

Autumn Term, 2004

Graduate Newsletter

Department of Philosophy

This Newsletter looks to provide information for the graduate community in Philosophy at the University of Warwick. Its contents 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 Warwick. 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. Request 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.

Warwick Graduate Conference in the Philosophy of Mind

27-28 November 2004

Keynote speakers: Richard Moran (Harvard University)
Christopher Peacocke (Columbia University)

Final Call for Papers

Papers are invited from graduate students working in any area of the philosophy of mind. Talks should last for 30-40 minutes; discussion will be opened by a response from a member or visiting academic.

Submission deadline: 15 October 2004

Submission should be suitable for blind-referring and will be read by members of the Warwick Philosophy Faculty. The may be emailed to mindconf@warwick.ac.uk in any standard format, or posted to:

Warwick Graduate Conference in the Philosophy of Mind
Department of Philosophy
University of Warwick
Coventry CV4 7AL
UK

Abstract-only submissions will be considered but preference will be given to complete papers. Those submitting papers can expect to receive a decision by Monday 1 November 2004; anyone requiring an earlier decision should mention this in their email or covering letter. Final year undergraduates are welcome to attend.

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN PHILOSOPHY & LITERATURE

Director: Dr. Christine Battersby

Programme for this term

Greek Reading Group

This term's material will be Plato's *Symposium*. The group will meet between 2-4 pm, in room H2.04 (to be confirmed) on the following dates:
Mon 4 Oct, Mon 18 Oct, Mon 15 Nov, Mon 29 Nov.

Poetry & Philosophy Reading Group

Wed 13 Oct 1-2 pm, S1.71	<i>Collected Poems</i> by H.D. (Hilda Doolittle): 'Eurydice'
Wed 27 Oct 1-2 pm, S1.71	Selections from <i>Collected Poems</i> by H.D.
Wed 10 Nov 1-2 pm, S1.71	Selections from <i>Collected Poems</i> by H.D.
Wed 24 Nov 1-2 pm, S1.71	Selections from <i>Collected Poems</i> by H.D.

Classics Research Group

Expressions of Power in The Classical World

Mon 18 Oct 5 pm, H3.56	Speaker: Andrew Laird (Warwick) Title: <i>Colonial Humanists: Classical Culture in Mexico 1511-1700</i>
Mon 15 Nov 5 pm, H3.56	<i>Expressions of Power in The Classical World</i> Speaker: Alastair Blanshard (Reading) <i>The Curious Politics of Attic Document Reliefs</i>

CRPL Lecture Seminar

Tues 12 Oct 5.30 pm, S0.11	Speaker: Thomas Docherty (English, Warwick) Title: <i>Love Between Literature and Philosophy</i>
Tues 30 Nov 5.30 pm, S0.11	Speaker: Michael Bell (English, Warwick) Title: <i>Open Secrets: Fictions of Pedagogical Authority in Rousseau, Goethe and Nietzsche</i>

English & Comparative Literary Studies

Inaugural Said Memorial Lecture

Tues 5 Oct Arts Centre Speaker: Tim Brennan (University of Minnesota)
6 pm Conference Title: *The Politics of Belief*

CRPL Art & Aesthetics Guest Lecture Series

Tues 19 Oct Speaker: Nicholas Walker (Translator & Independent Scholar)
5.30 pm, S0.11 Title: *Idealism, Romanticism and Heidegger's Philosophy of Art*

CRPL Proust & Philosophy Lecture Series

Tues 16 Nov Speaker: Malcolm Bowie (Christ's College, Cambridge)
5.30 pm, S0.11 Title: *Is Proust Philosophical?*

Colloquium in European Philosophy

Tues 26 Oct Speaker: Ivan Soll (University of Wisconsin, Madison)
5.30 pm, S0.11 Title: *Adventures, Narratives and the Aesthetic Redemption of life*

(Session in conjunction with the Department of Philosophy)
Tues 9 Nov Speaker: Keith Robinson (Catholic University, Leuven)
5.30 pm, S0.11 Title: *Deleuze, Withehead and an Ontology of the Virtual*

(Session in conjunction with the Department of Philosophy)
Tues 23 Nov Speaker: Christopher Janaway (Birkbeck College, University of
5.30 pm, S0.11 London)
Title: *Schopenhauer on the Value of the Unegoistic*

Department of German Studies in conjunction with the Centre for Research in Philosophy & Literature

Thurs 18 Nov. Speaker: Sabine Gözl (University of Iowa)
6 pm, Room tbc. Title: *Benjamin's Shadow: A Reading of Little History of Photography*

**UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN PHILOSOPHY
& LITERATURE**

**Philosophy &
The Uses of Narrative**

Friday 5 November 2004



How are selves and stories linked?

Is the self always something more than stories can express?

Does the human self emerge from the way it is positioned within narratives?

This conference will foreground issues of birth, origin, temporality and meaning as speakers address the status of narratives that express or construct identities.

Speakers:

Veronica Vasterling (Nijmegen, Netherlands): *Hannah Arendt's Narrative Philosophy: The Political Relevance of Story-Telling*; Michael Bell (Warwick): *Narrative & Meaning in Primo Levi's The Periodic Table*; John Lippitt (Hertfordshire): *Getting the Story Straight: Kierkegaard, MacIntyre & the Problems of Narrative*; Teresa Ludden (Oxford Brookes): *Getting Back to the Umbilical Cord: Narration & Birth in Günter Grass' The Tin Drum & other post-1945 German Texts*; Evy Varsamopoulou (Anglia Polytechnic University): *The Mythopoetics of Duration: Time in Balzac & Proust*.

Registration & information: h.a.jones@warwick.ac.uk
www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/philosophy/research/phillit/events/

Forthcoming Events

Workshop, Fri 25 Feb, **Poetry and Belief**

Speakers: Michael Bell (English, Warwick) on *W.B. Yeats*.
 Alexandra Duer (Visiting Fellow, Warwick) on *Rainer Maria Rilke*.
 Michael John Kooy (English, Warwick) on *Anna Letitia Barbauld*.
 Peter Larkin (Library, Warwick) on *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*.
 Rupert Read (Philosophy, UEA) & John Cook (English, UEA), joint
 presentation on *Wallace Stevens*.
 Martin Warner (Philosophy, Warwick) on *T.S. Eliot*.

Prof. Judith Butler has accepted an invitation to speak at Warwick under the auspices of CRPL & the Humanities Research Centre in May. A date has yet to be agreed.

Founding to support graduate activities

James Williams (Dundee University) has been successful in his bid to the 'AHRB Collaborative Research Training Scheme', which includes Warwick, Goldsmith's, Edinburgh, as well as Dundee. 3.5 K is available this academic year and the next (7K in total) to facilitate and enable graduate activities. Contact Prof. Keith Ansell-Pearson for further details of the funding.

Further details of these events can be obtained from the Centre Secretary, Heather Jones, on 024 76522582 (email H.A.Jones@warwick.ac.uk). Be sure to visit our website at: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/philosophy/reseach/phillit/>

The deadline for receiving information to be incorporated in the spring edition of the Newsletter will be Friday 31 (December). Direct all information to D.Lawler@warwick.ac.uk

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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:

Life of the real: Bergsonian Perspectives

Spinoza: Desire and Power

Foucault: Madness/Sexuality/Biopolitics

For more details of past volumes of Pli have a look at our website

www.warwick.ac.uk/philosophy/pli_journal

Email us at pli_journal@hotmail.com to add your name to the mailing list.