

Spring Term, 2005

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.

McDowell between Wittgenstein and Hegel

13-15 May 2005

This conference is hosted by the Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick. The keynote speaker is John McDowell. The aim of the conference is to present the opportunity for a sustained discussion of McDowell's work as it is related to the contemporary analytic tradition, as well as Wittgenstein, Sellars, Kant and Hegel. We anticipate papers to address issues within the following four areas: Wittgenstein and Sellars, Philosophy of Mind and Language; Ethics; and Kant and Hegel.

Confirmed speakers:

John McDowell (Pittsburgh); Bill Brewer (Warwick); Willem DeVries (New Hampshire); Naomi Eilan (Warwick); Jennifer Hornsby (Birkbeck, London); Stephan Houlgate (Warwick); Susan Hurley (Warwick); Barry Smith (Birkbeck, London); Charles Travis (Northwestern, Chicago); Kenneth Westphal (East Anglia); Michael Williams (John Hopkins, Baltimore).

News and information about registration will be made available shortly on the conference web site at: <http://warwick.ac.uk/go/mcdowellconference>

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN PHILOSOPHY & LITERATURE

Director: Dr. Christine Battersby

Programme for this term

Greek Reading Group

This term's material will be Longinus *On the Sublime*. The group will meet between 2-4 pm, in room H2.04 on the following dates:

Mon 10 Jan, Mon 24 Jan, Mon 21 Feb, Mon 7 Mar.

Poetry & Philosophy Reading Group

Wed 19 Jan 1-2 pm, S1.71	S T Coleridge <i>The Rime of the Ancient Mariner</i>
Wed 2 Feb 1-2 pm, S1.71	Wallace Stevens <i>Notes Toward a Supreme Fiction</i>
Wed 16 Feb 1-2 pm, S1.71	T S Eliot <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Wed 2 Mar 1-2 pm, S1.71	Italian Poetry

Classics Research Group

Expressions of Power in The Classical World

Mon 31 Jan 5 pm, H3.56	Speaker: Jason König (University of St Andrews) Title: <i>Sacrifice and Power in the Writings of the Emperor Julian</i>
Mon 28 Feb 5 pm, H3.56	Speaker: Lucy Grig (University of Edinburgh) Title: <i>Expressions of Power in Fourth-Century Epitaphs</i>

CRPL Lecture Seminar

Tues 11 Jan 5.30 pm, S0.11	Speaker: Angie Hobbs (Philosophy, Warwick) Title: <i>Weaving Women: Female Imagery in Plato</i>
Tues 25 Jan 5.30 pm, S0.11	Speaker: Diane Morgan Title: <i>Bohumil Hrabal Recycles Kant: Resisting 'Compacted Thought'</i>
Tues 8 Mar 5.30 pm, S0.11	Speaker: Joanna Hodge (Manchester Metropolitan University) Title: <i>Derrida On the Necessity of Philosophy –A Commemoration</i>

Poetry and Belief Workshop

Fri 25 Feb, PS1.28

Speaker include: Michael Bell (Warwick) & Martin Warner (Warwick) on *T S Eliot*; Alexandra Duer (Visiting Fellow, Warwick) & Tom Day (Postdoctoral Warwick student) on *Rainer Maria Rilke*; Michael John Kooy (Warwick) & Peter Larkin (Warwick) on *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*; Rupert Read (Philosophy, UEA) & Jon Cook (English, UEA) on *Wallace Stevens*.

Colloquium in European Philosophy (in conjunction with the Dept. of Philosophy)

Tues 18 Jan 5.30 pm, S0.11	Speaker: Alison Stone (University of Lancaster) Title: <i>German Romanticism and the Re-enchantment of Nature</i>
Tues 1 Feb 5.30 pm, S0.11	Speaker: Espen Hammer (University of Essex) Title: <i>Being Bored: Heidegger on Patience and Melancholy</i>
Tues 15 Feb 5.30 pm, S0.11	Speaker: Stephen Houlgate (Philosophy, Warwick) Title: <i>Hegel's Theory of Tragedy</i>
Tues 1 Mar 5.30 pm, S0.11	Speaker: Gordon Finlayson (University of Sussex) Title: <i>On the Origins and Purpose of Immanent Criticism</i>

Forthcoming Events

Term 3 events include

CRPL Lecture- Seminar

Tues 26 April Speaker: Nicholas Boyle (Magdalene College, Cambridge)
Title: *An Idealist Faust? Goethe's Wager in its Philosophical Context*

Public Lecture & Reception organised by CRPL (in association with the Humanities Research Centre)

Tues 3 May 2005 Speaker: Judith Butler (Maxine Elliot Professor in the Departments of
Rhetoric & Comparative Literature, University of California, Berkeley)
Title: *Torture and The Ethics of Photography*

Tickets for the lecture in the Arts Centre Conference Room will be available from the Arts Centre Box Office.

Lecture time and pricing t.b.a.

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/>

PhD Work-In- Progress Day

Wed 9 Feb

11.00 am to approx. 5.00 pm with lunch break

Presentations

Presentations will run for 30 minutes, to be followed by questions and discussion. There will be five presentations from PhD students:

Sorush Dabba: tba

Hyosup Kim: *Nietzsche as a Positive Ethicist; The Virtues*

Mike Lafferty: *Deleuze and the History of Painting: Manipulated Chance and Accident*

Charles Pearmain: *Bad Faith: the Original Sin?*

Ioannis Trisokkas: *The Problem of the Criterion in Ancient Skepticism*

Consciousness and Self-Consciousness

Graduate Research Seminar

Seminars take place on Fridays at 11am in Social Sciences The Cowling Room, 2nd floor Social Sciences just outside the philosophy department (except term 3 when the room changes to Social Sciences S1.14). Each week's presenter should leave a photocopy of the readings in an envelope in the department for anyone who wants a photocopy.

Causal Understanding: Empirical and Theoretical Foundations for a New Approach

Project Seminars

All meetings take place in the Ramphal Building

7th January 2005, 2pm, room R.241 [Huw Price](#) (Philosophy, Sydney): *Foreign Perspectives on the Causal Realm*

28th January 2005, 2pm, room R.241 [Gergely Csibra](#) (Psychology, Birkbeck): *Social learning and social cognition: The case for pedagogy*

18th February 2005, 2pm, room R. 241 [David Lagnado](#) (Psychology, UCL): *title t.b.c.*

25th February 2005, [David Shanks](#) (Psychology, UCL): *Association and Causation*

2pm, room R.241

29th April 2005, [Helen Steward](#) (Philosophy, Oxford): *title t.b.c.*
2pm, room t.b.c

27th May 2005, [Michael Waldman](#) (Psychology, Goettingen): *title t.b.c.*
2pm, room t.b.c

The deadline for receiving information to be incorporated in the summer edition of the Newsletter will be Monday 11 (April). 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.