MERLEAU-PONTY CIRCLE
13th Annual International Conference
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Conference Director: Thomas W. Busch
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SESSION I:
A: THE PLACE OF REASON
Moderator: Anthony Godziebs, Catholic University of America
Veronique Foti, Pennsylvania State University
"Re-thinking the Rationalists: Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz in Merleau-Ponty's Later Thought"
Ernest Sherman, Pace University
"Merleau-Ponty's Topos-Logos"

B: FREUD/LACAN
Moderator: Carol W. Anthony, Villanova University
P. Christopher Westra, McMaster University
"Merleau-Ponty's Freudian Turn"
Stephen Michelman, SUNY Stony Brook
"Narcissism and the Fate of the Other: The Early Constitution of the Psyche in Lacan and Merleau-Ponty"

SESSION II:
A: AESTHETICS
Moderator: Barbara E. Wall, O.P., Villanova University
Phillips Young, Pennsylvania State University
"Embodiment and Kinaesthetic Power: Merleau-Ponty and the Aesthetics of Dance"
Galen Johnson, University of Rhode Island
"The Absence of Picasso: Merleau-Ponty and Malraux"

B: LANGUAGE/WRITING
Moderator: Kathleen Wright, Haverford College
Hugh Silverman, SUNY Stony Brook
"The Text of the Speaking Subject: From Merleau-Ponty to Kristeva"

Michael Smith, Barry College
"Merleau-Ponty as Writer"

SESSION III

A: SPACE
Moderator: TBA
Edward Casey, SUNY Stony Brook
"On the Sensation of the Voluminous"
David Pettigrew, SUNY Stony Brook
"Space as Problematic in Merleau-Ponty and Heidegger"

B: REVERSIBILITY
Moderator: Dennis O'Connor, Concordia University
Glen A. Mazis, Wesleyan University
"Merleau-Ponty and the 'Backward Flow' of time: The Temporality of Reversibility and the Reversibility of Temporality"
Duane Davis, Pennsylvania State University
"Reversible Subjectivity: The Problem of Transcendence and Language"

SESSION IV:
Moderator: Stephen Watson, University of Notre Dame
Speaker: Jacques Taminiaux, Boston College

SESSION V

A: MERLEAU-PONTY IN DIALOGUE I
Moderator: Joseph Betz, Villanova University
Kazashi Nobuo, Yale University
"On the Notions of 'Flesh' and 'Pure Experience': Merleau-Ponty and James on Perception and Conception"
Catherine W. Kaha, University of Illinois
"Wittgenstein, Merleau-Ponty, and the Poetic Gastalt"
Patrick L. Bourgeois, Loyola University
"Merleau-Ponty, Scientific Method, and pragmatism"

B: KNOWLEDGE
Moderator: Hugh Lacey, Swarthmore College
Tony O'Connor, University College (Cork)
"Intentionality, Ontology, and Empirical Thought"
John Compton, Vanderbilt University
"Merleau-Ponty's Thesis of the Primacy of Perception and the Meaning of Scientific Objectivity"
Jeffrey Turner, Bucknell
"Empirical Skepticism and Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception"

SESSION VI
A: MERLEAU-PONTY IN DIALOGUE II
Moderator: Alreen Dallery, LaSalle University
Shaun Gallagher, Canisius College
"Language and Imperfect Consensus: Merleau-Ponty's Contribution to the Habermas-Gadamer Debate"
Frederic Bender, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
"The Phenomenology of Perception as a Text of Hegelian Marxism"

B: MERLEAU-PONTY AND DERRIDA
Moderator: Robert Dostal, Bryn Mawr College
Martin Dillon, SUNY Binghamton
"Temporality: Merleau-Ponty and Derrida"
Mark Yount, St. Joseph University
"Two Reversibilities: Merleau-Ponty and Derrida"

SESSION VII
A: MERLEAU-PONTY IN DIALOGUE III
Moderator: John A. Doody, Villanova University
Dorothea Olkowski-Laetz, College of Charleston
"Merleau-Ponty and Bergson: The Character of the Phenomenal Field"
Patrick Burke, Seattle University

"Merleau-Ponty and the new Biology: The Importance of Raymond Ruyer"

B: PERCEPTION/TRANCENDENCE
Moderator: Charles Dyke, Temple University
Gary Madson, McMaster University

"Does Merleau-Ponty Have a Philosophy of Perception"
Wayne Froman, George Mason University

"Ciphers of Transcendence"

SESSION VIII
Moderator: John Caputo, Villanova University
Joseph Margolis, Temple University

"Overcoming Philosophical Strabism and Philosophical Diplopia"

SESSION IX
A: BODY/POLITICS
Moderator: John Cavalho, Villanova University
Panos Alexakos, Pennsylvania State University

"Homo Faber"
Algis Mickunas, Ohio University

"Merleau-Ponty: Discourse of the Anonymous Body"
George Free, York University

"On the Politics of Expression"

B: THEMES FROM PHENOMENOLOGY OF PERCEPTION
Moderator: Terrence Wright, Bryn Mawr College
Clifford Hancock, Ohio University

"Getting a Grip on Depth"
Gail Weiss, Yale University

"Context and Perspective"

James Buchanan, University of Akron

"Merleau-Ponty's Shoemaker"