

Society for European Philosophy Annual Conference 2026 - Programme

Day One Wednesday 02/09/26					
9.00-9.30	Registration and Welcome				
9.30-11.00	Panel 1A: <i>Philosophies of Technology</i> Room: BS 1.22 Chair: Wahida Khandker	Panel 1B: <i>Freedom, Dissent, and Anastasis</i> Room: BS 1.23 Chair: Jac Lewis	Panel 1C: <i>Philosophy of Science</i> Room: BS 1.24 Chair: Clive Cazeaux	Panel 1D: <i>Deleuze and Guattari</i> Room: BS 1.25 Chair: Robin Durie	
	Edward Thornton: Technology Does Not Exist: On the Reification of Prostheses	Szilágyi-Gál Mihály: ESCAPE, LIBERATION, FREEDOM: A Polemy with Arendt	Anton Sverdlikov: Phenomenological Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Science	Jeffrey A. Bell: Deleuze and State of Nature Arguments	
	Maddalena Cerrato: New Infrastructures of "Extimacy:" the Salvage Accumulation of Existence, and the Reproduction of Order.	Yinuo Sheng: Arendt, Augustine, and the Stranger: Estrangement and the Limits of Natality	Charles Bowen: Towards a perspectival metaphysics? Barad and Rovelli on quantum physics and philosophy	Robert P. Jackson: 'Molecular' transformations: Gramsci and Deleuze and Guattari	
	Gregory Morgan Swer: Fromm, Fatigue, and the Technological Death Drive	Joanna Hodge: Three Well-worn Phrases and the Perils of Translation: Anastasis and Adoration: Reading Jean-Luc Nancy	George Webster: Merleau-Ponty and the Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics: From Phenomenology to Quantum Reconstruction	Henry Somers-Hall: The Face of Christ and the State: Deleuze and Guattari on Kant's Transcendental Ideal	
11.00-11.30	Coffee break				

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11.30-13.00	Panel 2A: <i>Sexualities and Critique</i> Room: BS 1.22 Chair: Francesca M. Villani.	Panel 2B: <i>Contemporary French Thought</i> Room: BS 1.23 Chair: Maddalena Cerrato	Panel 2C: <i>Adorno and Aesthetics</i> Room: BS 1.24 Chair: Alex Riedel	Panel 2D: <i>Deleuze, Hume, Nietzsche</i> Room: BS 1.25 Chair: Wahida Khandker	Panel 2E: <i>Gillian Rose and the City</i> Room: BS 3.16 Chair: Sophie Bäärnhielm Pousette
	Nicolas Terrie: Are Heterosexual Men Real?	Daniela Blanco: Michel Foucault, a Critical Theorist? An Interpretation Based on Judith Butler	Shifan Zhou: Yielding to the Object: Self-Mimesis and the Subject-Object Relation in Adorno's Aesthetic Theory	Nathan Widder: Nihilism, Overcoming, and the Repetition Phenomenon	Robert Lucas Scott: Architecture of perdition?: Gillian Rose and the 'city' of Auschwitz
	Elif Gezgin: Tracing Heteronormativity within Romaphobia: Race, Gender and Moral Belonging in Turkey	Nisa Durdu: Jacques Rancière's Aesthetic Heterotopia	Parisa Rafiei: Reframing the Aesthetic "We": Adorno's Aesthetic Theory in Dialogue with Postcolonial Thought	Robin Durie "A rare, precocious philosopher": Deleuze's Encounters with Hume at the Beginning of the 1950s	Michael Lazarus: City Boundary and Political Right: Gillian Rose and Hannah Arendt
	Christian Klesse: Marriage Critique, Non-monogamy, and Solidarity the Work of Alexandra Kollontai and Simone de Beauvoir	Sky Holmes: Cannibal Disjunction: Anthropological Philosophy and the Ontological Turn	Dilara Altun: Against Relatability: Adorno, Mann, and the Case for Aesthetic Coldness in Participatory Culture		Lucy Benjamin: Just Memorials or the Just Memorial
13.00-14.30	Lunch				
14.30-16.00	Panel 3A: <i>Simone Weil</i> Room: BS 1.22 Chair: Christopher (Tiff) Thomas	Panel 3B: <i>Variations of the Political 1</i> Room: BS 1.23 Chair: Stella Sandford	Panel 3C: <i>Themes in Phenomenology 1</i> Room: BS 1.24 Chair: Clive Cazeaux	Panel 3D: <i>Environment 1</i> Room: BS 1.25 Chair: Wahida Khandker	Panel 3E: <i>Feminist Perspectives</i> Room: BS 3.16 Chair: Andrea Rehberg
	Beatriz Nunes: Eros, Light and Energy: Metaxy in Simone Weil	Andris Hiršs: Thinking under Ideology: A Case Study of Philosophical Practice in Latvia under Soviet Rule	Matthieu Moullec: On the Process of Givenness in Phenomenology	Andrea Rehberg: The weave we need	Dr Sotiria Ismini Gounari: Becoming-minor in feminist philosophy: the significance of the zero point of intensity

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	Deborah Casewell: Escaping Human Bondage? Understanding Simone Weil's Philosophy of Emotions	Carlos Caravaca Casado: Bruno Latour's social philosophy as a renewal of critical theory	Tina Röck: Traces of Emptiness in 20th century Western thought – A Dialogue between Phenomenology, Process ontology and Buddhism	Tom Greaves: Ephemeral Events and Rewilding the Lifeworld	Marie Loslier: Adorno, Beauvoir, and the Critique of the Woman-Nature Identification
	Malwina A. Tkacz: The Priority of Obligation: Simone Weil's Critique of Rights-Based Justice	Peter Hallward: Suspect Motives: On the ongoing criminalisation of intent	Alain Tschudin: Being in relation, how? And why it matters	Joost Wijffels: Estranged by Exchange Value: An Account of Structural Ecological Alienation under Capitalism	Margherita Simonetti: Cavarero and Das on voice: when do we speak and when do we protect our voice?
16.00-16.30	Coffee break				
16.30- 18.00*	Keynote: Dr Rowan Williams - 'Jozef Tischner: the anthropology of drama and the ethics of fidelity.' Venue: Business School G.27 Chair: Christopher Thomas				
End day 1					

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Day Two Thursday 03/09/26						
9.00-9.30	Registration					
9.30-11.00	Panel 1A: <i>Dramatizing Distanz: Radio and Modern German Philosophy</i> Room: BS 1.22 Chair:	Panel 1B: <i>Jacques Derrida</i> Room: BS 1.23 Chair: Henry Somers-Hall	Panel 1C: <i>Themes in Phenomenology 2</i> Room: BS 1.24 Chair: Timothy Secret	Panel 1D: <i>Postcolonial and Decolonial Philosophies</i> Room: BS 1.25 Chair: Stella Sandford	Panel 1E: Frankfurt School Critical Theory in Transition Room: BS 3.16 Chair: Marie Loslier	Panel 1F: <i>Time and the Care of the Self</i> Room: BS 3.17 Chair: Kynthia Plagianou
	Clive Cazeaux, Dominic Smith Panel and double book launch: <i>Dramatizing Distanz: Radio and Modern German Philosophy</i> (90 minutes).	Alex Riedel: The Violence of Non-Literature: Reading Blanchot and Derrida	Clarissa Muller-Kosmarov: Distorted Horizons: Othering as Perceptual-Hermeneutic Failure	Simon van Ramshorst: Belonging in the Borderlands: Decolonizing Political Community	Philipp Wagenhals: From Justification to Judgement: Transitioning Frankfurt School Normativity	Roberta De Rosa: Paper title: Healing the Fractured Self: Care and Existential Rehabilitation in Maximus the Confessor and Rudolf Bultmann.
		Halit Evrim Bayındır: Derrida and Deleuze on the Failure to Think: From Genital Thought to the Royal Faculty	Fridolin Neumann: What is idle talk? Heidegger, untruth, and ontological disguise	Dr Lilith Lee: Comparative or Inter-Imperial Philosophy?: Lessons from Philosophising between King and Qing in fin-de-siècle British Malay (requested 2 nd or 3 rd Sept)	Yik Long (Gary) Leung: Somatic Impulses: Adorno, the Expressive Body, and the Experiential Grounds of Transitional Critical Theory	Martin Bonney: Slow Making: Craft, Repetition, and the Ethics of Time

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		Danielle Sands: Faultlines in Deconstruction: Abstraction, Inscription and the Lure of Quasi-Transcendentals	Tim Kjeldsen: 'Practical knowledge and the flesh'		Stefan Rohrhirsch: "Ecology is not a Metaphor. Towards a Critical Theory of Ecology" (now part of panel with Wagenhals, Yik Long (Gary) Leung	
11.00-11.30	Coffee break					
11.30-13.00	Panel 2A: <i>A Hörkino (listening cinema)</i> Room: BS G.34 Chair: Clive Cazeaux	Panel 2B: <i>Feminist Philosophy</i> Room: BS 1.23 Chair: Hannah Wallenfels	Panel 2C: <i>Philosophy, Information, and AI</i> Room: BS 1.24 Chair: James Kelly	Panel 2D: <i>Women in 20th Century French Philosophy</i> Room: BS 1.25 Chair: Christopher (Tiff) Thomas	Panel 2E: <i>Philosophy of Biology</i> Room: BS 3.16 Chair: Wahida Khandker	
	Sarah Woods A listening session devoted to playwright Sarah Woods' dramatization of Marx's <i>Das Kapital</i> , followed by a Q&A with the playwright (90 minutes)	Miri Rozmarin: What about the context? feminist critique and lived experience in times of war	Barbara Nunez de Caceres: Filling the Gap: A Transcendental Argument against the Possibility of an AI-based Consciousness	Tobias Pöhl: Simone Weil & Joë Bousquet: An impossible Friendship	Shaan Lepaul-Picolet: Blind Agencies and Living Wholes: Plant Life and the Epistemic Conditions of Biological Individuality	
		Nina Sophie Weiss: Toward a Feminist Critique of Touch: Rethinking Critique Beyond Ocularcentrism	Ashley Woodward: Information Aesthetics and AI Art	Luisina Bolla: The Second Sex and beyond: the problem of the body in French Materialist Feminism	Máté Práth: The Genesis of Living Forms: The question of form in Raymond Ruyer's biological philosophy and Brian Goodwin's biological theory	

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		Anupam Yadav: Politics of Difference and Dissent in Feminist Discourse	Hazem Ziada: The Uncanny Spatial Experience after AI		Timothy Secret: Schopenhauer's Dodo	
13.00-14.30	Lunch					
13.15-14.15	SEP Executive Annual General Meeting Room: BS 3.16					
14.30-16.00	Panel 3A: Nietzsche 2 Room: BS 1.22 Chair: Andrea Rehberg	Panel 3B: Hegel Room: BS 1.23 Chair: Jac Lewis	Panel 3C: Environment 2 Room: BS 1.24 Chair: James Kelly	Panel 3D: The Aesthetics of Philosophy: Responding to the Crisis of Form Room: BS 1.25 Chair: Clive Cazeaux	Panel 3E: Performance, Commodity and the Abstraction of Things Room: BS 3.16 Chair: Stella Sandford	
	Rebecca Bamford: Nietzsche and endurance	Xinyi Wang: Negativity In Motion: Spatial and Temporal Structures of Consciousness in Hegel's Phenomenology	Supriya Kaur Dhaliwal, Kate Pahl, Johan Siebers: Talking to Trees: the social poetics of tree/child relations (requested 3 rd Sept)	Errol Boon: The Theorization of Aesthetics and the Aestheticization of Theory: Adorno's Philosophy of the Non-Identical	Billie Cashmore: The Play of Death: Between Sylvia Wynter and Fred Moten on Performing Capitalist Value	
	Anna Titov: Nietzsche as Eco-Phenomenologist	Lilja Walliser: "Love" and "Service" in the Early Hegel	Nathalia Bell: Psycho-Ecology: Appropriation Through Pollution with Michel Serres and Byung-Chul Han	Aldo Kempen: Philosophy as Intervention: Althusser and a Critique of the Aesthetics of Philosophical Life	Tiger Liu: Seller and Sold in One? –on the Prostitute as Dialectical Image	

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	Anna Dadaian: From Philosophy to Psychology: Jung's Reformulation of Kant, Schopenhauer, and Nietzsche	Juyong Kim: Hegel's Intersubjective Logic: Hegel and the Possibility of a New Social Ontology	Petr Vaškovíc: Not Feeling at Home in Nature: How Technology Reshapes Embodied and Affective Engagement with the Natural World	Christoph Haffter: The Aesthetics of Contemporary Aesthetics: Lopes, Catherine, Osborne, Kornbluh	Aleksei Ziniuk: High Capitalism and Historical Communism: Between Theatrical Performativity and Cinematic Thing-ification	
16.00-16.30	Coffee break					
16.30-18.00*	Keynote: Professor Judith Butler - "'A Small Nonsensical Hope': Arendt's Kafka' Venue: Business School G.27 Chair: Stella Sandford					
End day 2						
19.00-21.45	Conference dinner					

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Day Three Friday 04/09/26						
9.00-9.30	Morning coffee					
9.30-11.00	Panel 1A: <i>Feminist Philosophy 2</i> Room: BS 1.22 Chair: Christopher (Tiff) Thomas	Panel 1B: <i>Spinoza, Kant, Hegel</i> Room: BS 1.23 Chair:	Panel 1C: <i>Variations of the Political 2</i> Room: BS 1.24 Chair:	Panel 1D: <i>On the Sonic and the Visual</i> Room: BS 1.25 Chair: Clive Cazeaux	Panel 1E: <i>20th Century French Philosophy</i> Room: BS 3.16 Chair: Sotiria Ismini Gounari	Panel 1F <i>Psychoanalytic reflections</i> Room: BS 3.17 Chair:
	Gregory James Wood: Nihilism: "It's not for Girls"?	Anna Beria: Modality, Method, and the Absolute in Spinoza, Hegel, and Marx	Christos Kalpakidis: The An-archic Promise: Political Theology Beyond Sovereignty and Biopolitics	Francesca Maria Villani: Listening and existence: Music as Relational Ontology in Jean-Luc Nancy	Junzhe Zhou: The Limits of Community: Georges Bataille on Communication beyond Jean-Luc Nancy	Kit Barton "Must we be fools for love? Golob's Theory of Stupidity Applied to Psychoanalytic Understandings of Romance"
	Kayleigh Timmer: Art, Aura, and Perpetuating the Myth of the Eternal Feminine	Dave Z. Lee: Confucian Perfectionism and Mou Zongsan's Critique of Kant	Gus Hewlett: 'Frédéric Lordon's political anthropology in question'	Ghada Habib: 'Pieces and parts: montage, history and time in the audio-visual essays of John Akomfrah.'	Florence Keyu FANG: From Elemental Materiality to Ultramateriality: Levinas and the Alterity of Matter	Maryam Patel Love as a Limit Experience: A Psychoanalytic Critique of Shared Identity and Rational Commitment

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	Arianna Adade: The Spiritual Strivings of a Sista: Du Boisian Double Consciousness and the Social Self- Conceptions of the Black Woman	Christopher Jones: Lost in translation: race relations from Buffon to Kant	Andréa Delestrade: Eurocentrism as an ontology (requested 3 rd or 4 th Sept)	Iain Campbell: 'Disorganized by electrical means': John Cage, information, and ecology	Carla Schriever: Radical Alterity and Ethical Responsibility: Levinas and Butler on the Other	Jac Lewis: A Bruising Ideology: From Afflicted Imagination to False Consciousness
11.00-11.30	Coffee break					
11.30-13.00	Panel 2A: Adorno 2 Room: BS 1.22 Chair:	Panel 2B: Disability and Capital: Ontologies of Embodiment, Subjection & Resistance Room: BS 1.23 Chair: Stella Sandford	Panel 2C: Environment and Temporality 3 Room: BS 1.24 Chair: Tom Greaves	Panel 2D: On Illness and Care II Room: BS 1.25 Chair: Wahida Khandker	Panel 2E: Humanism as Resistance in Wartime and Post- War French Thought Room: BS 3.16 Chair: Jac Lewis	Panel 2F: Language and Authorship Room: BS 3.17 Chair: Fridolin Neumann
	Chris Fisher: Constellations: On Adorno's 'Method'	Luke Beesley: Capital Hates Disability	Marilyn Stendera: Phenomenological perspectives on deep time and the temporality of ecological affects	Clara Günther: Provision or Care? A conceptual distinction	Eve Judah	James Kelly: The information engine: language and communication in Michel Serres' Hermes
	Luke Edmeads: Suffering Framed: Adorno's Somatic Addendum Reconsidered	Tom Campbell Disablement as Capital's Unfolding	Kynthia-Anastasia Plagianou: What does ecology demand of metaphysics? Ecological conceptions of systematicity and agency in Deleuze and Guattari	Alessandro Carrara: Philosophies of Care: Between Multiple Visions	Elena Zambon	Moritz Gansen Hannah Wallenfels "Already Quite a Crowd." Can Auto- Theory Be Collective?

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	Nicholas Brignell: Acres of Skin: Davis, Adorno and the Universal Context of Fungibility	Zoe Sutherland Reproducing Disability	Andreas Vrahimis: Susan Stebbing on French Voluntarism	Joff P. N. Bradley: On the symptomatology of hikikomori	Cameron Etherton	Sophie Bäärnhielm Pousette: 'Translation' as Social Critique, or, the Mother- Tongue speaking up against the Vaterland
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14.15-15.45	Keynote: Dr Lea Cantor & Dr Josh Platzky Miller Venue: Business School G.27 Chair: Wahida Khandker					
15.45-16.00	Closing Address: SEP Organisers / SEP Co-Chairs					