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1. Editor's Comments

Gregory Cameron

Well folks, here is the 2008 Conference schedule. EPTC 2008 looks like it is going to be an excellent meeting. There is a wide and eclectic variety of topics which indicates not only the continued significance of existential and phenomenological inspired thought but also the vitality of EPTC. This vitality is also evidenced in PhaenEx, EPTC's journal, which is getting set to release Volume 3.1 – this is becoming an excellent collection of articles, reflecting the diversity of possibilities evidenced at our summer meetings. PhaenEx has also recently passed the review for regular indexing with the Philosopher's Index, past and future issues will be included. 2008 is yet again shaping up to be an intellectually satisfying year for EPTC.

It should also be pointed out that it is time to register for the conference if you have not yet done so. Information on the conference and on rates can be found at <http://www.fedcan.ca/>.

As always more information concerning EPTC/TCEP, including information on how to access PhaenEx, can be found at our website -- <http://www.brocku.ca/eptc-tcep/> -- so check it out and check out the various calls for papers associated with EPTC and with PhaenEx. And please send us your calls for papers, comments, notice of publications, reviews, etc. If they arrive in time for the next newsletter we would be happy to include them. Do not forget to check out the French language version of the newsletter for information for French speaking members and earlier editions of the newsletter for ongoing information.

Unfortunately, I will not be attending the conference this year, but I will be there in spirit. Back to the things themselves ... or rather grading!

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2. EPTC Vancouver 2008

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| E P T C / T C E P 2 0 0 8 UBC June 3-5 Juin | June 3 | Food, Nutrition & Health 30 | Food, Nutrition & Health 320 | Food, Nutrition & Health 40 | |
| | 9-10 | | Heidegger's Two Concepts of Freedom Robert Lee-Nichols (UofT) C: Sasa Stankovic (Guelph) P: Matthew Schunke | "Are there Women, Really?" (Re)thinking the Subject with Beauvoir and Irigaray Emma R. Jones (Oregon) C: Christinia Landry (WLU) P: Laina Hanninen Saul | |
| | 10:10-11:10 | "Nothing Applies": Irreconcilability, Nihilism, and Postmodern Tragedy in Joan Didion's <i>Play It As It Lays</i> Evan Smith (British Columbia) C: Martine Béland (Montreal) P: Gavin Rae | Avoiding Affirmations: The Abuse of Heidegger's Critique of Ontotheology Matthew Schunke (Rice) C: Gregory Moss (Georgia) P: Ami Harbin | "Reaction, Resistance & Ressentiment: Can Women Ever Be Free According to Nietzsche?" Laina Hanninen Saul (George Mason) C: Geraldine Finn (Carleton) P: Stephen Crocker | |
| | 11:20-12:20 | Kierkegaard's Teleological Suspension of the Ethical Gavin Rae (Warwick) C: John Caruana (Ryerson) P: Peter Schwenger | Authentic Caretaking and Responsibility in the Early Heidegger Ami Harbin (Dalhousie) C: Mathew King (York) P: Gregory Moss | Metaphysical Media : the resonant interval in Bergson, McLuhan and Deleuze Stephen Crocker (Memorial) C: David Pensgard (Liberty) P: Emma R. Jones (Oregon) | |
| | 12:20-1:30 | LUNCH | | | |
| | 1:30-2:30 | The Melancholy of Waking Peter Schwenger (Mount St. Vincent) C: J Keeping (York) P: Andrew Robinson | Language and the Possibility of Truth in Pre and Post <i>Kehre</i> Heidegger Gregory Moss (Georgia) C: Robert Lee-Nichols (Toronto) P: Matthew King | Round Table : Autobiographies and Cultural Meditation Temps humain et temps social dans la pensée de Gabriel Marcel Julia Urabayen (Navarra) | |
| | 2:40-3:40 | Wonder and the "Who art thou?" Andrew Robinson (Guelph) C: Emma Jones (Oregon) P: Astrida Neimanis | The Dialectics of Benjamin and Heidegger: Art and Technology, Progress and Deepening, Politics and Philosophy Matthew King (York) C: Brett Buchanan (Laurentian) P: David Pensgard | The Sense of Temporality in Ionesco's Work Consuela Dovrescu (Navarra) | |
| | 3:50-4:50 | Whale-bodiedness and Water, at the Borders of the Liveable Astrida Neimanis (York/McMaster) C: Suzanne McCullagh (Guelph) P: Evan Smith (UBC) | Existential Temporality as Foreign-ignorance David Pensgard (Liberty) C: Ashok Kumar Malhotra (SUNY Oneonta) P: Sasa Stankovic (Guelph) | The Myth of the Eternal Return in Postmodern Novel: Paul Auster's <i>Moon Palace</i> Iñigo Barbacho (Navarra) | |
| | 5-6 | | | La Nostalgie Dans L'Autobiographie de Chateaubriand Alvaro Rosa (Navarra) | |

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| | June 4 | Food, Nutrition & Health 30 | Food, Nutrition & Health 320 | Food, Nutrition & Health 40 |
| | | | | Panel: Rethinking 1968 |
| | 9-10 | Sartre on the Status of the Transcendental Ego in Husserl David A. Duquette (St. Norbert College) C: Matthew C. Eshleman (Toledo) P: TBA | Architectural Making: between a "space of experience" and a "horizon of expectations" Iris Aravot (Technion, Israel Institute of Technology) C: Ron Jelaco (Seattle) P: TBA | Nietzsche and the French Academy: 1964-1972 Adrian Switzer C: Devin Zane Shaw (Ottawa) P: Kevin W. Gray (Laval) |
| | 10:10-11:10 | Emotional Clichés and Authentic Passions: How Cognitive Theories of Emotion Misunderstand Subjectivity Kym Maclaren (Ryerson) C: Astrida Neimanis (York/McMaster) P: TBA | The Window, The Staircase and the Space Between: Architecture in the Latent World Ron Jelaco (Seattle) C: Toivo Koivukoski (Nipissing) P: TBA | Althusser and the Role of Police Officers Francois de Soete (British Columbia) C: Kevin W. Gray (Laval) P: Jean-Pierre Boule (Nottingham-Trent University) |
| | 11:20-12:20 | On Michel Foucault, Skepticism, and the Grand Rise of Social of Social Engineering Matthew C. Eshleman (Toledo) C: Jonathan Short (York) P: TBA | Absurdity, Navel-gazers and Infallible Popes Jill Fellows (British Columbia) C: David A. Duquette (St. Norbert College) P: TBA | May 68, Sartre and Sarkozy Jean-Pierre Boule, (Nottingham-Trent University) C: Peter Gratton (San Diego) P: Francois de Soete (British Columbia) |
| | 12:20-1:30 | AGM/LUNCH | | |
| | 1:30-2:30 | "Memory, Sedimentation, Self: the weight of the ideal in the logic of expression" Donald A. Landes (SUNY Stony Brook) C: David Koukal (Detroit Mercy) P: TBA | CSHPS/SCHPS and EPTC/TCEP Joint Session: Continental Philosophy of Science* Virtually stable turbulence: Deleuze, Guattari, and Serres with natural science Peter Trnka (Memorial) | Saving 1968: Habermas and the Fall of the Berlin Wall Kevin W. Gray (Laval) C: TBA P: Peter Gratton (San Diego) |
| | 2:40-3:40 | Selfhood Jennifer Davis (McGill) C: Jill Fellows (British Columbia) P: TBA | Re-thinking Life with Agamben and Foucault Jonathan Short (York) | University, Political Mourning: A Psychoanalytic Case Study of Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 America Travis Holloway (Stony Brook) C: Devin Zane Shaw (Ottawa) P: Adrian Switzer |
| | 3:50-4:50 | Siren's Song: Dwelling in Digital Sound Stacey Irwin (Millersville) C: Matthew Schunke (Rice) P: TBA | The Undisclosing Character of Contemporary Technology David Tabachnick (Nipissing) | Herméneutique et phronèsis chez le jeune Heidegger Sophie-Jan Arrien (Laval) C: TBA P: TBA |
| | 5-6 | | Weber the sociologist as Nietzschean and Neo-Kantian: what are the main arguments? Alain Létourneau (Sherbrooke) | |

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EPTC/CPS Joint Session: Beauvoir at 100**

Organized by Christine Daigle and Christina Landry in 1221 in the Forest Sciences Bldg.

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| E P T C / T C E P 2 0 0 8 | June 5 | Food, Nutrition & Health 30 | Food, Nutrition & Health 320 | Food, Nutrition & Health 40 |
| | | | | Panel: Back to the Things Themselves!: The In- Between/Edges David Koukal and Astrida Neimanis |
| | 9-10 | The Contemporary Relevance of Aristotle's Ethic of Friendship Pam Huber (Carleton) C: Toivo Koivukoski (Nipissing) P: TBA | The Experience of Our Bodies: Levinas's radical, ethical materialism Kathy Kiloh (York) C: Helen Douglas (Cape Town) P: TBA | Being a Philosopher is Living Erotically Anna Strelis (New School) C: Matthew King (York) |
| | 10:10-11:10 | The Body Re-Minds: Physiological Statements of Morality in Nietzsche and Dostoevsky James L. Sikkema (Loyola Marymount) C: Ami Harbin (Dalhousie) P: TBA | What Strange Magician Fills Your Heaven?' Levinas and the Good John Caruana (Ryerson) C: Kathy Kiloh (York) P: TBA | The Startle Kevin Love (Nottingham Trent) C: David Koukal (Detroit Mercy) |
| | 11:20-12:20 | Excurses to the Edge of the Technological System Toivo Koivukoski (Nipissing) C: Pam Huber (Carleton) P: TBA | Bodies and Machines Suzanne McCullagh (Guelph) C: James L. Sikkema (Loyola Marymount) P: TBA | Bridging the Gap Jules Simon (Texas El Paso) C: Stacey Irwin (Millersville) |
| 12:20-1:30 | | LUNCH | | |
| UBC June 3-5 Juin | 1:30-2:30 | Three theories of Singularity in the Debate between Structuralism and Naturalized Phenomenology Norman Madarasz (Gama Filho, Brazil) C: Kevin Gray (Laval) P: TBA | Panel: Frantz Fanon Chloe Taylor "Revisiting the question of violence: What is alive in Fanon's thought?" Anna Carastathis (McGill) | Japanese Architecture: Place as Transition Michael Lazarin (Ryukoko) C: Randall Teal (Idaho) |
| | 2:40-3:40 | Carnal Language and the Sedimentation of Architecture Bryan E. Norwood (Mississippi State) C: Iris Aravot ((Technion, Israel Institute of Technology) P: TBA | "The politics of psychiatry in Fanon and Foucault" Chloë Taylor (McGill) | Cyborg Life: The In-between of Humans and Machines Glen Mazis (Penn State Harrisburg) C: Stephen Crocker (Memorial) |
| | 3:50-4:50 | Time and the Mystery of Existence Ashok Kumar Malhotra (SUNY Oneonta) C: Archana Barua (Indian Inst. of Technology, Guwahati) P: TBA | Decolonizing the Academy: What we can learn from Fanon about colonialism in scholarship Tracey Nicholls (Lewis University) | Resonance and/as Responsibility: How are We to Hear this Sounding? Geraldine Finn (Carleton) C: Astrida Neimanis (York/McMaster) |
| | 5-6 | | Tourism and Racism: Fanon and the vestiges of colonialism Elizabeth Hoppe (Lewis University) | Living on the Edge Ed Casey (SUNY Stony Brook) C: Glen Mazis (Penn State Harrisburg) |
| | | | | June 6th ***WORKSHOP for Back to the Things Themselves!: The In-Between/Edges David Koukal and Astrida Neimanis |

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| | 9:10-9:50 | |
| | 10:10-10:40 | Heidegger and the Historiography of the Experiment Jeff Kochan (Alberta) |
| | 11:00-11:30 | Beneath the Politics of Nature: Conceptualizing Gestationality Mielle Chandler (York) |
| | 11:40-12 | Canguilhem on Health, Disease, and Medical Science Patrick McGivern (Alberta) |

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| E P T C / T C E P 2 0 0 8 UBC June 3-5 Juin | June 5 | ** EPTC/CPA Joint Session: Beauvoir at 100 1221 in the Forest Sciences Bldg. |
| | 9-9:10 | Welcome |
| | 9:10-9:50 | Simone de Beauvoir and the Joys of Existence Kristana Arp (Long Island) |
| | 10:10-10:40 | Phénoménologie du sujet. La philosophie "amoral" de Simone de Beauvoir Cécile DeCousu (Paris Diderot -Paris 7) |
| | 11:00-11:30 | Virginity Re-Defined: Beauvoir on Sexual Initiation Bronwyn Singleton (Toronto) |
| | 11:40-12 | Commentary: Richard Holmes (Waterloo) |
| | Lunch | |
| | 2-2:30 | Beauvoir, Transcendence and the Problem of Ambiguity Christinia Landry (Wilfrid Laurier) |
| | 2:50-3:20 | Beauvoir philosophe: phénoménologie, sexualité, ambiguïté Christine Daigle (Brock University) |
| | 3:40-4:20 | Coming of Age: The Dignity of Finitude Debra Bergoffen (George Mason) |
| | 4:30-4:50 | Commentary: TBA |
| | 4:50 | Wrap Up |

3. Journal Announcement: PhaenEx 3.1.

The first volume of PhaenEx for 2008 will be on-line by the end of May. Included in this volume are papers by Maria Antonietta Perna, Matthew Lyons Congdon, Samuel Mickey, Sophie Cloutier, Gregory Cameron and Randall Teal. Visit the EPTC website for information on how to register for the journal and calls for papers.

4. Performance Announcement: Socrates on Trial.

As part of Congress '08, the University of British Columbia will be hosting a theatrical performance entitled Socrates on Trial. As you'll guess from the title, the play tells the story of the trial and execution of the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates. Was Socrates really one of the most ethical figures in the history of western civilization? Or did he in fact deserve to be put to death for corrupting the young? In this modern production, which is based on Aristophanes' bawdy comedy Clouds and several of Plato's dramatic dialogues, audience members get to vote to decide.

Performances run from May 31 to June 7, 2008. Warning: some suggestive scenes.

Tickets are available from Ticketmaster at

www.ticketmaster.ca

Further information is available at

www.vitalsparktheatre.com/current.html

We hope you'll be able to join us for an evening of theatre!