

SSPP NEWSLETTER 2006/1 (MAY)

This NEWSLETTER covers the following:

- 1) 1) Information and update on our publication schemes.
- 2) 2) Information and update on our upcoming panels in 2006 meetings
- 3) 3) Request to pay membership dues for 2006/2007, and/or donations or contributions.
- 4) 4) Invitation for nominations of members to positions on the 2007-2008 Executive Board positions (nominations should be received by July 12, 2006, for elections to be held at our 2006 business meeting at SPEP).
- 5) 5) Call for proposed items for the agenda of our 2006 business meeting(s).
- 6) 6) Members' Corner and Other Announcements.

1) PUBLICATIONS:

A- SSPP member edited book series entitled "Out Sources: Philosophy, Culture, Politics"

CALL FOR BOOK PROPOSALS
Out Sources: Philosophy, Culture, Politics
Edited by: Steven DeCaroli and Jason Read

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Out Sources, a new book series published by Lexington Book (an imprint of Rowman & Littlefield) that is dedicated to publishing texts that demonstrate an awareness of global context of philosophical debate, is seeking manuscript proposals.

It is the founding belief of Out Sources that the 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 rather views the intersection between philosophy and other disciplines as an encounter in which both the object and the mode of inquiry are transformed.

Submission should include the following:

1. Complete contact and institutional affiliation information.
2. A book abstract of no less than five pages.
3. A time table for the completion of the project.
4. A sample chapter (if available).

All proposals should be sent electronically to both sdecaroli@goucher.edu and jason.read@maine.edu.

B- SSPP publication of selected papers in “guest issues” of *International Studies in Philosophy* (37.2 and 38.2)

SSPP has had featured articles by its membership in two guest issues of ISP, and expects to continue this relationship with the journal in the foreseeable future. We are very happy with the collaboration thus far, which allows us to submit members’ articles, which we have blind-reviewed either for conference presentation or as publication submissions to the editors of the journal. The precise nature of the relationship with the journal, editorial control by the society, and the contribution required of members for its support remains under negotiation and requires your input. This will be put to vote in October’s business meeting. Those not present can vote by email. Below are the tables of content for the two ISP issues.

We are excited to present these essays that represent the first few years of the life of the Society for Social and Political Philosophy: Historical, Continental, and Feminist Perspectives (SSPP). We are deeply grateful both to the provocative interventions of our members and the support of *International Studies in Philosophy* for the appearance of this collection. We hope that this is only the beginning of an exciting collaborative relationship with our membership, this journal, and its readership.

These two issues of ISP aims both to introduce the work of our society and to invite the readers to challenge, provoke, and join us in a dialogue about social and political philosophy today. Clearly, contemporary political life demands that we think creatively and collectively about the exigencies of our times. As legal and economic structures continue to change rapidly, rendering various institutions nearly obsolete, so political philosophy must strive to invent new ways of thinking and acting in the world. We especially value this space for dialogue with an international body of scholars. *International Studies in Philosophy* has long enabled thinkers to go beyond the boundaries of traditional philosophy, even as we often engage with traditional, canonical texts. We hope this begins a long conversation with those associated with the journal, ISP readers, and anyone endeavoring to enrich, expand, and trouble social and political thought.

ISSUE 37.2 TOC (PUBLISHED)

Can Alain Badiou’s Notion of Time Account for Political Events? (Antonio Calcagno), 1-14
Capital sive Natura: Spinoza and the Immanence of Empire (Gordon Hull), 15-36
Neocolonialism, Language, and Culture in the Mexican Transition (Graciela Lechuga-Solis), 37-56
The Evental Site of Resistance: Badiou as Supplement to Foucault (David Pekarow), 57-80
The Promise of Monsters: Terrorism, Monstrosity, and Biopolitics (Amit S. Rai), 81-94
The Present as Pre-History: Adorno and Balibar on the Transformation of Labor (Jason Read), 95-112
Feeling Justice: The Reorientation of Possessive Desire in Spinoza (Hasana Sharp), 113-130

Border-Populations: Boundary, Memory, and Moral Conscience (Falguni Ashwin Sheth), 131-158
Territories of Knowledge: The Deterritorialization and Reterritorialization of the Social Sciences
(Mark J. Smith), 159-180

ISSUE 38.2 TOC (IN PROCESS)

A Conversation with Noam Chomsky (Alejandro de Acosta and Falguni Sheth)
The Leisure of Walking: Resisting the Busyness of Consumption (Zachary Davis)
Relocating the Non-Place: Reading Negri With/Against Haraway (Margret Grebowicz)
Control and Expose: The Work of Neoliberalism (Trent H. Hamann)
Transitional Truth and Historical Justice: Philosophical Foundation and Implications of the TRC (Leigh M. Johnson)
The Global Duty to Care and the Politics of Peace (Sarah Clark Miller)
Race and the Politics of Citizenship: The Conflict over Jus Soli and Jus Sanguini (Mickaella L. Perina)
Towards an Ethics of Place: A Philosophical Analysis of Cultural Tourism (Mary C. Rawlinson)
The Case for Comparison Between Nazism and the War Against Terror: A Study in Bio-Politics (Lissa Skitol)
The Dignity of Labor? : A Marxist Challenge to Traditional Marxism (Amy E. Wendling)

We ask all those selected to present on SSPP panels to submit a finalized version of their papers for publication consideration no later than August 15, 2006. We also invite dues-paying members to submit finalized papers that they deem publishable and concordant with the CFP themes of 2006 for publication consideration. All papers and e-mails should be sent in WORD or RTF format to (papers@sspp.us) no later than August 15, 2006, and preferably much earlier. All papers should follow the Chicago Manual of Style format with endnotes (and not footnotes and will be subject to strict blind review).

C- Please suggest CFP themes for 2007 regular meetings (SPEP and APA)

We invite all members to suggest themes for our 2007 Call for Papers. The SSPP publications committee needs to finalize the 2007 themes by September 2006, to be included in our next newsletter and disseminated widely. Please contact one of the co-directors of the committee with your recommendations either through our website (under committees) or by e-mailing Jason Read (jasondavidread@yahoo.com) or Steve DeCaroli (sdecaroli@goucher.edu).

2) PANELS IN 2006:

A- You are cordially invited to attend the *SSPP panel at the 2006 meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) on October 12, 2006, in Philadelphia, PA.* All panels will take place at the conference site in Philadelphia. Information on the SPEP meeting, travel, and accommodations, can be found on the SPEP website (www.spep.org):

Room: TBA

Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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

“Rawls, Foucault, Michael Moore and 50 Cent on the Terms of Democratic Discourse,” Michael Brownstein, Penn State.

“Althusser, Concrete Analysis, Democratic Decision Making,” William S. Lewis, Skidmore College.

“Derrida and the Inventions of Democracy,” Peter Gratton, Chicago State University.

Society Business Meeting: 11:30 – Noon

It is imperative that presenters at our SPEP panel communicate to us a finalized paper by August 15, 2006 for publication consideration but that they summarize their paper and present for 20-minutes, allowing 10-15 minutes of Q/A for each, plus 15 minutes of discussion and further Q/A at the end of the panel

B- You are cordially invited to attend the **two SSPP panels that will be held at the 2006 meeting of the Eastern APA in Washington, DC (hotel name communicated by APA)**. The panels will take place on **December 28 or 29, 2006** and we will communicate times and places in the near future. For further information about travel, accommodations, etc., check the APA's website at www.udel.edu/apa

Religion and Politics I

Moderator: Manuel Chávez-Jiménez, Binghamton University and St. Lawrence University

“Levinas and the State of Palestine,” Jason Caro, U. of Houston, Downtown

“Kierkegaard and Levinas on God and Neighbor,” Aaron Fehir, Purdue U.

“Capitalism and the Forces of Islam,” Fouad Kalouche, Albright College.

Religion and Politics II

Moderator: Fouad Kalouche, Albright College

“Real Subsumption, the ‘faith-based’ self, and Resistance: notes toward a plebeian religio-politics,” Christopher Fox, Newman U.

“Between Passion and Politics: Kierkegaard, Benjamin, and Religious Ethics,” Annika Thiem, University of California, Berkeley

“Patriotic Dreams, Illicit Sex, and Divine Graces: The Intersection of Religion, Politics, and Sexual Normativity in Conservative Christian Discourse on Homosexuality,” Ludger Viefhues-Bailey, Yale University

It is imperative that presenters at our APA panel communicate to us a finalized paper by August 15, 2006 for publication consideration but that they summarize their paper and present for 20-30 minutes (depending on time allotted by APA), allowing 10-15 minutes of Q/A for each. A 15-20 minutes discussion and further Q/A is set aside at the end of the panel.

3) REQUEST TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2006/2007 AND/OR DONATIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SSPP

You can 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.

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.

4) 2007-2008 EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS – 2006 ELECTIONS

We invite members interested and willing to serve the society to nominate themselves as candidates for the 2007-2008 Executive Board positions. Elections will take place at our October meeting at SPEP, but members who cannot attend can still vote (as described in Article III of the constitution). Ballots will be attached to our September newsletter. For further information, please consult our constitution posted on our website.

Executive board members are responsible for running the society. Once elected, they will choose one of them to become the “Secretary-General” of the society. Please read Article III of the constitution (www.sspp.us) that addresses the role of executive officers. While not written into the constitution (voted on in 2001) or the by-laws (voted on in 2004), the E-Board reflects the non-hierarchical and interdisciplinary nature of our society by incorporating graduate students and faculty from different disciplines of the humanities and the social sciences.

You can send your self-nominations to the secretary-general at information@sspp.us and can contact her with any questions or information you may need. An e-mail or letter of intent and willingness to be one of the society’s officers will suffice to put your name on the ballot.

Keep in mind that the creation of the “Publications Committee” and of the “Conferences and Meetings Committee” has reduced the working responsibilities of the E-board members, even though they remain involved in decision-making processes. The society’s by-laws describe the responsibilities of committees that function in consultation with the E-board. Anyone can volunteer to become a member of the society’s committees, thus offering to assist the elected co-directors who run the committees.

5) CALL FOR PROPOSED ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF OUR 2006 BUSINESS MEETING(S)

We are interested in opening up an inclusive, non-hierarchical, and interdisciplinary space for engaging in issues in and around 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.

Overview of some agenda items of the meeting of October 12, 2006.

- - Vote for e-board members
- - Vote for committee co-directors
- - Discussion and vote on the following:
 - a) a) Raising membership dues (by 10 or \$15) to be able to enter into a contractual agreement with ISP for an SSPP annual issue.
 - b) b) Contractual agreement and/or collaborative efforts with ISP
 - - APA Pacific?
 - - Independent SSPP meetings?
 - - Other items.

6) MEMBERS’ CORNER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A- Call for Papers for SSPP Members: Contemporary Continental Philosophy of Law

Continental Philosophy Review invites authors to submit papers considering problems in legal theory and the philosophy of law through any of the diverse perspectives associated with contemporary continental philosophy. We welcome papers on a broad range of topics, from examinations of the general nature of law to analyses of particular legal theories, disputes, or opinions. Selected papers will appear together in a special issue of the journal.

Completed papers should be prepared for blind review and submitted to guest editor Nick Smith at nick.smith@unh.edu by October 1, 2006. Publication decisions will be completed within six weeks of the submission deadline.

B- Call for Papers for SSPP members: Re-thinking Democracy
APA Pacific 2007 panels; San Francisco, CA – Westin (April 3-8, 2007)

Members are invited to submit to papers@sspp.us high-quality finalized papers that directly address the topic of “Re-thinking Democracy” as described in the CFP of the society (for SPEP 2006 panels). These papers could also be submitted for consideration for ISP publication as described above. The deadline for receipt of submissions is August 15, 2006. APA Pacific Panels will be finalized in September 2006, and announced in our newsletter.

Thank you for being a member and contributing to the collective space of engagement!

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