

TECHNOLOGY, TIME, AND THE POLITICAL. MODERNITY AND MEMORY FROM HEIDEGGER TO STIEGLER.

One Day Workshop in Continental Philosophy

at

Michigan State University

October 3, 2009

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ATTENTION! CHANGE OF LOCATION !

Football on campus forced us to change the location of the workshop. The workshop will be held in the Heritage Room of the [Kellogg Conference Center](#), 55 South Harrison Avenue, in East Lansing (west of campus, close to the I-127 Trowbridge Exit). Check the map [here](#). Parking will be \$5; coffee can be purchased in the "Lounge." Please use the Kellogg Center parking structure on Harrison and mention to the attendant that you attend the MSU philosophy workshop.

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TOPIC

Time and memory are predominate themes throughout Continental Philosophy. This workshop begins with Heidegger's meditations on historical time and existence and connects them to contemporary discussions on technology and the political, looking closely at Bernard Stiegler's thesis in "Technics and Time" that technics is not the result but the condition of human life and its cultural evolution. In addition, Jean-Luc Nancy's reflections on world and globalization, as well as Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe's reflections on Heidegger will be addressed. The workshop will problematize these connections through David Barison and Daniel Ross' documentary film "The Ister," which deals with the problem of technology in connection with Heidegger's interpretation of Hölderlin's poem "The Ister," and features Nancy, Lacoue-Labarthe, and Stiegler. Of special concern are questions about how technology mediates, determines, and narrates human existence, social life, creativity, history, and the environment. The film will be featured during the workshop followed by brief introductions and extended discussions. More information about "The Ister" can be found at <http://www.theister.com>.

"Film - The Ister:" At the height of WWII, one of the most influential philosophers of the twentieth century delivered a series of lectures on a poem about the Danube river, by one of Germany's greatest poets. In 1936

Heidegger spent the summer semester lecturing on the poetry of Friedrich Hölderlin. He focused on a poem about the Danube known as "The Ister." Rather than an esoteric retreat into the world of poetry, Heidegger's lectures were a direct confrontation with the political and cultural chaos facing the world in 1942. The film *The Ister* takes up some of the most challenging paths in Heidegger's thought, as it journeys from the mouth of the Danube river in Romania to its source in the Black Forest in Germany. However controversial Heidegger continues to be, his thought remains alive in the work of some of the most remarkable thinkers and artists working today. Three of these conduct our voyage upstream along the Danube: Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe, Jean-Luc Nancy, and Bernard Stiegler. The film presents an extended reflection on how technology, time, and modernity are interconnected and how human reality can no longer be understood without the inclusion of technics.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 3

10 Welcome, Richard Peterson, Chair of the Philosophy Department

10-11 Introduction

Christian Lotz, Remarks on Heidegger and Hölderlin

Text: Heidegger, Hölderlin's Hymn 'The Ister,' sections 5-7; 13-15; 22-23; Hölderlin, *The Ister*

Kyle Whyte, Remarks on Stiegler and Technology

Text: Stiegler, *Technics and Time*, vol 1, pp 1-28

Discussion

11-12:15 Film screening, part 1: Bernard Stiegler on Technology and Modernity

12:15-1:15 Kyle Whyte, Remarks on Stiegler + Discussion

Text: Stiegler, *Technics and Time*, vol 1, pp 1-28

1:15-2:15 Lunch

2:15-3 Film screening, part 2: Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe on Heidegger, Auschwitz and Technology; Jean-Luc Nancy on the Foundation of the West

3-4 Kyle Whyte, Remarks on Nancy + Discussion

Text: Nancy, *The Inoperative Community*, pp. 43- 70; Nancy, *The Creation of the World*, pp. 96-109

4-5 Film screening, part 3: Bernard Stiegler on Time and Memory; Syberberg on the Past

5-6 Christian Lotz, Remarks on Stiegler/Syberberg + Discussion

Text: Stiegler, *Technics and Time*, vol 2, pp. 1-11

6:30 Social event, Richard Peterson's house

More on the workshop's topic can be found here:

http://www.transformationsjournal.org/journal/issue_17/editorial.shtml

Downloads:

[1] Heidegger, [Lecture Course on Hoelderlin's Hymn "The Ister"](#) (selections)

[2] Nancy, [Myth Interrupted](#) (selection from *The Inoperative Community*)

[3] Nancy, [Of Sovereignty](#) (selection from *The Creation of the World or Globalization*)

[4] Stiegler, [Introduction](#) (selection from vol 1. of *Technics and Time*)

[5] Stiegler, [Introduction](#) (selection from vol. 2 of *Technics and Time*)

LOCATION

All sessions will be held in 104 South Kedzie Hall (conference room, Political Science). For general directions check <http://maps.msu.edu/>.

LODGING

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/>

Alternative:

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>

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

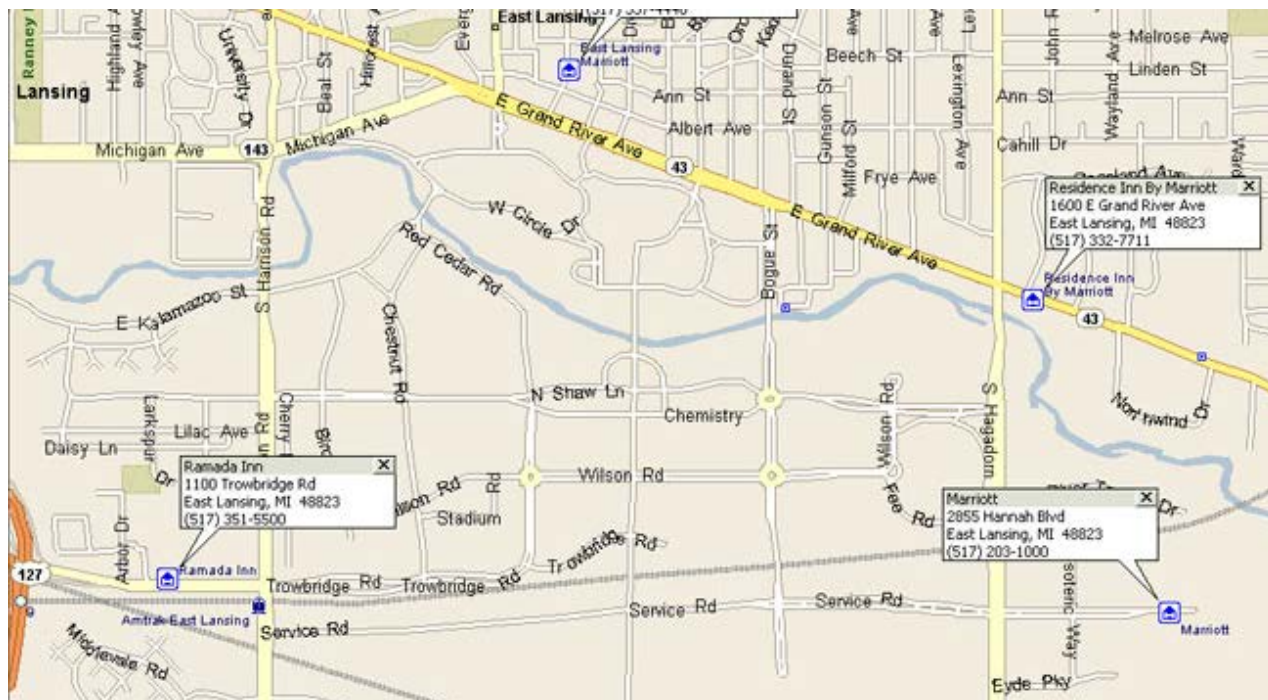
2855 Hannah Blvd
East Lansing, MI 48823 (see map)
Phone: 1-800-754-6835
(Rates \$89 and up)

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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Marriott = Towneplace Suites

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
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FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

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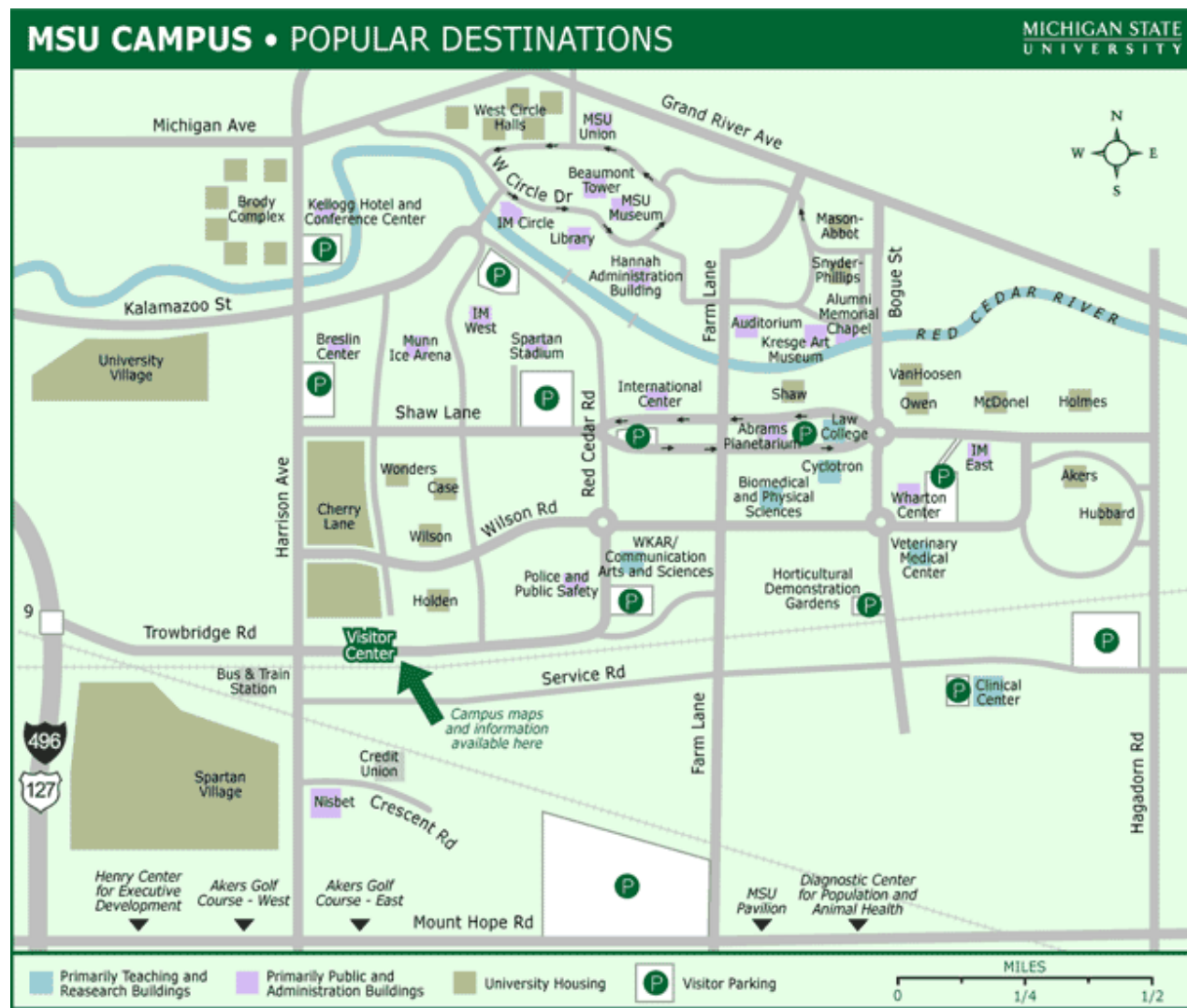
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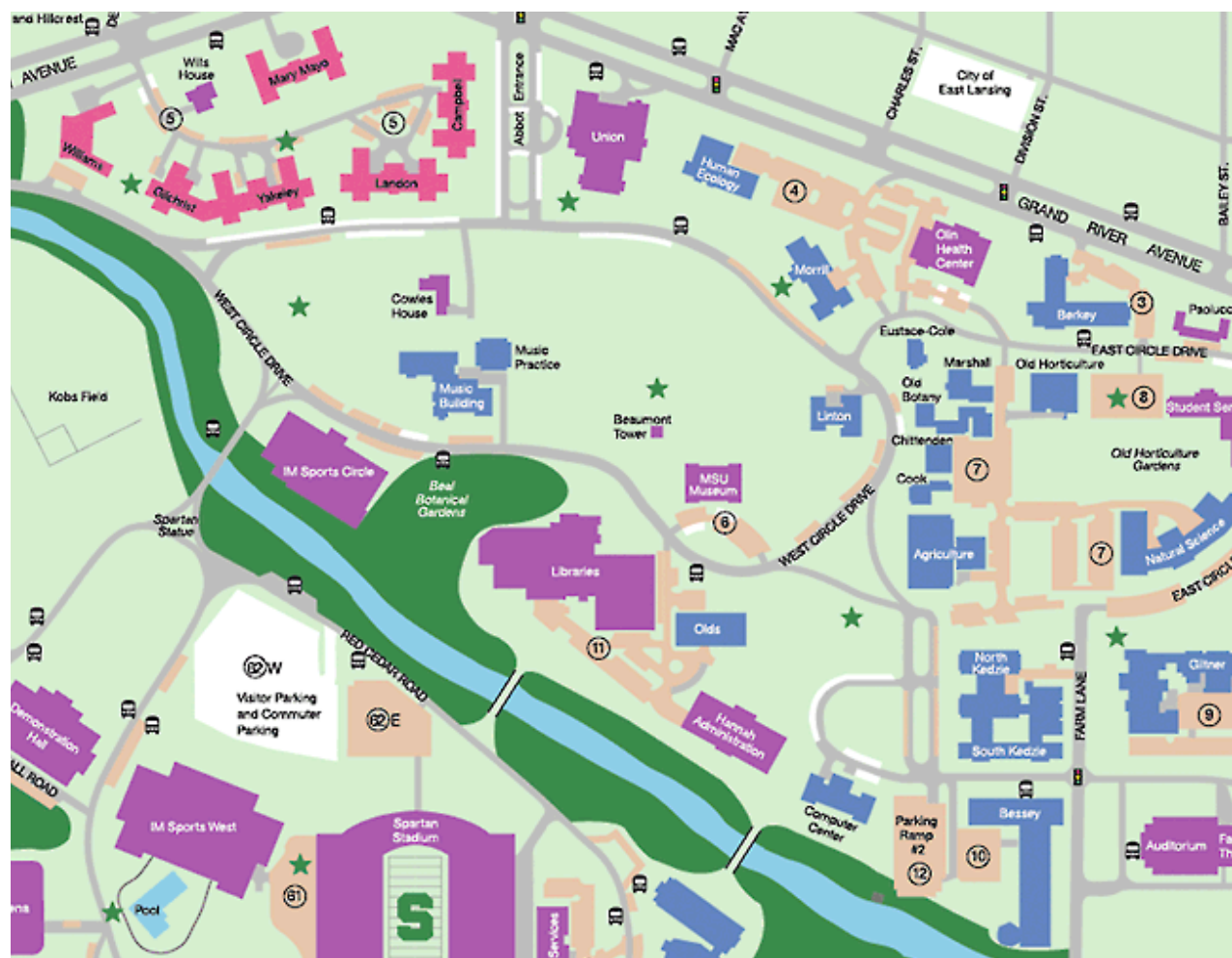
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DETAILED CAMPUS MAP



You'll find South Kedzie Hall in the lower right corner, west of Farm Lane.

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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 / kwhyte@msu.edu) or by phone (517.355.4490) if you are interested in participating in this event.



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