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1. Editor's comments Gregory Cameron

Hey folks! Here it is, the schedule for this year's EPTC meeting at the 2006 Congress. Again the conference schedule reveals the continuing and perhaps growing vitality of the phenomenological tradition and its ability to engage with crucial issues of the day. Papers and panels deal with many areas of interest for phenomenology and existentialism, as well as delving into some uncharted territory. As with previous years, the conference promises to be an intellectually exciting and satisfying affair.

Skimming the contents of this newsletter you may have noticed a new category – "Publication Announcements". I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are very interested in hearing of your recent publications so that they can be announced to EPTC members. I personally think this is an excellent way to keep in touch between meetings and to get a sense of what other members are working on and thinking. It may also help to generate some ongoing dialogue between members and would provide incentive to start setting up panels for subsequent meetings. In light of this, we would also be interested in receiving short reviews of books or special issues of journals that you think will be of interest to the membership. I know already that a special issue of Thesis 11 has emerged out of last year's panel on Claude Lefort (more info in the next newsletter), but I am sure that there is a great deal going on out there that we should be sharing. So send us your thoughts, your notices and your feelings.

Very much looking forward to seeing everyone at York: till then happy grading and happy Spring!

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2. Conference Schedule

The following three pages contain the program for our upcoming annual meeting which will take place from May 27 to May 29 at York University.

E P T C / T C E P 2 0 0 6	MAY 27	Room A (TBA)	Room B (TBA)
			Panel: Phenomenology and Politics Neil Braganza, organizer
	9-10	“Just Ethics” Irene McMullin (Rice) C: Chloe Taylor (Toronto) P: Diane Williamson (Vanderbilt)	“Phenomenology as critique of Institutions: Movements, Authentic Sociality and Nothingness” Ian Angus (Simon Fraser) C: Neil Braganza (York) P: Neil Braganza (York)
	10:10-11:10	“The Existential Marriage Promise” Diane Williamson (Vanderbilt) C: James Cunningham (Ryerson) P: Irene McMullin (Rice)	“Hwa Yol Jung’s Phenomenology of Political Philosophy” Jay Goulding (York) C: Baolinh Dang P: Neil Braganza (York)
	11:20-12:20	“Counter-Confessions from Hegel to Derrida” Chloe Taylor (Toronto) C: Jim Vernon (York) P: James Cunningham (Ryerson)	“How Levinas taught me to read Benjamin” Asher Horowitz (York) C: Mark Cauchi P: Neil Braganza (York)
	12:20-1:30	<i>LUNCH/Executive meeting</i>	
	1:30-2:30	“Groupe et Action: L’existentialisme à l’épreuve du politique” Florence Caeymaex (FNRS/Université de Liège) C: Dominic Desroches (Rosemont) P: TBA	“The Language of Real Life: Communication in Merleau-Ponty’s Phenomenology of Politics” Kheya Bag (Warwick) C: Marcelo Vieta P: Neil Braganza (York)
	2:40-3:40	“Morale et histoire (de l’enfant). Les aventures de la temporalité dans l’oeuvre de Sartre” Grégory Cormann (Université de Liège) C: Marie-Andrée Charbonneau (Moncton) P: Dominic Desroches (Rosemont)	“ ‘Thwarted Messianism’: On the Messianic, Phenomenology, and Politics” Jonathan Short (York) C: TBA P: Neil Braganza (York)
	3:50-4:50	“Angoisse et mise à distance. Esquisse d’une anthropologie phénoménologique chez Hans Blumenberg” Olivier Feron (Université d’Évora) C: Kevin Gray (Laval) P: Marie-Andrée Charbonneau (Moncton)	“On the Falseness of ‘False Consciousness’: Reification and Schizophrenic Apperception” Bryan Smyth (McGill) C: Ted Winslow (York) P: Neil Braganza (York)
	5-6	“Approches de l’art: biographie et sociabilité chez Sartre” Gérard Wormser (ENS-NSH Lyon) C: TBA P: Grégory Cormann (Université de Liège)	“Here I stand: Spaces and Bodies in Political Dissent” David Koukal (U.D. Mercy) C: Shokoufeh Sakhi (York) P: Neil Braganza (York)

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C: Commentator/répondant – P: Session chair/président(e) de séance

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		Panel: “Prey for the Living”: Death and the Outside of Freedom Brian Lightbody and Luke Fraser, organizers	Panel: Thinking & Gratitude: From Plato to Marion Peter Costello and Mark Rozahegy, organizers	
	9-10	“On Refusing Death: An Investigation of Death in Sartre’s <i>Being and Nothingness</i> with some Marcusean insights” Brian Lightbody (Brock) C: Emilia Angelova (Trent) P: Luke Fraser (Brock)	“Towards a Phenomenology of Gratitude: Heidegger and Marion” Peter Costello (Providence) C: Antonio Calcagno (Scranton) P: Mark Rozahegy (Concordia)	“Means and Ends in Michel Serres” Stephen Crocker (Memorial) C: Mark Cote P: David Koukal (U.D. Mercy)
	10:10-11:10	“The Immortality of the Sartrean Act” Luke Fraser (Brock) C: Matthew Eshleman (Toledo) P: David Duquette (St. Norbert)	“Is the Very Idea of Pure Gift a Contradiction? The Example of Plato” Timothy Mahoney (Providence) C: Anthony Graybosch (CSU, Chico) P: Peter Costello (Providence)	“Introduction to the Phenomenology of Persistent On-line Worlds” Kevin Eldred (Toronto) C: Astrida Neimanis (York) P: Christinia Landry (Wilfrid Laurier)
	11:20-12:20	“Freedom, Ethics and Death in the Existential Works of Sartre and Nietzsche” Jody Totoenel (Brock) C: David Duquette (St. Norbert) P: Brian Lightbody (Brock)	“Thinking and Gratitude: Piety in Heidegger and Plato” Mark Rozahegy (Concordia) C: Greg Cameron (Wilfrid Laurier) P: Anthony Graybosch (CSU, Chico)	“Excessive Presence and the Image” James Mensch (Saint Franxis Xavier) C: David Koukal (U.D. Mercy) P: Megan Penney (Guelph)
	12:20-1:30	LUNCH		
		Panel: Simone de Beauvoir’s Ethics: A Reappraisal Matthew Eshleman, org.		Panel: Resurfacing Tragedy I: Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Wagner, Heidegger John Duncan, organizer
	1:30-2:30	“Simone de Beauvoir on Moral Justification: The Space in Between Transcendent Objectivity and Relativism” Matt Eshleman (Toledo) C: Christinia Landry (Wilfrid Laurier) P: Christine Daigle (Brock)	“Reevaluating ‘World’ in Heidegger’s ‘Origin of the Work of Art’: Prolegomena to any Discussion of ‘Earth’” Eric Chelstrom (SUNY Buffalo) C: Tracey Nicholls (CREUM-UdeM) P: Adam Loughnane (Guelph)	“Abraham’s Tragedy: the Loss of Community” Elsebeth Jegstrup (Elon) C: Nick Zunic (Waterloo) P: Ron Kuipers (ICS)
	2:40-3:40	“A Nietzschean Beauvoir? How One ‘becomes what one is’ with ‘a little help from one’s friends!’” Christine Daigle (Brock) C: Lisa Guenther (Auckland) P: Matthew Eshleman (Toledo)	“Envisioning Revisions of Heidegger’s Temporal Theory: Facticity and Been-ness” Peter Heron (Saint-Mary’s) C: Gerda van de Windt (Simon Fraser) P: Tracey Nicholls (CREUM-UdeM)	“Beyond Good Will, Nietzsche’s <i>Birth of Tragedy</i>” John Duncan (Toronto) C: Tom Curran (King’s) P: Jeff Brown (Waterloo)
	3:50-4:50	“Solipsism and the Relational Self in Beauvoir’s Wartime Philosophy” Margaret Simons (S.I.U. Edwardsville) C: Debbie Evans (Independent scholar) P: Matthew Eshleman (Toledo)	“Heidegger’s Poet; Renouncing the Linguistic-Volitional Centrality in Being” Adam Loughnane (Guelph) C: Paul Gyllenhammer (St. John’s) P: Eric Chelstrom (SUNY Buffalo)	“The Spectacle of Suffering: On Tragedy in Nietzsche’s <i>Daybreak</i>” Thomas Bartscherer (Chicago) C: Javier Ibanez-Noé (Marquette) P: Jeff Brown (Waterloo)
5-6	“Sartre, Beauvoir and the Question of Influence” Debbie Evans (Independent scholar) C: Andrea Veltman (York) P: Matthew Eshleman (Toledo)	“Heidegger and the Origin of Philosophy” Alexandra Morrison (Guelph) C: Mark Rozahegy (Concordia) P: Paul Gyllenhammer (St. John’s)	“Heidegger, Wagner and the History of Aesthetics” Jonathan Salem-Wiseman (Humber) C: Kent Enns (Toronto) P: David Duquette (St. Norbert)	

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	9-10	“Spaces of Freedom: Materiality, Mediation and Direct Political Participation in the Work of Arendt and Sartre” Sonia Kruks (Oberlin College) C: Kevin W. Gray (Laval) P: Pavan Kumar (Saskatchewan)	“Heidegger goes to the ‘Men’s Room” Greg Bird (York) C: Matthew King P: Astrida Neimanis	“The Role of Nature in Merleau-Ponty’s Ontological Rehabilitation of the Sensible” Brett Buchanan (DePaul) C: Bryan Smyth (McGill) P: Rajiv Kaushik (Brock)
	10:10-11:10	“Kafka and the Political” Pavan Kumar (Saskatchewan) C: Leah Bradshaw (Brock) P: TBA	“Bare Life and Domestic Labour” Monique Lanoix (Dalhousie) C: Mielle Chandler P: Astrida Neimanis	“Freedom and Ethics in Merleau-Ponty’s <i>Phenomenology of Perception</i>” Andrew Robinson (Guelph) C: Stuart J. Murray (Toronto) P: Brett Buchanan (DePaul)
	11:20-1:30	AGM/LUNCH		
				PANEL: Resurfacing Tragedy II: Heidegger, Beckett, McDonagh John Duncan, organizer
	1:30-2:30	“Bariona and the Metamorphosis of his sources (Aristophanes’ <i>Lysistrata</i>) and the Bible (the birth of Christ)” Adrian van den Hoven (Windsor) C: Benedict O’Donohoe (UWE Bristol) P: Natasha Conde (King’s)	“Repetition in Kierkegaard and Heidegger” Tim Connolly (SUNY Buffalo) C: Dominic Desroches (Rosemont) P: Ami Harbin (Dalhousie)	“Tragedy, Freedom, and Community in Heidegger’s Political Philosophy: A Re-examination of Antigone” Ozgur Gurel (Toronto) C: Stuart J. Murray (Toronto) P: Gregory Cameron (Wilfrid Laurier)
	2:40-3:40	“Nothing” Natasha Conde (King’s) C: TBA P: Debbie Evans (Independent scholar)	“Authentic Nihilism: Crediting to Nietzsche Heidegger’s Debt” Ami Harbin (Dalhousie) C: Rajiv Kaushik (Brock) P: Dalie Giroux (Ottawa)	“The Tragic Double Bind of Heidegger’s Techne” David Tabachnik (Nipissing) C: Ian Angus (Simon Fraser) P: Ozgur Gurel (Toronto)
	3:50-4:50	“L’Etranger and the Messianic Myth, or Mersault Unmasked” Ben O’Donohoe (UWE Bristol) C: Christine Daigle (Brock) P: Adrian van den Hoven (Windsor)	“The Übermensch in Nietzsche’s Thought” Javier Ibanez-Noe (Marquette) C: Dalie Giroux (Ottawa) P: Tim Connolly (SUNY Buffalo)	“‘I Can’t Go On Like This’: The Relation Between Tragic Irony and Existential Freedom in <i>Waiting for Godot</i>” Nick Mount (Toronto) C: Richard Holmes (Waterloo) P: Susan Dodd (King’s)
	5-6	“Humanity’s Verifying Mission, Willful Ignorance, and Sartre’s City of Ends” Paul Gyllenhammer (St. John’s) C: Vincent Schoenberger (Lakehead) P: TBA	“The Perennial Problems of Nietzschean Perspectivism: An Examination of the ‘Received View’ and Critique of any Anti-Realist Solution” Brian Lightbody (Brock) C: Amy Mullin (Toronto) P: Javier Ibanez-Noé (Marquette)	“Martin McDonagh’s <i>The Pillowman</i> and ‘the art of overcoming unmeaning’” Susan Dodd (King’s) C: Darren Gobert (York) P: Richard Clarke (West Indies)
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3. Book Announcement: *Sartre Today*

Sartre Today (2005), Edited by our very own Adrian van den Hoven and featuring articles by many prominent Sartre Scholars including EPTC president John Duncan, is published by and available from Berghahn Books:

<http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title.php?rowtag=VanDenHovenSartre>

4. Inaugural Meeting: Levinas Society

The North American Levinas Society invites members of the EPTC to contribute to the North American Levinas Society, whose inaugural meeting will take place in May 2006 at Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN USA).

For more information visit the Society's website

<http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~sjneely/levinas.htm>. Or direct inquiries to secretary@levinas-society.org.

5. Conference Announcement

UK Society for Sartrean Studies, Saturday 21 October 2006, Institut Français du Royaume-Uni, Kensington London (free to members, £10 to non-members).

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6. Publication Announcements

Benedict O'Donohoe, *Sartre's Theatre: Acts for Life*, Bern, Peter Lang AG (Modern French Identities, 34), 301pp., 2005

Benedict O'Donohoe, 'Why Sartre Matters', *Philosophy Now*, Issue 53, November / December 2005, pp. 7–10.

Le portique. Philosophie et Sciences Humaines, numéro spécial « Sartre : Conscience et liberté », numéro 16, ("Commande au numéro". Order your copy at: *Revue LE PORTIQUE*, BP 65-67061 Strasbourg: One issue 16.= Euros . Subscription 1 year; 20.= Euros)