

Naturalism and Sociality

Second Biannual Conference of The Australian Hegel Society

In collaboration with the Marie Curie Project: *Naturalism in Classical German Philosophy*

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

February 14-15, 2019

University of New South Wales, Sydney

The Second Biannual Conference of The Australian Hegel Society, in collaboration with the Marie Curie Project: *Naturalism in Classical German Philosophy* will be held at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, on February 14-15, 2019.

Recent Anglo-American interpretations of Hegel and related neo-Hegelian approaches in philosophy have given sociality a central role in understanding mindedness, normativity, freedom and related themes. These new readings of Hegel, and philosophical work inspired by them, have done a great service in overcoming the appearance of uncritical metaphysical adventure often associated with Hegelianism. 'Spirit' is no longer seen as referring to something philosophically suspect, but the historically developing space of reasons or norms constituted through recognitive relations of human sociality. Recently however, there is a growing interest in how well this fundamentally social and normative view of spirit can cohere with the naturalistic aspects of Hegel's philosophy. What is the relation of spirit to human animality, or to nature more broadly? This joint conference of the Australian Hegel-Society (<https://www.australianhegelsociety.com/>) and the EU funded Marie Curie project 'Naturalism in German Classical Philosophy' (https://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/201214_en.html) brings together perspectives on sociality, naturalism, and their intersections. Speakers will include both philosophers in the broad Hegelian tradition, as well as colleagues from other traditions in philosophy working on these themes.

Confirmed speakers include:

Paul Redding (University of Sydney)

Rocío Zambrana (University of Oregon)

Italo Testa (University of Parma)

David MacArthur (University of Sydney)

Richard Menary (Macquarie University)

Local Organizing Committee:

Heikki Ikäheimo (UNSW Sydney)

Giovanna Luciano (WSU-University of Padova)

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There is space in the program for up to three presentations by advanced graduate students or early career researchers whose research lies broadly within the theme of the conference.

To notify your interest in presenting your research at the conference, please send a title and an abstract of your paper (no more than 200 words) to the following address:
theaustralianhegelsociety@gmail.com

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is October 20.

Successful participants will be notified by November 5th.

No funding is available to facilitate attendance at the conference.