We will be having a meeting some time in October for those interested in helping with the next issue. Look out for notices on the notice board, or email us at pli_journal@hotmail.com to add your name to the email list. Have a look at our website, www.warwick.ac.uk/philosophy/pli_journal for more details of past volumes of *Pli*.

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