

Call for Abstracts

Workshop:

In Celebration of Marcel Proust

Date: 18th November 2022

Location: University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, CV4 7AL

In recognition of the centenary of Marcel Proust's death, this workshop, to be held on Friday 18th November, will celebrate Proust's *À La Recherche du Temps Perdu* as a work of both philosophical and literary importance.

The workshop will ask questions that engage with the sort of relationship that the novel poses between literature and philosophy: Does the novel grant access to or simply tempt us with truth? Does Proust offer us insights into truth that are denied to philosophy? And what kind of truth is apt for engaging with this novel – philosophical, social, historical, emotional? It will also reflect upon questions that surround the circular unity that animates the novel: If the novel Marcel is about to write is not the novel we have just read, then should we consider the *Recherche* as a propaedeutic to an even longer future work (in the way that the "System Program" suggests that it will be completed with a speculative poem)?

This workshop will be structured around up to five speakers, including our invited speakers Professor [Peter Boxall](#)[Link opens in a new window](#), University of Sussex, and Professor [Joshua Landy](#)[Link opens in a new window](#), Stanford University, who will give talks of approximately 45 minutes followed by questions. If the selection of speakers permits, it is envisaged that the workshop will close with a conversation between the speakers addressing the questions and ideas stimulated by the papers. We invite researchers and practitioners working on the *Recherche* to submit short abstracts (300-500 words) presenting ongoing work or research papers to the following email addresses: Jonathan.Clarke-West@warwick.ac.uk and Z.Stinchcombe@warwick.ac.uk

Please indicate in your abstract how your work relates to the questions which this workshop will consider. Deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday 7th **October 2022**.

Conference attendance is free of charge. Speakers will be invited to dinner; we are not able to cover expenses for travel or accommodation.