The 10th Annual Meeting of

The Comparative & Continental Philosophy Circle



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May 14–17, 2015

University of Iceland, Reykjavik

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**Thursday 6PM, May 14 (Oddi 101)**

*Opening*

**Jason M. Wirth**, Seattle University

**Michael Schwartz**, Georgia Regents University

*Welcome*

**Jón Atli Benediktsson**, Incoming Rector

University of Iceland

*Presidential Address*

“This is What I heard, And Even Some More”

**David Jones**, Kennesaw State University

*Plenary Session I - Keynote Presentation*

*Introductory Remarks:*David Jones

*Presentation:*

“Stories East, Stories West: Philosophy and Narrative in Hegel and Schelling”

**David Farrell Krell,** DePaul University (Emeritus)

Followed by RECEPTION

**Friday 8:30-10AM, May 15**

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| *Oddi 106* | *Oddi 203* | *Oddi 206* | *Oddi 205* |
| Irigarayan Myths or Indian Imaginaries / **Sokthan Yeng**, Adelphi University | Kalām and the Nature of the Buddha: Reading Buddhist Texts through Classical Islamic Rational Theology / **Warner A. Belanger III**, Georgia College & State University | On Bhaskarean and Laskean Dialetics (In Memory of Roy Bhaskar, 1944-2014) / **Michael Schwartz**, Georgia Regents University | Excess: the Nurture of the Mouth / **Georgios Tsagdis**, CRMEP, Kingston, Alumnus |
| Homeric Epic Versus Icelandic Saga: On the Complex Use of Narrative and Fate in the Virtue Ethics Tradition / **Louis A. Ruprecht Jr**., Georgia State University | Raimon Panikkar on Buddhism / Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University | Hegel's Self-completing Skepticism / **Miles Hentrup**, Stony Brook University / Florida Gulf Coast University | Becoming the Cause of Your Character: Ethical Self-Cultivation in Aristotle and Tibetan Buddhism / **Jessica Locke**, Emory University |

**Friday 10:15-11:15**

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*Plenary Session II*

*Introductory Remarks*: Jason M. Wirth

*Presentation:*

“Hymns to Nature: Cao Jun and the Renewal of Chinese Landscape Painting”

**John Sallis**, Boston College

**Friday 11:30-1**

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| *Oddi 106 Comparative Philosophical Reflections on Bhutan (panel)* | *Oddi 203* | *Oddi 206* | *Oddi 205* |
| Bhutan and Earth Democracy / **Jason M. Wirth**, Seattle University | Whistling in the Dark: Humanitarianism and the Crisis of Contemporary Moral Agency, / **Mladjo Ivanovic**, Michigan State University | Climate Change as Existential Threat: Watsuji, Greimas, and the Nature of Opposites / **Steve Bein**, Texas State University | Towards an Ethics of Historicity: Honneth, Kojeve and Levinas / **Terrence Holden**, EHESS, Paris |
| Transfiguring Evil: A Comparative Look at Bhutanese and Korean Mask Dances / **Brian Schroeder**, Rochester Institute of Technology | Thinking the New Faces of Suffering: Living In Spite of All / **Jeta Mulaj**, DePaul University | Revealed Nature: A Heideggerian Critique of Modern Environmentalism / **Clinton Carl**, Loyola Marymount University | Time, and the Historicity of Human Existence in Nishitani’s Religion and Nothingness / **Sarah Flavel**, Bath Spa University |
| G(h)oing the Middle Way: Pursuing the End of Happiness Among Other Bhutanese Dilemmas / **Bret W. Davis**, Loyola University Maryland |

LUNCH 1-2:30

**Friday 2:30-4**

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| *Oddi 106 Anarchism in Iceland (panel)* | *Oddi 203* | *Oddi 206* | *Oddi 205* |
| Homer in Iceland: Gathering the People / **Thomas Thorp**, Saint Xavier University | The Indispensable and the Inadequate: Latin American Philosophy and European Thought / **Stephanie Rivera Berruz**, William Paterson University | Still and Empty: Proprioception, Reflexivity, and the Dynamics of Embodiment, **Bradley D. Park /** St. Mary’s College of Maryland | Does Nature have a Future? / **Sean J. McGrath**, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland |
| Ontological Material: Places, Things, and the Withdrawal of the Origin / **Brian Seitz**, Babson College | Philosophy as Critique: Thoughts on Using South Asian Theories of “Defect” (Doṣa / Kleśa) as a Basis for a Decolonial Philosophy / **Amy Donahue**, Kennesaw State University | Waking, Dreaming, Awakening: Reflections on Evan Thompson’s “Quantum Phenomenology” and “Contemplative Neuroscience” / **David E. Storey**, Boston College | Historical Nature: Thoughts on the Evolution of Climate and Culture in the Era of the Anthropocene / **Lucy C. Schultz**, Midwestern State University |
| Anarchist Contradictions and Emma Goldman’s Resolution / **Ginger Costello**, University of Illinois, Chicago |

**Friday 4:15-5:45**

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| *Oddi 106* | *Oddi 203* | *Oddi 206* | *Oddi 205* |
| Metaphysics, Comparative Philosophy, and the Problem of “Deep Critique” / **Franklin Perkins**, DePaul University | Fifteen Centuries Apart: Zhuangzi and Dōgen’s Poetic and Philosophical Deliberations /  **Jennifer Luo**, University of Washington | *Ji* (Interrelationship) as a Speculative Word: Thinking from Hegel and through Wang Chuanshan and Heidegger / **Liu Liangjian**, East China Normal University | Prospects for a Tantric Practice of Platonic Love / **Noelle Lopez**, Harvard University, and **Paul Gerstmayr**, University of Oxford |
| Beyond the Capitalocene: Species Being and Learning From *Ubuntu* / **Tama Weisman**, Dominican University | Philosophic Shame Revisited / **Brendan Moran**, University of Calgary | The Moral Basis of Technology: Heidegger, Postphenomenology, and Watsuji / **Yu Inutsuka**, The University of Tokyo | Nembutsu and the Purity of Practice / **Laeticia Söderman**, University of Helsinki |

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 6:00pm

**Saturday 8:30-10, May 16**

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| *Oddi 106* | *Oddi 203* | *Oddi 206* | *Oddi 205* |
| Anti-Confucian Revolution: Mao, Badiou and Milner, and the Cultural Revolution in China / **Bill Martin**, DePaul University | The Verge of Continuity: On Nietzsche’s Hyperborean Lucidity and Daoist Strategic Philosophy, **Daniel Coyle /** Birmingham-Southern College | Gathering Divinities: Questioning Gravel and Rocks in Japan / **Mark Bourne**, University of Washington | Oshii, Cronenberg, and the Machine at the Bottom of Your Gut / **Apple Igrek**, Oklahoma State University |
| The Moral Metaphors that Structure Confucian Families and Chinese Governments, **Joshua Mason /** Kennesaw State University | The Abode of Pele: A Reflection from the Edge of a Volcano—On the Chorology in Plato's *Timaeus* and Nietzsche's Sense of “Living Dangerously” / **Timothy Freeman**, University of Hawaii at Hilo | Philosophical Anthropo-poiesis: Towards a Global Understanding of Becoming Human / **Andrew K. Whitehead**, Kennesaw State University |

**Saturday 10:15-11:45**

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| *Oddi 106* | *Oddi 203* | *Oddi 206* | *Oddi 205* |
| Heidegger and Nishida on the Nothing / **John W.M. Krummel**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges | Heidegger’s Socratic Railings Against the Tradition of the Academy / **Kevin Miles**, Earlham College | The Vulnerability of the Relational Self: Beauvoir, Nishida, and an Investigation of Intimate Partner Violence / **Elizabeth McManaman Grosz**, McDaniel College | Vitality: Carnal, Seraphic Bodies / **Brian Treanor**, Loyola Marymount University |
| How to do philosophy (after Nishida)? / **Ralf Müller,** Research Fellow (Hildesheim) | Heidegger’s ‘Thinking’ and Emerson’s Poetic and Intuitive Thought: Relating Two Profound Approaches / **William Konchak**, University of Iceland | Watsuji on the Place of the Self: Continuity, Transcendence, and Ethical Life / **David W. Johnson,** Boston College | Individual, Kata and Arts: Semiotic Considerations on Cultural Identity / **Ramūnas Motiekaitis**, Vilnius University /Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre |

LUNCH 11:45-1:00

**Saturday 1-2:30**

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| *Oddi 106* | *Oddi 203* | *Oddi 206* | *Oddi 205* |
| A Phenomenological Approach to Comparison: Husserl’s “Time Consciousness: in Poems by Wáng Wéi, Paul Celan and Santōka Taneda / **Yi Chen**, University of Toronto | Lacan on *das Ding* and the Gratuitousness of Desire / **Khafiz Kerimov**, DePaul University | “The life of the other … is also our life”: Friendship and Radical Alterity in Judith Butler’s Ethics” / **Carolyn Culbertson**, Florida Gulf Coast University | The Time of Karmic Transmission: Aspects of Dógen and Yogácára / **Patricia Huntington**, Arizona State University |
| A Study in Comparative Artistic Concealment: Korean Bojagi Art and the Sculpture of Judith Scott, **Bernard Freydberg**, Duquesne University | \*Splitting the Subject; Carnap, Heidegger, and the *Tractatus* / **Deidre Nelms**, Amherst College | What is a Form-of-Life?, **Steven DeCaroli**, Goucher College |

**Saturday 2:45-4:30**

Oddi 101

*Plenary Sessions III and IV*

*Introductory Remarks:* Michael Schwartz

*Presentation:*

“Earth Art: Meaning, Diagram, Atmosphere”

**Gary Shapiro**, University of Richmond (Emeritus)

*Presentation*:

“Climate Change and China: Ways towards Lives Worth Living”

**Graham Parkes**, University College Cork – National University of Ireland, Cork

**Saturday 4:45-6:15**

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| *Oddi 106* | *Oddi 203* | *Oddi 206* |
| Between the One and the Many: Tracking Identity and Difference through Poststructuralism, Phenomenology and Quantum Physics – and Beyond / **Björn Thorsteinsson**, University of Iceland | Hasidism and Zen: Buber and Ueda on Sanctifying Daily Life / **Raquel Bouso**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain) | Conquering Hell: Aligning Christian Theology to the “Wisdom of the East,” / **Joseph Lawrence**, Holy Cross |
| Art and Identity Theory in Adorno / **Lorraine Markotic**, University of Calgary | The *Via Negativa* in Nietzsche and the Ismāʿīlīs: Unsaying God and Nature / **Peter S. Groff**, Bucknell University | Correlating Continental Atheism / **Russell Re Manning**, Bath Spa University |

EVENING:

Gathering in Stúdentakjallarinn University Bar

Featuring:

**David Farrell Krell** reading:

“Timorous, Tumescent, and Toothless: The True Story of Tithonos, Prince of Troy”

**Sunday May 17**

Optional Tour of Iceland