

NEWSLETTER 2005/1 (JUNE)

Dear Members and Friends,

This NEWSLETTER covers the following:

- 1) Information and update on our panels at the 2005 meeting of SPEP (Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy) in Salt Lake City, UT, and at the 2005 meeting of the Eastern Division of the APA (American Philosophical Association) in New York City.
- 2) Information and update on our Publications schemes: details on a book series and on a guest issue of a journal to appear in 2005; an invitation to support the series and help disseminate publications, as well as a request for membership input on our contractual agreement with ISP.
- 3) Request to pay membership dues for 2005/2006, and/or donations or contributions that should be tax deductible.
- 4) Invitation for nominations to 2006-2007 Publications and Conferences Committees as members (open) or Co-Directors (must be a current or previous e-board member).
- 5) Call for proposed items for the agenda of our 2005 business meeting(s) and Minutes of our 2004 Business meeting.
- 6) Members' Corner and Other Announcements.

1) SSPP PANELS IN 2005:

A- You are cordially invited to attend the SSPP panel at the 2005 meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) on October 20, 2005, in Salt Lake City, Utah. All panels will take place at the Marriott Salt Lake City Downtown, located at 75 South W. Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. Information on the SPEP meeting, travel, and accommodations, can be found on the SPEP website (www.spep.org).
Society for Social and Political Philosophy: Historical, Continental, and Feminist Perspectives (SSPP)

Panel 1: LEISURE (9:00-10:30)

Moderator: Hasana Sharp, McGill University

“The Leisure of Walking: A Philosophical Pastime,” Zachary Davis, Keene State College

“‘The Problem of Leisure/ What to do for Pleasure’: A critical race feminist perspective on pop music as fetishized commodity and ‘guilty pleasure,’” Robin James, DePaul University

“The Disposability of Place: The Ethics of Cultural Tourism,” Mary Rawlinson, Stony Brooke University.

Panel 2: WORK (10:45-12:15 pm)

Moderator: Hasana Sharp, McGill University

“The Dignity of Labor?: A Marxist Challenge to Traditional Marxism,” Amy Wendling, Penn State University

“Control and Expose: The Work of Neoliberalism,” Trent H. Hamman, St. John’s University

“The Dean in a Gray Flannel Suit: Administrative Labor and the Corporate University,” Jeffrey T. Nealon, Penn State University

Business meeting TBA at SPEP.

B- You are cordially invited to attend the two SSPP panels that will be held at the 2005 meeting of the Eastern APA in New York City, NY. The panels will take place on December 28 or 29, 2004 and we will communicate times and places in the near future. All sessions will be held at the Hilton New York, 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019-6078. For further information about travel, accommodations, etc., check the APA's website at www.udel.edu/apa

TOPIC: Peace

Moderator: Deepak Sawhney, St. Mary’s College of California

“Care, Duty, and the Global Politics of Peace,” Sarah Clark Miller, University of Memphis

“Truth and Reconciliation: South Africa’s Transition to a Multiracial Democracy,” Leigh M. Johnson, Penn State University

“Structural Violence, Moral Responsibility and the Role of Educators,” Shari Stone-Mediatore, Ohio Wesleyan University

TOPIC: War

Moderator: Graciela Lechuga-Solis, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco

“How America Justifies its War: A Feminist Reading of ‘Shock and Awe’”, Bonnie Mann, University of Oregon

“Foucault’s Politics and Bellicosity as a Matrix for Power Relations,” Marcelo Hoffman, University of Denver

“The Case for Comparison between Nazism and the War on Terror: A Study in Biopolitics,” Lissa Skitol, Luther College

2) SSPP PUBLICATIONS:

A- SSPP involvement in editing a **book series** entitled "Out Sources: Philosophy, Culture, Politics"

Series Title: Out Sources: Philosophy, Culture, Politics

Publisher: Lexington Books / Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group

Editors: Steven DeCaroli & Jason Read

Advisory Board: Michael Hardt, Charles Mills, Enrique Dussel, Elizabeth Grosz, and Harry Haratoonian

Description: It is the founding belief of Out Sources that existing divisions and hierarchies governing philosophical discussion ought to be called into question, and that there is a pressing need for the publication of more texts that take up the challenge of broadening the content of what is considered philosophically legitimate. Out Sources is dedicated to publishing texts that demonstrate an awareness of the global character of philosophical debate-recognizing both that the western canon continues to be put to work outside the west and in distinctly non-canonical ways, and that there exist equally instructive, though currently less dominant, non-western traditions that deserve wider distribution, and ultimately greater influence in the English-speaking world. Moreover, we recognize that these texts often demand that the nature of philosophy itself be called into question. The editors encourage works that envision a heteronymous philosophy, a philosophy that engages the intersection between philosophical texts and other disciplines not from a position of epistemic authority (as in the various philosophies of science, social science, history, etc.), but that views the intersection between philosophy and other disciplines as an encounter in which both the object and the mode of inquiry are transformed.

The following book is now available:

G rard Raulet, *Critical Cosmology: On Nations and Globalization, A Philosophical Essay*(Introduction by David Raussman)

Description:

Globalization is more than an economic or geopolitical matter; it is above all a new (political) culture. Like the Kantian revolution in the 18th century, our "global" moment urgently requires philosophical inquiry to determine if it represents a 20th century revolution in thinking. Critical Cosmology takes up the task of establishing the much needed philosophical tools to "think" globalization by reading Kant's re-foundation of cosmopolitanism as a political, not moral, text. Raulet, in committing himself to a close study of this late capitalist global moment, gets us to a much-needed cosmology of 21st century "globalization." The world's economic evolution has continually challenged some of our most basic modern concepts, especially the recognition of the rights of nations. In neither the service of a prescriptive morality nor in the service of any one specific cultural, political, or intellectual ideology G rard Raulet investigates the construction of a public space that can accommodate global citizenship. Through a unique and massive genealogy of political thinkers Raulet, like no other contemporary critic, begins the

process of carving out the social, cultural, and political space that will come to accommodate the common activity of an emerging global culture.

About the Author

G rard Raullet is Professor of the History of Ideas at L'Universit  de Paris, Sorbonne, and Chair of the Weimar Culture Research Group at Maison des Sciences de L'Homme/CNRS.

Please consider reading and encouraging libraries to purchase books from the series.

The co-directors of our publications committee can be contacted through our website (under committees).

B- SSPP publication of selected papers in a "guest issue" of International Studies in Philosophy

Our first "guest issue" of International Studies in Philosophy (ISP), a reputable and refereed scholarly journal committed to interdisciplinary and cross-cultural approaches to philosophy, will be published as the Fall 2005 37.2 issue. A table of contents will be communicated to you in the near future. We are negotiating a contractual agreement with the editors of ISP to have one annual SSPP issue and we will eventually submit terms of agreement to the membership for vote.

C- CFP themes for 2006 regular meetings (SPEP and APA)

We invite all members to suggest themes for our 2006 Call for Papers. **The SSPP publications committee needs to finalize the 2006 themes by September 2005**, to be included in our next newsletter and disseminated widely. Please contact one of the co-directors of the committee with your recommendations.

3) REQUEST TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2004/2005 AND/OR DONATIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS (TAX DEDUCTIBLE) TO SSPP

Our membership dues are necessary to support the society's activities, including the setup of meetings, events, and publications of our members. All of our planning is contingent on building a solid base of members who are willing to actively participate in shaping the society and to contribute towards its well-being-including financially, if they can. As the society builds a solid membership base, we hope to assist and support the setting up of events, meetings, conferences, and publications in different locations of the world (where our members could actively participate in organization), covering various subject matters-thus making the society a supra-national network and not merely a society based in the united states.

Being a not-for-profit 501c(3) corporation we can also accept donations or contributions that should be fully tax-deductible. Please contact the Secretary-General if your

department or institution can contribute to SSPP and would like to be acknowledged as a supporter of our conferences, meetings, publications, and other activities.

You can now pay your membership on line (using a credit card) by using the link on our website, under membership, to the secure site of the PDC (Philosophy Documentation Center). Otherwise, you can print out the "application form" from the web site (www.sspp.us/membership.html), fill it out, and mail your check made out to SSPP to:

SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (or SSPP)
Philosophy Documentation Center
P. O. Box 7147
Charlottesville, VA 22906-7147

You can also "charge" your membership dues on a credit card by either filling out the application form at our website or by calling 1-800-444-2419 (US & Canada) or 1-434-220-3300.

4) 2006-2007 COMMITTEES

Please nominate yourself for the 2006-2007 positions as members of **Publications** or **Conference** committees. Nominations for co-directors should come from current or previous e-board members. Check our by-laws (posted on the website) for detailed information on the responsibility of the committees. The Secretary General will submit the 2006-2007 committees for membership approval at our next business meeting.

You can send your nominations or self-nominations to the secretary-general at information@sspp.us and can contact her with any questions or information you may need.

5) CALL FOR PROPOSED ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF OUR 2005 BUSINESS MEETING AND MINUTES OF THE 2004 BUSINESS MEETING

Please send us any agenda items for our 2005 business meeting.

We are interested in opening up an inclusive, non-hierarchical, and interdisciplinary space for discussing issues related to Social and Political Philosophy. Unlike other societies, our aim is not merely personal or professional advancement but the possibility of creating different and differing means of approaching social and political issues. Our membership is involved in decision-making processes, and we invite you to reach out to other members by submitting items to be distributed, discussed, and voted upon at our annual business meeting(s). You can also share with the membership your recommendations, suggestions, and proposals. We only act on items that have been discussed and approved by MEMBERS (usually finalized at our annual business meeting). See our "constitution," at www.sspp.us, for further details on the functioning of the society. Send your suggested items and/or your concerns and recommendations by e-

mail to the secretary-general at information@sspp.us or by snail mail to the society's P. O. Box address at: SSPP, P.O. Box 686, Buffalo, NY 14213.

MINUTES OF 2004 BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes of the 2003 Business Meeting were approved and items put to vote were introduced and discussed. The secretary-general presented an update and invited discussion of the following items: the ratification of the proposed by-laws (presented on a separate sheet of paper/ballot); election of executive board members (for the period of January 2005 – December 2006); nominations for one at-large position on the editorial/advisory board of the Out Sources book series; input from members on possible supplementary regular panels, on themes or topics for the 2006 CFPs; and on possible invitees to our “discussion with” panels.

Ballots were distributed and collected before the end of the meeting and a quick tabulation of the collected ballots and proxy ballots determined that the by-laws were ratified and the new executive board members were elected unanimously. Asma Abbas, Steve DeCaroli, Piya Pangsapa, Jason Read, and Hasana Sharp were elected to be the 2005-2006 executive board members. Elected E-Board members appointed Hasana Sharp as the 2005-2006 Secretary-General of the Society. Other items were to be tabulated and submitted to the membership at a later date, and the collected input of members will inform the actions and decisions of the executive board.

Steven DeCaroli reported on publications, including the themes for the 2005 call for papers for SPEP (Work and Leisure) and APA (War and Peace), the website, and shared with members information on the “Out Sources” books series. He asked Fouad Kalouche to update the membership on the guest issue of ISP (which will only become the responsibility of the Publications Committee if a contractual agreement is reached between the society and the journal editors). Fouad Kalouche mentioned that we are still waiting to hear from ISP editors (who are very cooperative but need to finalize previous issues before taking on our guest issue) and reported on conferences and meetings (including a possible panel to be held with the American Sociological Association this August and, if approved by members, a request to hold regular meetings at the APA Pacific). He also mentioned that our annual budget of 2003-2004 was not in the negative thanks to membership dues and donations, but that we need more members to pay their dues to be able to support future activities (especially if we want to collaborate with an academic journal on a regular basis).

A discussion of 2005 meetings ensued and it was determined by a majority present that we should focus on forming two paper panels for each one of our current regular meetings and not hold “conversation” panels at our regular meetings until possibly 2006. Other items were discussed, and there were a few announcements from members, before the meeting was adjourned.

8) MEMBERS' CORNER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Roger Gottlieb at *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism: A Journal of Socialist Ecology* needs sharp minds like yours to write book reviews. It would be a quick publication to add to your c.v. with a modest investment of time. If you are interested, email him at gottlieb@WPI.EDU and he'll let you know what needs reviewing.

b) Steven Shaviro, who presented at our society's 2002 meeting paper on Foucault, Deleuze, and societies of control, has had a book out on the subject for some time now: *Connected, Or, What It Means To Live in the Network Society* (University of Minnesota Press, 2003)

If you have announcements, send them to information@sspp.us for the next newsletter.

Thank you for being a participating member of the space of engagement we are trying to shape together.

Executive Board (2005-2006)

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