

Autumn Term, 2003

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** in the Common Room. 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 *asap*. Work in Progress sessions will begin this term on the Wednesday of Week 5.

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 are being organised for this term include:

Foucault's History of Sexuality volume 1

Meetings will take place on Mondays,
in 'The Graduate' (Student's Union building), from 5:00pm.

Centre for Research in Philosophy and Literature

Programme for Term 1

Colloquium in European Philosophy

(in conjunction with the Department of Philosophy)

Tues 14th Oct

5.30 pm

S0.13 Speaker: Robyn Ferrell (University of Tasmania, Australia)
 Title: *The Genre of Empiricism*

Tues 28th Oct

5.30 pm

S0.13 Speaker: Beatrice Han-Pile (University of Essex)
 Title: *tba*

Tues 11th Nov

5.30 pm

S0.13 Speaker: Stuart Elden (University of Durham)
 Provisional Title: *Heidegger on Calculation*

Tues 25th Nov

5.30 pm

S0.13 Speaker: Darren Ambrose (University of Warwick)
 Title: *Thirty Thousand BC: Painting Animality –
 Deleuze and Prehistoric Painting*

Poetry and Philosophy Reading Group

The first meeting this term will be Wed 15th October 1-2 pm in S1.71, where the programme will be discussed. All are welcome. Participants please make suggestions.

All subsequent meetings will take place in S1.71, between 1-2pm on the following dates:

Wed 29th Oct, Wed 12th Nov, Wed 26th Nov.

Classics Research Group

Mon 20th Oct *Travel Broadens the Mind*
 5 pm Speaker: Alexia Petsalis-Diomides (University of Nottingham)
 H3.56 Title: *Miracles in Marble: Depiction and Devine Presence in Ancient Greek Healing Sanctuaries*

Mon 17th Nov *Travel Broadens the Mind*
 5 pm Speaker: Katherine Clarke (St. Hilda's College, Oxford)
 H3.56 Title: *Pioneering the Mediterranean Cruise*

Lecture-Seminars

Tues 7th Oct
 5.30 pm Speakers: Erica Carter (Dept. of German, Warwick) and Loredana
 S0.13 Polezzi, (Dept. of Italian, Warwick)
 Title: *Gender and the Fascist Sublime: Italian and German Perspectives*

Tues 21st Oct Speaker: Helmut Schmitz (Dept. of German, Warwick)
 5.30pm Title: *Wide Eyed Lemurs: W G Sebald's Austerlitz and the Legacy of the Holocaust*
 S0.13

Tues 18th Nov Speaker: Colin Davies (Dept. of French, Warwick)
 5.30pm Title: *Lying Ghosts in Deconstruction and Psychoanalysis*
 S0.13

Tues 2nd Dec Speaker: Miguel Beistegui (Dept. of Philosophy, Warwick)
 5.30pm Title: *Imagination and Metaphor in Proust*
 S0.13

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

Conferences

Hermeneutics and Tradition

A Conference organized by the Centre for Research in Philosophy and Literature

Friday 7th November 2003

The main aim of this conference will be to explore the philosophical notion of tradition and how it is linked to hermeneutic philosophy. Moving away from the Kantian stress on the *a priori* conditions of experience as well as from the opposition between reason and tradition in Romanticism, Hans-Georg Gadamer developed a non-foundationalist conception of tradition. We will consider how to rethink an open-ended conception of tradition in relation to such key contemporary thinkers as Alasdair MacIntyre, Paul Ricoeur, Gianni Vattimo and others.

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Speakers:

Dr Nicholas Davey (University of Dundee): *Tradition as Reflexive Distance: The Paradoxes of Transmission*

Damian Veal (University of Warwick): *Heidegger's Auseinandersetzung with Aristotle: The Hermeneutic Situation of Heidegger's Access to the Philosophical Tradition*

Dr Kelvin Knight (London Metropolitan University): *The Idea of the Good in the Aristotelian Tradition: What's the Good of Metaphysical Biology?*

Andrius Bielskis (University of Warwick): *Gadamer and MacIntyre versus Ricoeur: Why the Nietzschean Genealogy cannot be Hermeneutics*

Dr Peter Poellner (University of Warwick): *Two Faces of Tradition*

CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND THE SCIENCES

December 8th - 10th

Conference Aims:

Unlike the so-called 'analytic' tradition stretching from Frege, Russell and Carnap to Sellars, Quine and Putnam, what is nowadays referred to as 'continental philosophy' is usually thought to have little or nothing to say to - or indeed to learn from - the sciences. Regarded by both its opponents and many of its advocates as having more in common with aesthetics, literary theory, politics, theology or cultural studies, where continental philosophers do engage with the sciences at all, their approach is often thought to be invariably either wholly derogatory or simply dilettantish in character. While such views are indeed widespread, especially amongst analytical philosophers, they tend to neglect the work done by philosophers in this tradition, both past and present, who have seriously engaged not only with the 'human' or 'cultural' sciences (Geisteswissenschaften), but equally with the endeavours of the natural and exact sciences. Thus, while 'philosophy of science' has become virtually synonymous with the analytic and positivist traditions (primarily the Vienna Circle and its successors), the purpose of this conference is to begin to redress the balance by bringing together a group of internationally renowned philosophers whose work reflects the broad range of 'continental' approaches to the philosophy of science typically ignored by the Anglo-American mainstream.

Gary Gutting (Professor of Philosophy, Notre Dame University) —
What Is Continental Philosophy of Science?

Christopher Norris (Professor of Philosophy, University of Cardiff) —
'Fog Over Channel, Continent Isolated': New Bearings in Epistemology
and Philosophy of Science

Patrick Heelan (Professor of Philosophy, Georgetown University) —
Husserlian Phenomenology, Measurement, and Quantum Theory

Pierre Kerszberg (Professor of Philosophy, University of Toulouse) —
Natural Science and the Experience of Nature

Michael Friedman (Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University) —
Ernst Cassirer and Contemporary Philosophy of Science

Thomas Posch (Professor of Astronomy, Institute of Astronomy, Vienna) —
Hegel's Anti-Reductionism: Remarks on What is Living of his Philosophy of Nature

Eduard Marbach (Professor of Philosophy, University of Bern) —
On Bringing Consciousness Into the House of Science —
With the Help of Husserlian Phenomenology

Matthew Ratcliffe (Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Durham) —
Mirror Neurons: An Illustration of the Interplay between Phenomenology and Neuroscience

David Webb (Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Staffordshire University) —
Foucault, Bachelard and Complexity in Microphysics

Paul-Antoine Miquel (Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Nice) —
From an Immanentist to an Emergentist Approach to Evolution: Between Bergson and Darwin

Isabelle Stengers (Professor of Philosophy, University of Brussels) —
ToThink is to Construct — Why did Deleuze Strongly Differentiate Between Scientific Functions and Philosophical Concepts?

Miguel de Beistegui (Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Warwick) —
TBA

Ray Brassier (Research Associate, Middlesex University) —
Black Sunrise: Scientific Enlightenment and the End of Phenomenological Enchantment

Babette Babich (Professor of Philosophy, Fordham University) —
'A Problem with Horns ... the Problem of Science Itself' — On Nietzsche, Heidegger, and a Critical Philosophy of Science



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***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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