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Graduate Student Conference

October 9th and 10th in the Humanities Gateway Room 1010

Thursday 10/9

Breakfast and Opening Remarks: 9:30

Panel 1 (10:00-11:30): Life Cycles

Moderator: John Smith

Jack Murphy (Duquesne) - "The Beginning of Life in the Phenomenology of Spirit"

Andrew Fleshman (UCLA)- "Desiring the Sensible: Hegel and the Genetic Basis of Self-Consciousness"

Andrew Shoffner (NSSR)- "The Inversion of Life: Hegel and Fanon"

30 Minute Break

Panel 2 (12:00-1:30): Mysteries and Discontinuities

Moderator: Rei Terada

Caroline Oliver (UCI)- "The Paradox of Blinding Light: 'Luminous Essence' and Representational Thought"

Egor Sofronov (UCI)- "The Mystery in Speculation"

Thayer Anderson (Princeton)- "More Transition Problems in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit"

Lunch: 1:30-2:30

Friday 10/10

Breakfast and Opening Remarks: 10:30

Panel 3 (11-12:45): Conceptual Histories Actualized

Moderator: Annie McClanahan

Qinyi Luo (UCR)- “Reading Hegel’s Phenomenology as Conceptual History”

Jonathan Mackris (UCB)- “History and Human Action”

Jonah Henkle (UCI)- “Homology, Isomorphism, Actuality: Negotiating Dialectics between Hegel and Marx”

Ajay Chakraborty (UMN)- “Systematic Dialectics and the Negative Dialectical Conception of History”

Lunch 12:45- 1:45

Panel 4 (1:45-3:30) Ethics of Reconciliation

Moderator: Eyal Amiran

Rishi R. Gune (UCI)- “Mapping Hegel’s ‘Ethical Life’: From Individual to Polity via Self-Consciousness”

Matthew Smith (UCSC)- “Determinate Negation, Epistemic Discipline, and Ideology: Some Prospects of Analytic Hegelianism for Political Theory Discipline, Ideology, and Recognition”

Juliana Cesar (Emory)- “Reconciliation as mutual vulnerability: Recognition and reconciliation in the Phenomenology of Spirit”

Jacob Reimer (UCI)- “Les Enfants Terribles: Freud, Hegel, and the Ethics of the Death-Driven Child”

30 Minute Break

Keynote by Andreja Novakovic Experiences of Lordship and Bondage”: 4:00

Closing Remarks: 5:00