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 Andrews
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
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

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 Universitat 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
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  
0 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  
Ambigious 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, Ashville

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