Reification and the Force of Names: Heidegger and Adorno

Weekend Retreat
Dec 3-Dec 5, 2010
The Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center
Lake Higgins, Roscommon

Program
Friday, Dec 3

Topic: Reification in Adorno and Heidegger

12pm
Arrival
Check in and organize rooms

1pm-2:30pm
Catch-up session: Reification in Heidegger
Texts: Heidegger, The Question Concerning Technology, pp. 320-328
Heidegger, The Thing; Heidegger, Building, Dwelling, Thinking, pp. 353-363; Heidegger, What are Poets for?, pp. 108-128

2:30-2:45pm
Break

2:45-5:45pm
Session 2: Reification in Adorno
Text: Adorno, Negative Dialectics, pp.183-203; Adorno, Dialectic of Enlightenment, pp. 1-34 (Concept of Enlightenment)
Presenter: Ivanovic
5:45-7:30pm  Dinner

7:30pm    Evening session 1: Reification in Adorno's Social Theory
Text seminar: Todd Hedrick (Michigan State University)
Texts: Adorno, Reflections on Class Society; Adorno, Society

9pm       Symposium

Saturday, Dec 4

Topic: Language in Heidegger

9am       Breakfast

10am-12pm Session 3: Language in Heidegger
Texts: Heidegger, Language
Presenter: Schoonover

12pm-2:30pm Break
Lunch and, perhaps, hiking “on a country path”

2:30pm-4pm Session 4: Language and Names in Heidegger
Texts: Heidegger, The Word; Heidegger, What is called Thinking?, part II, lecture II (pp.126-132)

4pm-4:15pm Break

4:15pm-5:45pm Session 5: Language and the Political in Heidegger
Presenter: Johnson

5:45pm-7:30pm Dinner

7:30pm    Evening session 2: Language in the early Heidegger
Text seminar: David Vessey (Grand Valley State University)
Text: Heidegger, The History of the Concept of Time, pp. 261-272

9pm       Symposium

Sunday, Dec 5

Topic: Language in Adorno

9am       Breakfast

10-12pm   Session 6: Language in Adorno
Adorno, Negative Dialectics, pp. 52-61; 108-117, 161-163, 373-376; Adorno, Dialectic of Enlightenment, excursus on Odysseus (role of language and names); Adorno, Theses On the Language of the Philosopher

12-12:20pm Wrap up: Returning Home
Heidegger, The Countrypath, Adorno, Armorbach (not available in English)

12:20pm   Departure

Special guests: Todd Hedrick (Michigan State University), David Vessey (Grand Valley State University), Corinne Painter (Washtenaw Community College)