



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**INTERSUBJECTIVITY,
RECOGNITION,
OTHERNESS**

RETHINKING SOCIALITY

**FIRST
WORKSHOP**

**IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT
AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

NOVEMBER 17 / 18, 2006

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TOPIC

During the last two decades, the question of “the other” and “otherness” has been intensively discussed in philosophy, sociology, psychoanalysis and Jewish studies. In this connection, three ways of looking at this field have turned out to be especially fruitful: [1] the concept of recognition (rooted in Hegel), [2] the concept of “the other” (rooted in Husserl and Buber), both of which have also been addressed by feminist social philosophy and have led to a paradigm shift in psychoanalysis and in childhood psychology and [3] the anthropological and pragmatic concept of action (rooted in Mead). In addition, the problem of whether our basic social relations are to be understood as symmetrical, asymmetrical, or as a combination of both have led to alternative concepts of justice and the socio-political framework. This *First Workshop in Social and Political Thought at Michigan State University* will discuss new directions of understanding what is probably one of the most fundamental concepts of human life and its social organization.

SPEAKERS and COMMENTATORS

Bettina Bergo (University of Montreal); author of *Levinas between Ethics and Politics*

Marilyn Frye (Michigan State University); author of *The Politics of Reality. Essays in Feminist Theory, Willful Virgin: Essays in Feminism*

David Ingram (Loyola University, Chicago, Visiting Professor at MSU); author of *Habermas and the Dialectic of Reason, Critical Theory and Philosophy, Group Rights: Reconciling Equality and Difference*

Hans Joas (University of Chicago/Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt); author of *The Creativity of Action, G.H. Mead: A Contemporary Re-Examination of his Thought, The Genesis of Values, War and Modernity*

Richard Peterson (Michigan State University); author of *Democratic Philosophy and the Politics of Knowledge*

Robert R. Williams (University of Illinois, Chicago); author of *Hegel's Ethics of Recognition, Recognition: Fichte and Hegel on the Other*

SCHEDULE

Friday, November 17

- 1:00-1:15 Opening Remarks, Richard Peterson (MSU); Christian Lotz (MSU)
- 1:15-2:15 Robert R. Williams (University of Illinois, Chicago) *Recognition and Friendship: Hegel and Aristotle*
- 2:20-2:40 Comments: Richard Peterson (MSU)
- 2:40-3:00 Coffee Break
- 3:00-4:00 Discussion
- 4:00-4:15 Coffee Break
- 4:15-5:15 Hans Joas (University of Chicago, Max-Weber Kolleg Erfurt): *Trauma and Human Dignity*
- 5:20-5:40 Comments: David Ingram (Loyola University Chicago)
- 5:40-6:00 Coffee break
- 6:00-7:00 Discussion

Saturday, November 18

- 9:30-10:30 Bettina Bergo (University of Montreal) *Levinas's Project: An Interpretative Phenomenology of Sensibility and Intersubjectivity*
- 10:40-11:00 Comments: Marilyn Frye (MSU)
- 11:00-11:20 Coffee Break
- 11:20-12:20 Discussion
- 12:20-1:00 Roundtable
- 1:00 Departure

LOCATION

All sessions will be held in **South Kedzie Hall 104** (seminar room Political Science); coffee, etc. will be served in the philosophy department, South Kedzie Hall 530 (see maps below).

LODGING

Speakers:

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
Michigan State University

55 South Harrison Road
East Lansing, MI 48824-1022
Phone: (517) 432-4000
Reservation Line: (800) 875-5090
Webpage: <http://www.kelloggcenter.com/>

**Rooms for additional participants are reserved at
East Lansing Marriott® at University Place**

300 M.A.C. Avenue
East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (see map)
Phone: 1-517-337-4440
Fax: 1-517-337-5001
Sales: 1-517-337-4440
Webpage: <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/LANEA>
Workshop-rate: \$119

Both hotels are in walking distance to campus.

Other hotels close to campus:

Residence Inn by Marriott

1600 East Grand River Avenue
East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (see map)
Phone: 1-517-332-7711

Quality Inn University

3121 E Grand River Ave
Lansing, MI 48912
Phone: 1-800-664-6835
(Rates \$77 and up)

Towneplace Suites East Lansing

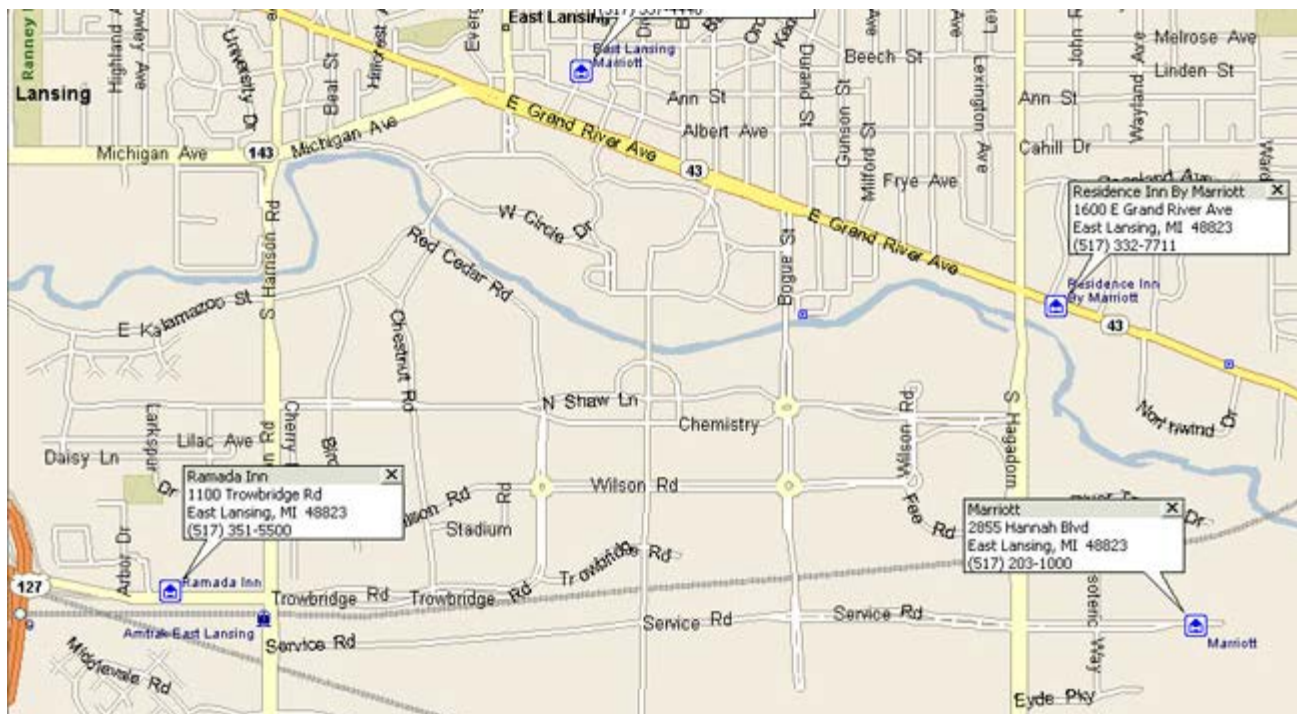
2855 Hannah Blvd
East Lansing, MI 48823 (see map)
Phone: 1-800-754-6835
(Rates \$89 and up)

Howard Johnson East Lansing

1100 Trowbridge Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823 (see map)
(Rates \$69 and up)

Fairfield Inn By Marriott East Lansing

2335 Woodlake Dr
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: 1-800-754-6835
(Rates \$80 and up)



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A Super-8-motel is located close to campus, but the rooms are almost unacceptable.

If you travel by car, check out <http://www.hotels.com> (include Lansing in your search)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Traverse City or Points North via I-75

Proceed south on I-75 to US-127 near Grayling. Proceed south on US-127 to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Detroit or Points East via I-96

Proceed west on I-96 to northbound US-127; follow US-127 north to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Grand Rapids or Points West via I-96

Proceed east on I-96 to eastbound I-69. Proceed east on I-69 to southbound US-127. Take US-127 south to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Flint or Points East via I-69

Proceed southwest on I-69 to southbound US-127. Take US-127 south to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit.

From Jackson or Points South via US-127

Proceed north on US-127 to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

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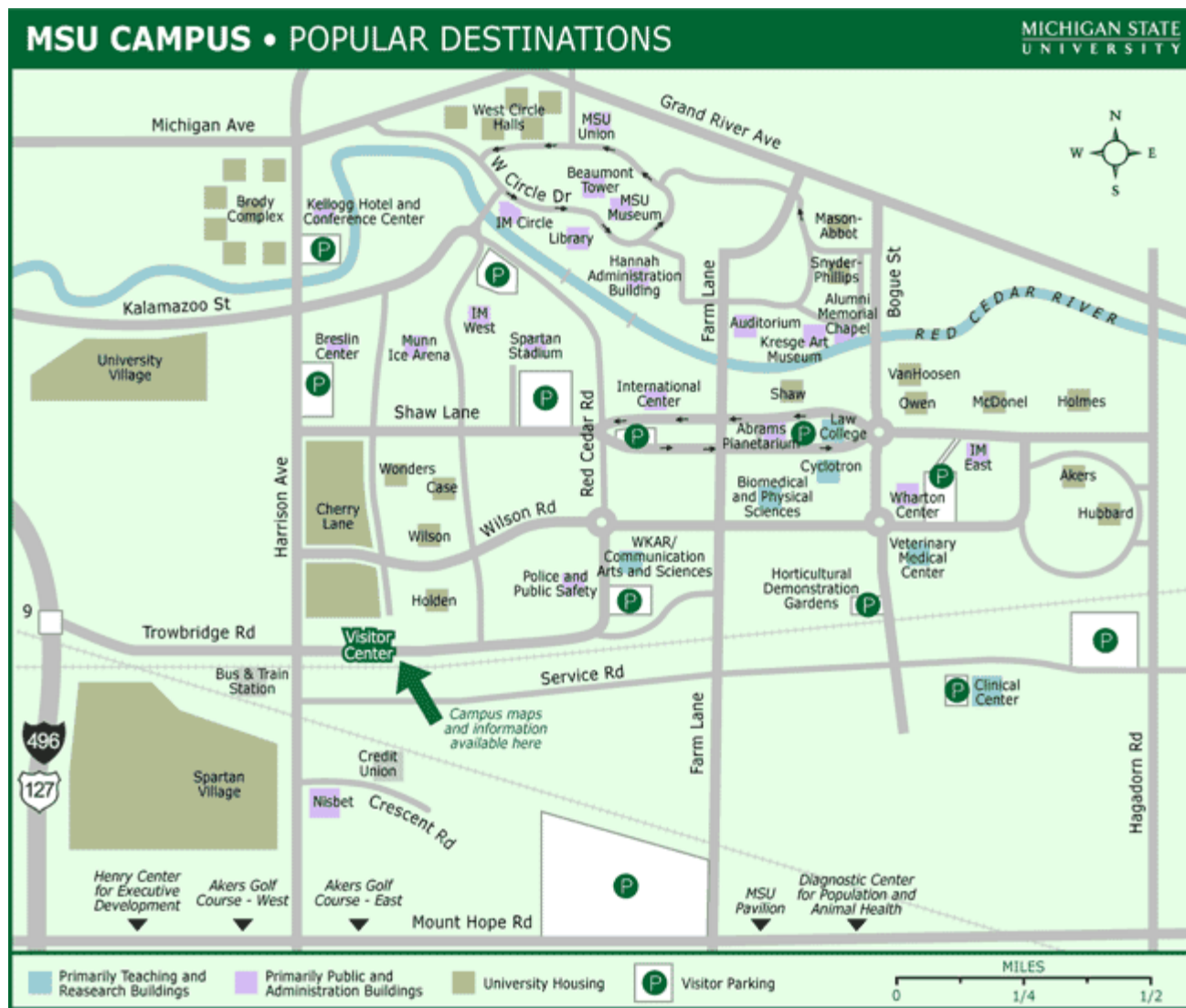
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[East Lansing](#) and [Jackson](#) have AMTRAK-stations.

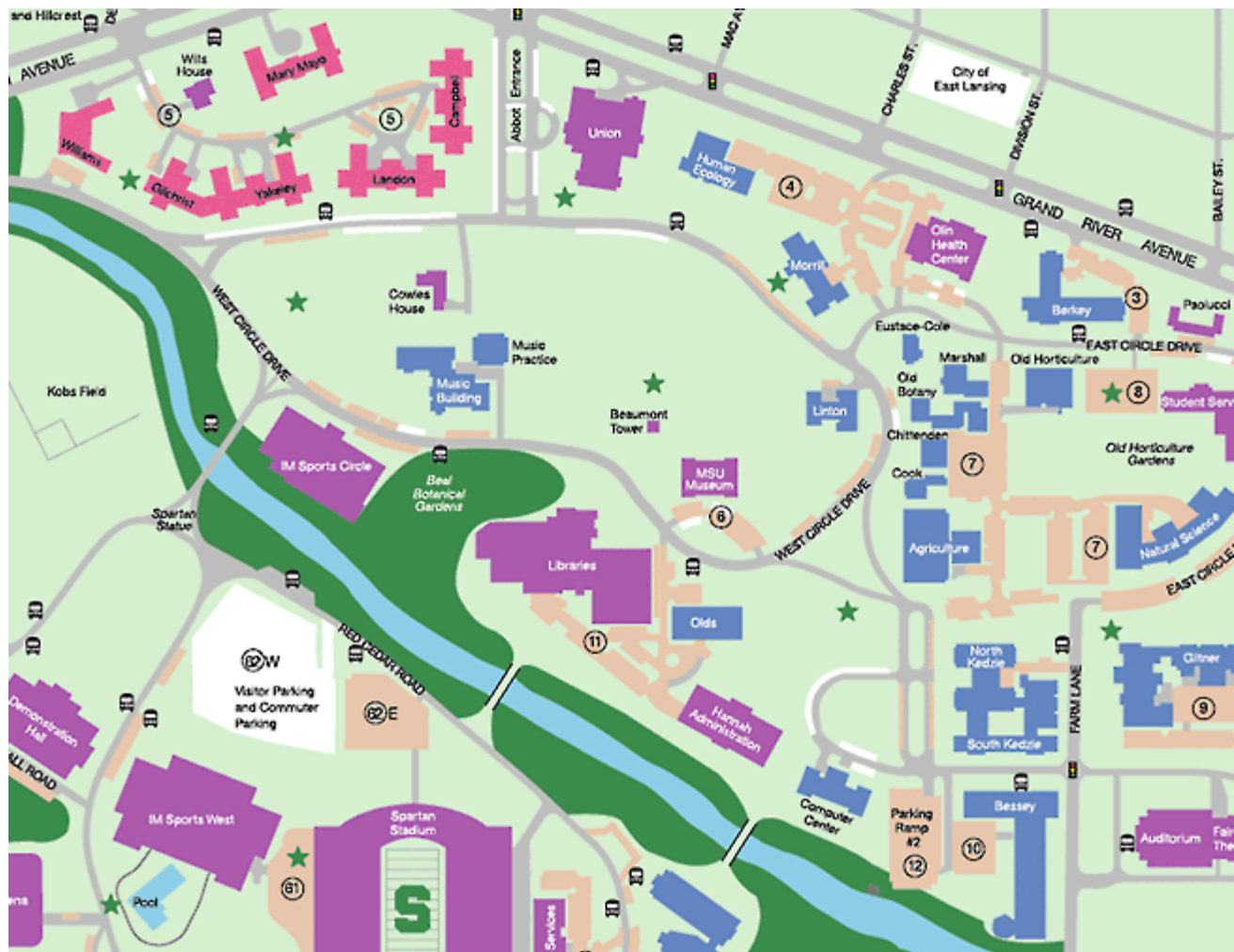
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CAMPUS MAP



DETAILED CAMPUS MAP



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There is no registration fee connected to this workshop, but we would much appreciate it if you could let us know know by email (lotz@msu.edu / hansen@msu.edu) or by phone (517.355.4490) if you are interested in participating in this event.



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