The Political Philosophy
of Michel Foucault and Gilles Deleuze

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The “Deleuze and Foucault’s Political Philosophy” conference brings together philosophers and scholars for a two-day conference examining the political philosophies of Gilles Deleuze (1925-1995) and Michel Foucault (1926-1984), two of the most important and influential French philosophers of the twentieth-century.

The conference is taking place through the generous support of a “Global Synergy Grant” from the College of Liberal Arts at Purdue University. By fostering innovation and excellence in international and global research in the College of Liberal Arts, the Global Synergy Grants seek to enhance Purdue’s national and international reputation of research in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

The Global Synergy Grant is supporting an on-going project to transcribe the lectures that Gilles Deleuze gave at his seminar at the University of Paris 8, St. Denis, recordings of which have been archived in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris. The project started in 2012 with the transcription of Deleuze’s 1985-86 seminars on Michel Foucault, which are now available at the La Voix de Deleuze website at Paris 8 (http://www2.univ-paris8.fr/deleuze/).

The current grant is supporting the transcription of Deleuze’s 1979-80 seminar entitled “Appareils d’Etat et Machines de Guerre” (Apparatuses of State and War Machines). We are happy to mark the online publication of these lectures by Deleuze on both Michel Foucault and the war machine by hosting this conference on the relation between the political philosophies of Deleuze and Foucault.

The conference is also part of a broader three-year joint project between the University of Paris 10, Nanterre, and Purdue University, made possible through the support of a grant from the Partner University Fund (http://www.facecouncil.org/puf/), and contributions from both Purdue and the University of Paris, Nanterre. Established in 2007, the PUF is a collaboration between the French government and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support academic partnerships between French and American institutions of higher education at the graduate and post-doctoral levels.

Sessions will be held on the Purdue University West Lafayette campus in the Yue-Kong Pao Hall of Visual and Performing Arts, Room 1197.

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Conference Program

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Friday November 13th

9:30am – 10:00am  Continental Breakfast (provided)
9:50am – 10:00am  Opening Remarks, Daniel Smith

Session I
Moderator: Thomas Nail
10:00am – 10:50am  Kevin Thompson, “The Last Word on Power: Foucault and Deleuze on Resistance”
11:40am – 12:10pm  Morning Coffee Break

Session II
Moderator: Claire Colebrook
12:10pm – 1:00pm  Todd May, “From Subjectified to Subject: Power and the Possibility of a Democratic Politics”

1:00pm – 2:30pm  Lunch (provided)

Session III
Moderator: Keith Harris
2:30pm – 3:20pm  Marcelo Hoffman, “Enquêtes in Foucault’s Theory and Practice”
3:20pm – 4:10pm  Marco Altamirano, Title TBA
4:10pm-4:45pm  Afternoon Coffee Break

Session IV
Moderator: Andreas Sophocleous
4:45pm – 5:35pm  Justin Litaker, “The Coils of Social Agency: Exposing the Power in Capital with Deleuze and Foucault”
5:40pm – 6:30pm  Jason Read, “Beyond Enslavement and Subjection”
Saturday November 14th

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9:30am – 10:00am  Continental Breakfast (provided)

Session V
Moderator: Kevin Thompson
10:00am – 10:50am  Stephen Zepke, “My Whole Structure of Perception is in the Process of Exploding: Deleuze and the Sublime”
10:50am – 11:40am  Thomas Nail, “The Politics of Movement”
11:40am – 12:10pm  Morning Coffee Break

Session VI
Moderator: Mary Beth Mader
12:10pm – 1:00pm  Claire Colebrook, “What is an Outside?”
1:00pm – 2:30pm  Lunch (provided)

Session VII
Moderator: Paul Hammond
2:30pm – 3:20pm  Nicolae Morar, “Foucault and Deleuze: Notes on War”
3:20pm – 4:10pm  Fredrika Spindler, “Subject and Subjectifications: Four Movements in Deleuze”
4:10pm – 4:45pm  Afternoon Coffee Break

Session VIII
Moderator: Todd May
4:45pm – 5:35pm  Daniel Smith, “Against Social Evolution: Deleuze’s 1979-1980 Seminar on the State”
5:40pm – 6:30pm  Mary Beth Mader, “Political Number: Quantification and Multiplicity in Foucault and Deleuze”
7:30pm – 11:00pm  Dinner/Reception at Dan Smith’s House (all are welcome)