

SSPP NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2007
We are happy to announce...

1) New SSPP EVENT!

Roundtable on Montesquieu's *Spirit of the Laws*
to be held at Skidmore College
Saratoga Springs, New York
on **March 21-23, 2008.**

GO to our website for the Call for Participants (due Oct. 1)

2) 2007 MEETING AT SOCIETY FOR PHENOMENOLOGY AND EXISTENTIAL PHILOSOPHY

November 8-11, 2007

Westin River North Hotel, Chicago Illinois (for more info: www.spep.org)

Panel: The Paradoxes of Race

Time: Thursday, November 8, 9am- 11:15am

Location: Lincoln Park room

Moderator: Fouad Kalouche, Albright College

"Sovereign Violence, Racial Violence," Peter Gratton, San Diego State University

"Whiteness and taste: Paradoxes of Embodiment," Robin James, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

"The Prisonization of Race," Jeffrey Paris, San Francisco State University

BUSINESS MEETING TO FOLLOW 11:30 – 12:15

Email information@sspp.us to put items on the agenda

3) APA EASTERN MEETING IN 2007

December 27-30, 2007

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront & Other Hotels (for more information:

<http://www.apa.udel.edu/apa/divisions/eastern/>)

Panel: Feminist Political Philosophy

Time: Saturday, December 29, 2007, 8:00-11:00 pm

Location: Falkland (Fourth Floor)

Moderator: Annika Thiem, Villanova University

"The Evidence of Experience and the Problem of Subjectivity," Marianne Janack, Hamilton College

"Foucault, Feminism, and Sex Crimes," Chloë Taylor, McGill University

"Public and Private in Feminism and Pragmatism," Colin Koopman, University of California-Santa Cruz

"Thinking of Bhopal: Women's Bodies as Waste-Sites," Jennifer Scuro, College of New Rochelle

Your Issue is coming soon....

4) Table of Contents of *International Studies in Philosophy* SSPP Guest Issue

ISSUE 39.2 TOC (IN PROCESS)

1. Rawls, Foucault, Michael Moore and 50 Cent on the Terms of Democratic Discourse, Michael Brownstein (Pennsylvania State University)
2. Phenomenology of Fetishism: Alienated Production and the Appearance of "Race," Anna Carastathis (McGill University)
3. Two Styles of Anti-Statist Subjectivity, Alejandro de Acosta (Southwestern University)
4. Real Subsumption, the Faith-Based Self, and Resistance: toward a plebian religio-politics, Christopher A. Fox (Newman University)
5. "New Slavery" within the Context of the Contemporary Transformations of Capitalism, Fouad Kalouche (Albright College)
6. Concrete Analysis and Pragmatic Social Theory: (Notes Towards an Althusserian Critical Theory), William S. Lewis (Skidmore College)
7. Between Passion and Politics: Kierkegaard, Benjamin, and Religious Ethics, Annika Thiem (UC Berkeley)
8. Patriotic Dreams, Illicit Sex, and Divine Graces: The Intersection of Religion, Politics, and Sexual Normativity in Conservative Christian Discourse on Homosexuality, Ludger H. Viefhues-Bailey (Yale University)

5) CALL FOR PAPERS 2008

FOR THE SOCIETY'S MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH
SPEP (Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy) in 2008

Marx and the return of Communism

The return to Marx that was more or less announced in mid-1990s by such works as Derrida's *Specters of Marx* was something of an overstatement. Marx had never left academia; concepts such as ideology, alienation, and the analysis of the economy have always been central to study of society and politics. These concepts, part of Marx's critique of political economy functioned primarily as tools for economic and social analysis. This was the Marx of academic business as usual, the Marx that could be applauded by the writers of the *Financial Times* and *The New Yorker*. What did change, however, was a renewed interest in Marx's emancipatory project: that is, communism. This idea, which was thought to be dead and buried with collapse of the Soviet Union, began to resurface in myriad ways and under different names: as the common in the works of Antonio Negri and Paolo Virno; the axiom of equality in the writing of Alain Badiou and Jacques Rancière; Kojin Karatani's transcritical communism; and Enrique Dussel's philosophy of liberaton. These authors rethink something that could be called communism not as a form of the state, but as the ground for rethinking the relations between politics and economics, as well as a critical reexamination of the hegemony of neoliberal thought, which puts the autonomous individual at the basis of politics. While we are not looking for essays that necessarily deal with these authors, we are looking for works that pursue the link between the critique of capitalism in the Marxist tradition and the ideal of revolution. In short, we are looking for works that can connect the critique of the present with the imagination of the future.

FOR THE SOCIETY'S MEETING TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH
The Eastern APA (American Philosophical Association) in 2008

Queerness and Colonialism: Then and Now

The shared history of non-normative sexuality and Western colonialism is both long and complicated. This panel invites paper submissions that explore the intersection of sexual identity and national identity in all its iterations: from the gendering of native peoples to the rise of sex tourism. How, for instance, does gender inform conceptions of race and ethnicity? To what extent does being at home sexually involve being displaced culturally? What effects do foreign occupation and/or tourism have on local sexual norms and practices? How has immigration been associated with sexual deviance? How has economic globalization begun to globalize queer practices?

Both due March 1, 2008
See website for more details.

8) SSPP NOW ON FACEBOOK

Consider joining the SSPP group on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com>). This is a way to get in touch with other social and political philosophers in your region, or those with whom you have overlapping interests. Without the mediation of the executive board, you can propose panels together at regional or other conferences. It would be wonderful to see our members on the main programs, as well as at our official events.

7) MEMBERSHIP DUES AND/OR DONATIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SSPP

Please join or renew your membership on-line: www.sspp.us/membership.html
Our membership dues support the society's activities, including meetings, events, and publications. Our work requires a solid base of members who actively participate in shaping the society and contributing to its well-being—including financially, if they can. We hope to assist and support 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.

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

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