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the lectures that Gilles Deleuze gave at his seminar at the University of Paris 8, St. Denis, recordings of which have been archived in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris.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 part of a 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

8:45am – 9:30am    Continental Breakfast (provided)
9:20am – 9:30am    Opening Remarks, Daniel Smith

Session I
Moderator:
9:30am – 10:20am    Kevin Thompson, “Power’s Final Word: Foucault and Deleuze on Resistance”

11:10am – 11:40am    Morning Coffee Break

Session II
Moderator:
11:40am – 12:30pm    Leonard Lawlor, “The Dualism of Truth and Freedom: The Origin of Foucault’s Neo-Kantianism in the Introduction to Kant’s Anthropology and its end in Foucault Final Lecture Courses, with a Speculation about Deleuze”

12:30pm – 2:10pm    Lunch (provided)

Session III
2:10pm – 3:00pm    Stephen Zepke, “My Whole Structure of Perception is in the Process of Exploding”: Deleuze and the Sublime”
3:00pm – 3:50pm    Daniel Smith, “The Visible and the Sayable: Deleuze’s 1985-86 Seminars on Foucault”

3:50pm – 4:20pm    Afternoon Coffee Break

Session IV
Moderator:
4:20pm – 5:10pm    Justin Litaker, “Banking Power and Agency: Taking Account of Ourselves”
5:10pm – 6:00pm    Jason Read, “Beyond Enslavement and Subjection”

7:00pm - 10:00 pm    Dinner at Bistro 501 Restaurant
Saturday November 14th

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

Session V
Moderator:
9:30am – 10:20am  Todd May, “From Subjectified to Subject: Power and the Possibility of a Democratic Politics”
10:20am – 11:10am  Thomas Nail, “The Politics of Movement”
11:10am – 11:40am  Morning Coffee Break

Session VI
Moderator:
11:40am – 12:30pm  Claire Colebrook, “What is an Outside?”
12:30pm – 2:10pm  Lunch (provided)

Session VII
Moderator: Marcello Hoffman
2:10pm – 3:00pm  Nicolae Morar
3:00pm – 3:50pm  Fredrika Spindler
3:50pm – 4:20pm  Afternoon Coffee Break

Session VIII
Moderator:
4:20pm – 5:10pm  Dan Selcer
5:10pm – 6:00pm  Mary Beth Mader
7:00pm – 11:00pm  Dinner/Reception at Dan Smith’s House