

## MERLEAU-PONTY CIRCLE

24th Annual International Conference

July 29 - August 1, 1999

Conference Director: Prof. James Morley

University of Wales, United Kingdom

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### Day 1 Thursday July 29

8:00 Registration, coffee and cakes

8:30 Introductory remarks and announcements

#### **Session: Aesthetic themes I**

9:00

#### **The touchable and the untouchable: Merleau-Ponty and Bernard Berenson**

A. Pinotti

University of Milan

9:40

#### **The language of love in Merleau-Ponty's philosophy**

Anna Petronella Fredlund

University of Stockholm/University of Paris XII

10:20

#### **Staying embodied: Merleau-Ponty, intergrated being and the creation of new structures**

Jorella AndrewsM

Goldsmiths College, University of London

11:00-11:15 Break

#### **Session: Aesthetic themes II**

11:15

#### **The conception of poetry in the work of Merleau-Ponty**

Elke De Rijke

University of Antwerp, Belgium

11:40

#### **The gravity and (in)visibility of flesh: Merleau-Ponty, Nancy, Derrida**

Veronique M Foti

Pennsylvania State University

12:20 - 2:00 Lunch

#### **Session: Philosophical Foundations**

2:00

#### **Merleau-Ponty and the circulation of being**

Thomas W Busch

Villanova University

2:40

#### **Rays of the world: Merleau-Ponty and the problem of universals**

Lawrence Hass  
Muhlenberg College

3:20 - 3:45 Break

**Session: Phenomenology and Social Science**

3:45

**Human agency and the social sciences: from contextual phenomenology to geneology**

Tony O'Connor

President of the British Society for Phenomenology  
University College Cork

4:25

**Some questions regarding Merleau-Ponty's *'phenomenologie du vivant'***

Alfons Grieder

City University, London

5:05

**Reversibilities of the flesh: towards a new geneology of morals**

William Hamrick

S. Indiana University

5:45 - 7:00 Reception

7:00-8:00

**Invited speaker: Psychology from a Merleau-Pontian Perspective**

Amedeo Giorgi

Saybrook Institute, San Francisco

8:30 Dinner

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**Day 2**  
**Friday, July 30**

8:00 Coffee and cakes, Registration, Announcements

**Session: Habits**

9:00

**Emotion, blind recognition and the habit body: a Merleau-Pontian rethinking of James and Sartre on emotions**

Kym Maclaren

Penn State University

9:40

**Can an Old Dog Learn New Tricks: Habitual Horizons in Merleau-Ponty, Deleuze, and Bourdieu**

Gail Weiss

George Washington University  
Washington USA

10:20 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 11:30

**Special Session: Merleau-Ponty and Gurwitsch on Phenomenological Psychology**

**a. Gurwitsch's theory of psychology**

Lester Embree  
Florida Atlantic University

**b. The post-phenomenological horizon**

Ted Toadvine  
Emporia State University, Kansas

11:30 - 11:35 Break

11:45-12:45

**Invited speaker: Pathology and Normativity in the Psychology of Sexlove: A Search for Grounds in the Lived Body**

Martin Dillon  
Binghamton University, New York

12:45- 2:00 Lunch

**Session: Psychopathology 2:00**

**Merleau-Ponty and French speaking psychopathology during and after the Second World War**

German E. Berrios  
Department of Psychiatry  
Cambridge University

2:40

**Schneider's wound: Merleau-Ponty's case study of Cartesian man**

Alec Marsh  
Muhlenberg College

3:20

**Delusional mood and delusional perception in light of Merleau-Ponty and Husserl**

Thomas Fuchs  
Klinikum der Universität Heidelberg

4:00 - 4:15 Break

**Session: Merleau-Ponty and Natural Science Psychology**

4:15

**Can a machine be a substitute for the body?: Merleau-Ponty on Cybernetics**

Dr Tetsuya Kono  
Japan National Defense Academy

4:50

**Life is a winding road: neurobiology and Merleau-Ponty's phenomenology of consciousness**

Nancy J Holland  
Hamline University

5:30-5:45 Break

5:45-6:45

**Special session: Gestures in a deafferented subject**

Shaun Gallagher, Canisius College, Buffalo NY  
Jonathan Cole, University of Southampton, UK  
David McNeil, University of Chicago,

6:45- 11:00pm Dinner boat cruise on the River Dee, Chester

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**Day 3**  
**Saturday July 31**

8:00 Coffee and cakes, Registration, Announcements

**Session: Affectivity and Embodiment**

9:00

**An engaged participation in nature: Merleau-Ponty's embodied ontology**

Marc Van den Bossche

Vrije Universiteit Brussels

9:40

**Understanding meaning in the vital order**

Carol Powley

University of Colorado at Boulder

10:20-10:30 Break

**Session II**

**Instincts and meaning**

O. J. Keeping

York University, Toronto

11:15

**Healing perception: Merleau-Ponty's radical phenomenology and the philosophical underpinning of Gestalt Psychotherapy**

Des Kennedy

Wirral Gestalt Therapy, W. Kirby, UK

12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 3:00

**Invited Speaker: Merleau-Ponty, physis, and psychological healing**

Petruska Clarkson

Physis Institute, London

3:00- 3:15 Break

**Session: Intersubjectivity and Developmental Psychology**

3:15

**Intersubjectivity: the child's relations with others**

Nicola Diamond

Regents College School of Psychotherapy and Counselling, London

3:55

**Ambiguous boundaries in our relations with others: mapping together Merleau-Ponty's two accounts of intersubjectivity**

Clair Elise Katz

Washington College, Maryland

3:55 - 4:15 Break

**Session: Phenomenology and Ecological Psychology: Merleau-Ponty and Gibson**

4:15

**A paradigm convergence of philosophy and psychology: Maurice Merleau-Ponty and James Gibson**

Forrest Williams  
University of Colorado at Boulder

4:55

**From stimuli to affordances: towards an ecological phenomenology**

Joseph Ulric Neisser  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

5:35 - 7:00 Reception

7:00

**Invited Speaker: The Inner and the Outer: The Primacy of Use in Merleau-Ponty and Wittgenstein**

John Heaton  
Philadelphia Association, London

8:30 Dinner

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**Day 4**  
**Sunday, August 1**

8:00 Coffee and cakes, Registration, Announcements

9:00 am

**Session: Phenomenology and Psychoanalysis I**

**Flesh and the body - has Merleau-Ponty misinterpreted the mirror stage?**

Beata Strawarska  
Brussels

9:40

**The inner and outer worlds: situationality in Merleau-Ponty and Freud**

Talia Welsh  
State University of New York at Stony Brook

10:20-10:30 Break

**Session: Phenomenology and Psychoanalysis II**

10:30

**Communication breakdown: understanding the other and caring for others**

Duane Davis  
University of North Carolina, Asheville

11:10

**The psychoanalysis of nature and the nature of expression**

Jenny Slatman  
Faculteit der Geesteswetenschappen  
Amsterdam

11:50-2:00

**Lunch and the 1999 Business Meeting of the Merleau-Ponty Circle**

**Session: Phenomenological themes**

2:00

**Intentionality and immediate perspectives**

Kurt Dauer Keller  
Aalborg University, Denmark

2:40

**Merleau-Ponty: between psyche/soma, psychoanalysis/biopsychology -- oneiric materialism**

Glen Mazis

Penn State University, Harrisburg

3:20-3:30 Break

**Session: Merleau-Ponty and Science**

3:30

**Embodiment and identity: philosophy and science in Merleau-Ponty's later work**

Bruce Young

University of Wolverhampton, UK

4:10

**Cognitive Science meets Merleau-Ponty; an ethological framework for a non-Cartesian cognitive science**

Ronald Lemmen

4:50-5:00 Break

**Intersubjectivity, and Ethical Sense**

5:00

**Intercorporality, gestural communication and alterity: toward a phenomenological ethology**

Scott D Churchill

University of Dallas

5:40

**Re-enfleshing through colour: Merleau-Ponty, Irigaray and the ethics of sexual difference**

Helen Fielding

Talbot College, University of Western Ontario

6:20 Reception

7:00 Valedictory Banquet