

Announcements

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Call for Papers: Rereading the Canon: Feminist Interpretations of Jean Paul Sartre. Papers reflecting a range of feminist styles and approaches to Sartre's philosophy are sought for a volume to be published in the Penn State Press series, *Rereading the Canon*, edited by Nancy Tuana. I am interested in critical feminist discussions of any major aspect of Sartre's philosophy from his early existential writings and notebooks on ethics, to his *Critique*, biographies, novels, and plays. Papers that address the significance of Sartre's work for feminist theories of social transformation are particularly welcomed. Deadline for submission of completed manuscripts is June 30, 1997. Send inquiries, proposals, and two copies of manuscripts to: Professor Julien Murphy, Department of Philosophy, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME 04103.

Call for Papers for the Third Annual Conference of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World. The conference, on "Philosophy and Everyday Life," will be held on August 9-15, 1996 at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado, and will explore Philosophy's interaction with everyday life and the impact of daily living on philosophers and the field. The Society invites papers on topics such as:

1. Philosophical anthropology
2. Institutional Structures and Everyday Life
3. Social Stratification/Marginalization
4. Practical Family Life
5. Relativism and Rationality
6. Utopias, dystopias, fantasies, science-fiction
7. Environmental Philosophy
8. Human Locales and Daily Living
9. Literature, the arts, and daily living

10. Ethics and Politics

11. Religion

Send *three* copies of the final paper or proposal by March 1, 1996 for blind review. Papers should not exceed 30-40 minutes reading time (15 pages). We also encourage submissions of works in progress for our poster sessions (4-5 pages). These short papers will be distributed prior to presentation so as to allow more emphasis on discussion. Please also send an abstract of the paper and a brief (one paragraph) autobiographical sketch suitable for publication in the conference program. Volunteers to be session chairs are welcome. Send papers to: Erin McKenna, Philosophy Department, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447; (206)535-7213; MCKENNE@PLU.EDU; for further information, contact: Sally J. Scholz, Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, Villanova, PA 19085; (610)519-4099; scholz@ucis.vill.edu

Call for Papers: Special Issue of Thamyris: Mythmaking on Gender in the Middle East. The interdisciplinary journal *Thamyris* is planning a special issue devoted to the theme of "Mythmaking on Gender in the Middle East: Transnational Connections and Contestations." This issue is designed to present detailed ways in which textual and visual representations of gender and conditions of femininity and masculinity in the Middle East have been constructed, and how these constructions operate on, are contested or transformed by practices. Concerning our definition of the Middle East we wish to include explicitly migrant, diasporic and exiled communities outside the Middle East as well.

Edward Said's seminal work *Orientalism* has opened up new terrains of study in which the structural nature of Orientalist discourses was analyzed in the context of a history of Western imperialist domination and knowledge production about the Middle East. Recently, the focus has shifted to theorizing the implications of processes such as globalization and transnationalism, and their effects on representational processes within specific cultural and historical contexts. Studies on textual and visual representations of gender in the Middle East have mainly focused on the early Islamic period and the nineteenth and twentieth-century colonial and postcolonial histories. Moreover, a perspective from the West has been predominant in these studies.

Thamyris solicits contributions which examine cross-cultural and intra-cultural textual and visual representations of gender in the Middle East in relation to issues such as globalization, transnationalism and ensuing forms of cultural production. A question that needs to be addressed concerns the confrontation between the assumed fixed notions about gender in the Middle East and theories investigating processes which are flexible, changeable, and dynamic. How do constructions of national, ethnic, and religious identities and boundaries intersect with transnational cultural forms? How can practices such as bargaining, negotiation or resistance influence representations?

The special issue will not try to cover all areas of this topic, but will encompass a variety of questions in which theory and practices of representation in different power relations, such as (trans)national, ethnic, religious, and postcolonial constructions, will be addressed. The journal is scheduled for November 1996. The deadline for submission is June 1, 1996. *An Instruction to Contributors* and any further information are available upon request. Requests, proposal, and/or abstracts should be sent to the editors: Jan Best & Nanny de Vries, Najade Press, P.O. Box 75933, 1070 AX Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Call for Papers for The 6th Annual Women and Society Conference. The inter & multi disciplinary conference, to be held June 7-9, 1996 at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, requests papers, panels, workshops, and exhibitions on all aspects and issues of gender undergoing examination in academia. Please submit a 250 word abstract or completed paper and brief biography by January 12, 1996. For more information contact Dr. Sue Lawrence or Dr. Joanne Myers at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601; (914)575-3000 or email: jzly or jznq@maristb.marist.edu