



# **WCPC Conference Pack**

Dear Attendees and Speakers,

Thank you very much for your interest and attendance at the upcoming Warwick Continental Philosophy Conference, 'What is Philosophy? Present, Past, Future'.

Below you will find some practical information as well as a schedule of events. If you need any further assistance on the day, please do not hesitate to contact Alex on 07766228050 or Lorenzo on 07732535614. For more urgent matters, campus security are available 24 hours a day and can be reached on 02476522083, or 22083 from an internal Warwick campus phone. On the first day of the conference registration will be open from 11 until 3 in the Oculus building, and we invite you to attend to receive a conference pack and to meet us and other attendees.

This is the second conference in the WCPC series, and we hope to match the success of last year. We're very grateful to the bodies which have supported us: the Centre Michel Foucault, the Aristotelian Society, the Research Student Skills Project, and the department of Philosophy at Warwick.

Looking forward to meeting you all,

The WCPC Team



#### **Travelling to the University of Warwick**

The University of Warwick lies between the area of Coventry city and two other towns, Kenilworth and Leamington Spa. The nearest airport to the University is Birmingham International, from which you can easily take a train to Coventry or Leamington stations. For London airports, train services run from London Euston station to Coventry and from London Marylebone to Leamington Spa. Ticket prices vary depending on the time of travel but its best to book your rail tickets in advance. You can book by visiting the following website: http://www.nationalrail.co.uk

**From Coventry train station**: you can either take a bus or a taxi to the University's central campus (you will need to get off at central campus' Bus Interchange, ask the driver if you are unsure).

A taxi rank operates outside the station. The journey will cost you approximately £8-10 and will take 10-15 mins depending on traffic.

You can take either the number 11, 11U or the 12X bus from Coventry station (and back). The journey time with the 11 and 11U buses takes 20-25 mins, whereas journey time with the 12X takes 12-15 mins. You can pay by either cash or contactless debit/credit card on the bus (Note: international credit/debit cards may not work on the bus as forms of payment).

**From Leamington Spa train station**: you can either take a taxi or a bus to the University's central campus.

No taxi rank is in operation at Leamington Spa train station but you can call a cab (01926 42 59 59) to take you to the University's central campus. The cost will be approximately £20 and the journey time will be approximately 25 minutes.

You can take the number 11 bus, which will take you to the University. The bus stop for number 11 is located a short distance away on High Street. A U1 can also be taken from a stop opposite the Parish church, 5 minutes away. The bus journey goes via Leamington Spa city centre and Kenilworth town and lasts approximately 40 minutes.

#### **University campuses and Locations**

The University of Warwick is comprised of three campuses: Westwood campus, Central or Main campus and Gibbet Hill campus. They are a short distance apart, and the conference will be held in the Oculus building on the main campus.

The University's Bus Interchange is located right next to the Warwick Arts Centre. If you are arriving from the bus stop, you can walk past the Student's Union and grocery store to reach the Oculus building in less than five minutes. Maps can be found on the route, at the end of this document and online at <a href="https://campus.warwick.ac.uk/">https://campus.warwick.ac.uk/</a>.

The Oculus is wheelchair accessible, with accessible toilets available on the ground floor. Gender neutral toilets can be found in the Library, Social Sciences building, Student Union Headquarters and in the Dirty Duck pub (these last two buildings are located on the main campus piazza).

### Food arrangements during the conference

Lunch and coffee will be provided during the conference. If you have specific dietary requirements please make sure to inform us of these when you register or by contacting us directly.

The evening of the first day will close with a wine and food reception, courtesy of the Centre Michel Foucault.

On the Thursday evening a conference dinner will be held at the Scarman restaurant, in the University's conference park. If you wish to attend this dinner please select the option on the conference registration page.

There are also a number of restaurants on campus, all of which have vegetarian and vegan options: Xananas, Bar Fusion and the Dirty Duck. There are also two coffee shops, the student-run 'Curiositea' and Costa Coffee. All these are situated on the main campus piazza.

## **Schedule of Events**

### Wednesday 26th June

11 am – 3 pm: Registration

3 pm – 4.45 pm: Parallel Sessions A1, B1

4.45 pm – 5 pm: Break

5 pm – 7 pm: Roundtable on Michel Foucault

7 pm onwards: Wine Reception

### **Thursday 27th June**

10.00 am – 10.15 am: Morning Coffee

10.15 am – 12 am: Parallel Sessions A2, B2

12 am – 1 pm: Lunch

1 pm – 2.45 pm: Parallel Sessions A3, B3

2.45 pm – 3 pm: Break

3 pm – 4.45 pm: Parallel Sessions A4, B4

4.45 pm – 5 pm: Break

5 pm – 7 pm: Roundtable with Philosophy in a Time of Crisis

7pm onwards: Dinner at Scarman (requires registration)

#### Friday 28th June

10 am – 10.15 am: Morning Coffee

10.15 am – 12 am: Parallel Session A5, B5

12 am – 1 pm Lunch

1 pm – 2.45 pm Parallel Sessions A6, B6

2.45 pm – 3 pm: Break

3 pm – 5 pm: Keynote by Professor Andrew Benjamin

#### Conference End

# **Full Paper Schedule**

# **Conference Sessions Wednesday 26th June**

A1 – OC1.01 3 pm – 4.45 pm	B1 – OC1.09 3 pm – 4.45 pm
Paola Gentile	Ed Thornton
Goodbye Political Philosophy?	On the Impossibility of Presuppositionless Thought: From Kant to Deleuze
Martine Prange	Kynthia Plagianou
On the Relation of Truth, Democracy, and Critique: Parrhesia in times of post-truth and populism	What is a Philosophy of Sense?
Eno Trimcev	John Thompson
'The Best Regime' and the Nature of Philosophy	What is Unique to the Work Philosophy Does With Concepts?: Concept Creation, Theoretical Practice and Conceptual Art

# **Conference Sessions Thursday 27th June**

A2 – OC0.02 10.15 am - 12 am	B2 – OC0.04 10.15 am - 12 am
Tivadar Vervoort  The critical task of philosophy: transgression, critique and negative dialectics	Lea Cantor The Paradoxical Localization of Philosophy and Hegel's Paradoxical Engagement with Chinese Philosophy
Isabel Millar  Kant avec Sade: A Sex- Robot Ethics?	Gorvika Rao Philosophy of the Oppressed
Ingmar Hinz  Lacan with Adorno: Philosophy, psychoanalysis and the implications of para-ontology	Silvia Locatelli  Identity and exclusion in Philosophy: Luce Irigaray and re-thinking woman in a feminist perspective

A3 – OC0.02 1 pm – 2.45 pm	B3 – OC0.04 1 pm – 2.45 pm
Marco Ferrari	Stephen Connelly
Philosophie, antiphilosophie, foliesophie: Lacan in/and/after Badiou	Law as urdoxa: Leibniz's approach to legal education
Giovanni Minozzi	Tim Christaiens
What is philosophy capable of? System and conjuncture in the work of Alain Badiou	The Usefulness of Economic Theology for Affirmative Critique
Neil Turnbull	Fırat Haciahmetoglu
Restoration: Alain Badiou and the Philosophical Significance of the Century	The Experience of Inevitability: Germany at the turn of the century

A4 – OC0.02 3 pm – 4.45 pm	B4 – OC0.04 3 pm – 4.45 pm
Aviad Heifetz "Changing the Whole Soul": Simone Weil and Ludwig Wittgenstein	Gerrit Strydom  Natural History and the Postcolonial
Harry Andrews Metaphilosophical Investigations: Wittgenstein vs. Derrida	Natalie Nenadic  What is Philosophy? Reflections on Robert Scharff's How History Matters to Philosophy: Reconsidering Philosophy's Past After Positivism
Ryan Quandt  Adam's Lament: the Doctrine of Original Sin in  Descartes' Meditations	Denis C. Bosseau  Philosophy's Desire for Contemporaneity

# **Conference Sessions Friday 28th June**

A5 – OC0.02 10.15 am – 12 am	B5 – OC1.09 10.15 am – 12 am
Polina Khanova	Henry Dicks
Tone, Hue, Stimmung: The Styles of Philosophy	Overcoming the Bifurcation of Philosophy and Science: The Task of Renewing Pre-Parmenidean Thinking of Being as Physis
Eylem Canaslan	Mert Yirmibes
The Interplay between Philosophy and Literature: "Understanding and Loving the World" in Orhan Pamuk's Novels	Demarcation Between Philosophy and Empirical Sciences in the Light of Hegel's Idea of Presuppositionless Beginning of Philosophy
Paula Landerreche Cardillo	Giovanna Mioli
Rhythmic Weavings of a Time of Philosophical Embodiment: Adriana Cavarero's Reformulation of the Task of Philosophy	Reason and Prejudice: Some Reflections on Hegel's Contribution to the Contemporary Metaphilosophical Debate

A6 – OC0.02 1 pm – 2.45 pm	B6 – OC1.09 1 pm – 2.45 pm
Florence Caeymaex	David Gould
Coming to terms with materialities: philosophy serving ethics	Critical Condition
Christine Jakobson	Gianmarco Fifi
The interplay between ethics as first philosophy and art in Emmanuel Levinas	The philosophy of Antonio Gramsci: from man as philosopher to the modern prince
Giulia Angonese	Jana Elsen
Gernet's Legacy: An interdiciplinary approach for modern french thought	On the Role of Thinking in Heidegger and Arendt

# **Keynote Events**

## Wednesday 26th June, 5 pm - 7 pm, OC1.04

The 26th June will open with a roundtable discussion on Foucault, philosophy and problematisation, featuring Claudia Stein (Warwick), Amadeo Policante (Warwick), Stuart Elden (Warwick), Daniele Lorenzini (Saint-Louis – Bruxelles) and Martina Tazzioli (Swansea).

The roundtable is generously supported by the Centre Michel Foucault and will focus on Foucault and Problematisation.

## Thursday 27th June, 5 pm - 7 pm, OC0.02

The 27th will then feature a roundtable discussion of crisis in philosophy and other disciplines with Miguel de Beistegui (Warwick), Amedeo Policante (Warwick) and Andrew Cooper (Warwick) representing the collective project Philosophy in a Time of Crisis (philosophyx.co.uk), a collective research project based at the University of Warwick. The project promotes philosophy as an essential tool for reflection upon the major crises and challenges of our time, and the meaning and nature of crisis itself.

The roundtable will focus upon the concept of crisis and its role in both philosophy and other disciplines.

## Friday 28th June, 3 pm - 5 pm, OC0.04

On the closing day of the conference, we are also pleased to feature a keynote presentation *Potentially, Relationality and the Problem of Actualisation* from Andrew Benjamin (Kingston/University of Technology, Sydney).

Professor Benjamin's career began as a lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Warwick, UK, where he was later Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Centre for Research in Philosophy and Literature. He has also been Visiting Professor of Architectural Theory at Columbia University, New York, US, Visiting Critic at the Architectural Association in London, UK, and Professor of Critical Theory in the Centre for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies at Monash University and at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. He is also a recurrent visiting professor at the Centre for Cultural Studies, Goldsmiths, and a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

# **Campus Map**

