

NEWSLETTER 2008/1 (MAY)

This NEWSLETTER covers the following:

- 1) Information and update on our publication schemes.
- 2) Report on first roundtable event.
- 3) Information and update on our upcoming panels in 2006 meetings
- 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) Request to pay membership dues for 2006/2007, and/or donations or contributions.
- 6) Call for proposed items for the agenda of our 2006 business meeting(s).

1) PUBLICATIONS:

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

FORTHCOMING BOOK

"New Perspectives on Anarchism"
eds. Nathan J. Jun and Shane Wahl

"New Perspectives on Anarchism" is an edited anthology that provides a cross-disciplinary sample of some of the best work in contemporary anarchist studies. It will include approximately twenty essays covering wide range of approaches to anarchism authored by many of the leading theorists writing today.

CALL FOR BOOK PROPOSALS

Out Sources: Philosophy, Culture, Politics
Edited by: Steven DeCaroli and Jason Read

Advisory Board:
Susan Buck-Morss
Enrique Dussel
Elizabeth Grosz
Michael Hardt
Harry Harootunian
Charles Mills

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 heteronomous 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- Update on SSPP publication of selected papers in “guest issues” of *International Studies in Philosophy* (38.2 and 39.2)

We apologize for lengthy production delays, due to various causes, which have set back the SSPP guest issues of the journal (38.2 and 39.2). It has taken two years for 38.2 (Spring 2006) has been printed and is being mailed to SSPP 2007 dues-paying members. Issue 39.2 (Spring 2007) is currently being proofed and will hopefully be published before the end of 2008 and mailed to SSPP 2008 dues-paying members. The editors of ISP worked hard on expediting the production process all the while preserving the outstanding quality of each of their journal issues. Now that ISP has somewhat caught up, with only a one-year delay in production, we are ready to finalize our next issue [probably although not certainly, issue 40.2 (Spring 2008)]. Some of our members who have presented in 2007 have been waiting for a long time to hear about a publication decision on their articles, and we do hope to be able to make these decisions before the end of the summer! We will also consider more recent 2008 accepted papers for this issue, as long as we receive a finalized version of the paper (Chicago Manual of Style format with endnotes, and as Word or rtf attachment) before the end of May. For further information about guest issues of ISP, write to Fouad Kalouche at papers@sssp.us.

Below see the contents of recent and upcoming issues:

Issue 38.2 TOC

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)

Issue 39.2 TOC

Rawls, Foucault, Michael Moore and 50 Cent on the Terms of Democratic Discourse (Michael Brownstein)

Phenomenology of Fetishism: Alienated Production and the Appearance of "Race" (Anna Carastathis)

Two Styles of Anti-Statist Subjectivity (Alejandro de Acosta)

Real Subsumption, the Faith-Based Self, and Resistance: toward a plebian religio-politics (Christopher A. Fox)

“Queer Invisibility in the Transatlantic Reproduction of ‘Race’”, Kristin McCartney, DePaul University
“Robot Rock: On the Race-Gender Politics of Contemporary Hip-Hop and R&B”, Robin James, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
“*La Vida Loca*: Violence, Gender, and Homosociality”, Gabriel Soldatenko, Binghamton University

Session 2: The Politics of the Sacred and the Sensuous: Engaging the “Periphery”
Moderator: William S. Lewis, Skidmore College

“Philosophy Beyond Reason: A Sufi Response to the New World Order”, Monika Brodnicka, Regis University
”How is it Possible to Write Africa Without a Well Known Map? A Social-Political Exigency”, Patrick Dikirr, SUNY Binghamton
”The Politics of the Cosmic Sensuality of Hindu Aesthetic Philosophy”, Rekha Menon, SUNY, Buffalo

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, reproduced below). Ballots will be attached to our September notice. 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. We are reproducing below Article III of the constitution related to 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 aims to reflect 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.

For more information, see Article III of the constitution (www.sspp.us) on executive officers.

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 will 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) REQUEST TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2008 AND/OR DONATIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SSPP

Members at the 2006 business meeting voted to raise our dues by \$10 to support publications and conference events. We have added our roundtable event. The new fees go into effect this year. 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

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.

6) 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. Our aim as a society is not merely personal or professional advancement but the possibility of creating different 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, October 16, 2008.

- [Vote for e-board members](#)

Discussion and vote on the following:

- Collaborative efforts with ISP
- Discussion of future roundtable topics and/ or other SSPP events
- Other

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

Executive Board (2006-2008)

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