

Philosophy Department, Michigan State University
Graduate Seminar Lotz

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

Texts: Heidegger, *Hölderlin and the Essence of Poetry*; Heidegger, *The Ister*, §§14-15

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)