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DRAFT PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

NEW FORMS OF REALISM IN PHILOSOPHY

June 26th – July 3rd 2015 in Ohrid, Macedonia

- *Non-standard philosophy: François Laruelle (3 days)* with Ben Woodard as guest lecturer

Non-standard philosophy is another term for the method of non-philosophy introduced and developed into a school of thinking by François Laruelle. It is a method of operation with the philosophical "transcendental material" qua material, in other words, as unorganized chōra of conceptual material which is used in accordance with the dictate of the real rather than the inherent rule of a (philosophical) doctrine. It enables a creation of a scientific language and procedure of thought which issues from the material of the object of study or "submits to its dictate" insofar as dictate of the real. Namely, in spite of its being essentially linguistic material, philosophy stipulates a reality, shapes "a world" producing, therefore, effects of the real. One of the central themes of philosophy is that of the real. Moreover, its status in philosophy provides the determination in the last instance of philosophy as a generic term: the amphibology of thought and the rely whereby the former postulates and substitutes the latter. Around the theme of the real and its treatment in non-philosophy or non-philosophy, a new topic has emerged as its latest phase: the link of non-philosophy and quantum theory, and the appropriation of some of the central terms of the latter by the former. The topic of quantum theory and its position in the latest phase of Laruelle's non-standard philosophy will be central in this sub-course lead by the founder of non-philosophy (and non-standard philosophy, François Laruelle).

1st day

Master Class 10:00-12:00h

Topic: Introduction to a non-standard philosophy -
François Laruelle

Coffee break 12:00-12:15h

Close reading and discussion of proposed literature 12:15-13:30h

Lunch 13:30-15:00h

Workshop (Study groups) – Moderator, student-researcher 15:00-17.30

Dinner 20:00-21:30h

2nd day

Master Class 10:00-12:00h

Topic: Genealogy of the (contemporary) artistic work as a
superposition of of philosophy and quantum theory.
Quantum modelization: the principle of minimal mimesis -
François Laruelle

Coffee break 12:00-12:15h

Close reading and discussion of proposed literature 12:15-13:30h

Lunch 13:30-15:00h

Workshop (Study groups) – Moderator, student-researcher 15:00-17.30

Dinner 20:00-21:30h

Readings:

3^d day

Master Class 10:00-12:00h

Topic: Realism and Maximal Naturalism between Embodiment
and Navigation - Ben Woodard

Coffee break 12:00-12:15h

Close reading and discussion of proposed literature	12:15-13:30h
Lunch	13:30-15:00h
Workshop (Study groups) – Moderator, student-researcher	15:00-17.30
Dinner	20:00-21:30h

- Exploration of possibilities for realist readings in contemporary feminist philosophy in line with non-standard philosophy and the writings of Marx: Katarina Kolozova (1 day)

In spite of the fundamental differences between thinkers such as Butler, Braidotti, Irigaray and Haraway, the tendency to place them under one rubric, which is an inherent part of the academic habitus, has been disciplining the possibilities of reading their work with the explanatory frame of "poststructuralism" and/or "postmodernism." A philosophically non-standard and reading of their opuses will enable us to reclaim the relevance of categories traditionally rendered "unthinkable" by postmodern feminist philosophies, such as "the real," "the one," "the limit," and "finality," thus critically repositioning poststructuralist feminist philosophy and gender/queer studies. A non-philosophical reading of poststructuralist philosophy engenders new forms of universalisms for global debate and action. It also liberates theory from ideological paralysis, recasting the real as an immediately experienced human condition determined by gender, race, and social and economic circumstance.

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- Magic Realism and Socialist Realism: Arts and Persuasion: Prof. Dr. Svetlana Slapšak (2 days)

The course examines historical poetics of realism in world and Balkan literatures, visual and performing arts. Realism is viewed and debated through its relations with politics and social movements in a series of deconstructive, non-standard procedures of reflection; realism is put through rhetorical machine of persuasion in order to detect and describe layers of discourse, *myths* (in barthesian sense) and grammatical strategies; magic and socialist realism are analyzed both in their formative and subversive relations with the ideological/sacred *letter*.

Main strands of courses and debates: Reality vs. Realism, Mimesis vs. Democracy, Breaking the Mirror, Steam on the Mirror: Gender and Realism, Magic, Folklore, Laography, Ethnography: House of Mirrors.

1st day

Master Class 10:00-12:00h

Topic: Magic Realism and Socialist Realism: Part I

Coffee break 12:00-12:15h

Close reading and discussion of proposed literature 12:15-13:30h

Lunch 13:30-15:00h

Workshop (Study groups) – Moderator, student-researcher 15:00-17.30

Dinner 20:00-21:30h

2nd day

Master Class 10:00-12:00h

Topic: Magic Realism and Socialist Realism: Part II

Coffee break 12:00-12:15h

Close reading and discussion of proposed literature 12:15-13:30h

Lunch 13:30-15:00h

Workshop (Study groups) – Moderator, student-researcher 15:00-17.30

Dinner 20:00-21:30h

- *Non-standard epistemologies : Anne Françoise Schmid (1 day)*

Non-standard philosophy poses questions of procedure (of thought) aiming to formulate rigorous theoretical posture and formulate a language for a scientific approach vis-a-vis the conceptual material of philosophy. The goal is to operate with it but outside the frame of the self-sufficient universe of thought while still thinking not just of philosophy but also with the transcendental material provided by it. Such goal is directly linked with the field of epistemology. Anne Françoise Schmid is the leading figure in the area of non-standard epistemology. The sub-course will be focused on the latest trends in NS philosophy, and will run by Anne Françoise Schmid.

Master Class 10:00-12:00h

Topic: Presentation of generic epistemology - Anne-Françoise Schmid

Coffee break 12:00-12:15h

Close reading and discussion of proposed literature 12:15-13:30h

Lunch 13:30-15:00h

Genealogy and nonstandard evaluation of scientific objects

- Anne-Francoise Schmid 15:00-17.30

Dinner 20:00-21:30h

Readings

One out of the 8 days is off. The Summer School Organizing committee will offer a program of extra-curricula informal activities (movie screenings, exhibitions by students, etc), and excursion with sight-seeing and/or visits to concerts, theater plays and similar.