



HegeLab 3rd International Workshop

HEGEL AND THE CONCEPT OF WORLD HISTORY

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Objektiver Geist occupies an intermediary position in the general context of Hegel's system. It was, however, a late "discovery" encountered in a double exteriority, both outside the subjective and separate from absolute spirit. Hegel's *passion for the objective* led to numerous returns to the system's middle term to rework and update its content. When this effort was interrupted by the philosopher's death, the first Hegelians took up the challenge to furnish the system's middle grounds with the philosophy of history and other posthumous fragments of teaching or early writings. If the Hegelian concept of *objective spirit* was developed on the grounds of history, rather than political economy, is the concept itself *subject-specific*? What does it cover, designate, constrain, impose, or conceptualize? Is *objective spirit* still to be thought there, where it imposed itself on Hegel, on the first Hegelians, and on *later* ones (Left, Right and Centre)? This two-day conference seeks to address questions arising from the concept of world history in relation to the form, function, and content of objective spirit as presented in the *Encyclopaedia of the Philosophical Sciences* and *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*.

Plenary speakers: **Stefania Achella** (University of Chieti, Pescara & Ecole Normale Supérieure of Pisa) **Myriam Bienenstock** (University Francois-Rabelais, Tours) **Paolo Diego Bubbio** (Western Sydney University) **George di Giovanni** (McGill University) **Bruno Haas** (University of Dresden) **Jean- Francois Kervégan** (University of Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne)

Organisers: **Hager Weslati** (LGS, Kingston University) with **Maurizio Pagano** (HegeLab, University of Eastern Piedmont, Vercelli) and **Peter Osborne** (CRMEP, Kingston University)





CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME

14 April 2016

10.00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE
10.30

Opening & Welcome (HAMPTON SUITE)
10.30 Peter Osborne (CRMEP)
11.00 Maurizio Pagano (HegeLab, University of Eastern Piedmont)

OPENING PLENARY:

11.00 "Philosophy of History": Kant vs. Hegel
13:30 Jean- Francois Kervégan (University of Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne)

A Hegelian Contribution to the Question of Civil Religion
Stefania Achella (University of Chieti)

Reason in History: on how Kojève Misled his Readers
George di Giovanni (McGill University)

LUNCH BREAK

15.00- 16:30 PANEL SESSIONS (I)

PANEL A: *Hegel & Modernity*
BEAUFORT SUITE

PANEL B: *Civil Society*
CORONATION ROOM

PANEL C: *Hegel, Time & History*
GALLERY LOUNGE

Andrew Haas (The Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
 "On the Unity of the World"

Guido Frilli (Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies, Naples)
 "Back to Nature: Is there Right in Hegelian World History?"

Antonios Kalatzis (Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities)
 "How Much History in Hegel's World History?"

Oxana Timofeeva (European University, Saint Petersburg)
 "The Owl and the Angel"

Giorgio Cesarale (University of Venice)
 "Hegel's Critique of Rousseau's Image of Civil Society"

Alessandro De Cesaris (University of Eastern Piedmont)
 "Philosophy of History as Science of the Individual"

William Maker (Clemson University)
 "The Prophet in Despair: Hegel on the Failures of Modernity"

David Merrill (Hertfordshire University)
 "The Double Objectivity of Hegel's Concept of Civil Society"

Gaetano Chirazzi (University of Turin)
 "Hegel and the Relation between Philosophy and Time"

17:00- 18:30 RECEPTION (KUSU)



15 April 2016

10:30- 12:00 PANEL SESSIONS (II)

PANEL A: *Right, Freedom, Justice*
BEAUFORT SUITE

Jim Vernon (York University, Toronto) "A Passion for Justice: Hegel and Martin Luther King Jr."

Saša Hrnjez (University of Heidelberg) "Revolution within the Logic of Freedom: Hegel between Right and World History"

Christian Hofmann (Institute of Philosophy, University of Hagen) "The Concretion of Freedom as a Remaining Task"

PANEL B: *Hegel & Constitutions*
CORONATION ROOM

Gregory S. Moss (Clemson University) "Singularity and Constitutional Monarchy"

Elisa Magri (University College Dublin) "Constitution and Politics in Hegel's Philosophy of Objective Spirit"

Andres Alonso Martos (University of Valencia) "Hegel and the General Clause"

PANEL C: *State & Religion*
GALLERY LOUNGE

Matteo Cavalleri (University of Bologna) "The Secularity of the Hegelian State and its Theological Foundation"

Mohamed Meziane (Paris I) "Politics, Religion and the 'Eastern Question' in Hegel's Philosophy of History"

Jeremiah John (Southern Virginia University) "The Religious Experience of *Sittlichkeit* in Hegel's Philosophy of Right"

12.00- 13:00 LUNCH BREAK

13:00- 14:30 PANEL SESSIONS (III)

PANEL A: *Philosophy & Religion*
BEAUFORT SUITE

Rita Serpytyte (University of Vilnius) "The Rose in the Cross of the Present"

Arthur Kok (Tilburg University) "Post-Secular State: the Value of Religion in the Public Domain."

Sila Ozkara (Duquesne University, PA) "Hegelian Circularity and World History"

PANEL B: *Actualisations of Spirit*
CORONATION ROOM

Jamila Mascot (Paris I) "Hegel and the Advent of Modernity. A Social Ontology of Abstraction"

Nathaniel Boyd (Brunel University) "The Spirit's Actuality in its Entire Range of Inwardness and Externality"

Simon Skempton (Higher School of Economics, Moscow) "Intersubjectivity and the Historical Actualisation of the World Spirit"

PANEL C: *Hegel & Biopolitics*
GALLERY LOUNGE

Gavin Rae (University of Madrid) "Collective Spirit, Individual Ethic and the Problem of Poverty in Hegel's Philosophy of Right"

Tomas Kristofory (University of Brno) "Rabble Sublated"

Ari Korhonen (University of Helsinki) "Hegel's Objective Spirit in the Light of New Materialism"

14.30 COFFEE BREAK
15.00

15.00 CLOSING PLENARY (HAMPTON SUITE)
17.30

On the Use and Abuse of Teleology in History

Myriam Bienenstock (University Francois-Rabelais, Tours)

The *Encyclopedia's* § 548

Bruno Haas (University of Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne)

The 'I', World History, and Collective Consciousness in Hegel

Paolo Diego Bubbio (Western Sydney University)





SPEAKERS

PLENARIES

Stefania Achella (University of Chieti & Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa) is professor of philosophy. She teaches and researches in the field of ethics. She is co-editor of the Italian translation of Hegel's *Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion*, and the preface to *Hinrichs Philosophy of Religion*. She has written several articles and two books on Hegel: *Tra politica e storia. La religione nel giovane Hegel* (2008), *Rappresentazione e concetto. Religione e filosofia nel sistema hegeliani* (2010).

Myriam Bienenstock (University Francois-Rabelais, Tours) is professor in German philosophy. She held visiting professorships in Frankfurt (2004), Zurich (2010), Münster (2011) and the Humboldt University (2014-2015). She has published widely on Hegel, and led the French edition of his *Lectures on the Philosophy of history* (2009 and 2011). She is currently working on the reception of Spinoza in the German idealist tradition (Hegel's philosophy and later thinkers, more particularly that of the neo-Kantian Hermann Cohen. See her recent edition of Hermann Cohen, *Le concept de philosophie* Paris, Cerf, 2014)

Paolo Diego Bubbio (Western Sydney University) is ARC Future Fellow and senior lecturer in philosophy. His research examines the relationship of the post-Kantian tradition in general, and Hegel in particular, to the later movements of European philosophy. He is the author of *Sacrifice in the Post-Kantian Tradition: Perspectivism, Intersubjectivity, and Recognition* (Albany, NY: 1999) and the co-editor (with Paul Redding) of *Religion After Kant* (Cambridge: 2012).

George di Giovanni (McGill University) is professor of philosophy, specializing in the late German Enlightenment, German idealism, and the philosophy of religion. He has published widely in these areas, and has also translated into English the main works of Friedrich Heinrich Jacobi, a number of Kant's works, and Hegel's "Greater Logic." He is at the moment working on a sequel to his 2005 book, concentrating on the late Fichte and Shelling.

Bruno Haas (University of Dresden) is professor of Philosophie und Kunstgeschichte. He is author of *Die freie Kunst. Beiträge zu Hegels Wissenschaft der Logik, der Kunst und des Religiösen* (Duncker und Humblot, 2003) and *Die ikonischen Situationen* (Fink, 2015) and numerous articles and book chapters on speculative logic, Kant, and the philosophy of pictorial art.

Jean- Francois Kervégan (University of Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne) is full professor of philosophy and Senior Fellow of the Institut Universitaire de France. He published widely on German idealism (especially Hegel, Kant), contemporary philosophy of law, and the theory of normativity. His most recent books: *La raison des normes. Essai sur Kant*, Paris: Vrin, 2015; *Que faire de Carl Schmitt?*, Paris: Gallimard, 2011; *L'effectif et le rationnel. Hegel et l'esprit objectif*, Paris: Vrin, 2008.

PANEL SESSIONS

Nathaniel Boyd (Brunel University) is currently post-doctoral researcher at the Forschungszentrum für Klassische Deutsche Philosophie / Hegel-Archiv, Ruhr Universität Bochum, and member of the Brunel Social and Political Thought Research Group, School of Social Sciences.

Matteo Cavalleri (University of Bologna) is post-doctoral Research Fellow (Department of Social and Political Sciences). He studied philosophy at the University of Milan and the University of Palermo, and was visiting researcher at Humboldt University in Berlin. He is author of *La Resistenza al nazi-fascismo. Un'antropologia etica* (Mimesis, 2015) and *La logica e la morfologia della relazione tra libertà e necessità nella "Filosofia del diritto" di Hegel* (ETS, forthcoming).

Giorgio Cesarale (University of Venice) is associate professor in political philosophy. His major publications include: *La mediazione che sparisce. La società civile in Hegel* (Carocci, Rome 2009); *Hegel nella filosofia pratico-politica anglosassone dal secondo dopoguerra ai giorni nostri* (Mimesis, Milan 2011); *Filosofia e capitalismo. Hegel, Marx e le teorie contemporanee* (Manifestolibri, Rome 2012) and editor of Giovanni Arrighi's *Capitalismo e dis(ordine) mondiale* (Manifestolibri, Rome 2010).

Gaetano Chiurazzi (University of Turin) is associate professor of philosophy. He studied and worked as research fellow in the universities of Torino, Berlin, Heidelberg, and Paris. His interests are in French and German philosophy, Kant, Hegel, Husserl, Heidegger, and Gadamer. His main publications include *Scrittura e tecnica. Derrida e la metafisica* (1992); *Hegel, Heidegger e la grammatica dell'essere* (1996); *Teorie del giudizio* (2005; Spanish translation: *Teorías del juicio*, 2008); *Modalità ed esistenza* (2001; German translation: *Modalität und Existenz*, 2006); *L'esperienza della verità* (2011). He is co-editor of *Tropos. Rivista di ermeneutica e critica filosofica* with Gianni Vattimo.

Alessandro De Cesaris (University of Eastern Piedmont) is a PhD candidate at the University of Eastern Piedmont. He has been visiting student at the Albert-Ludwigs Universität (Freiburg i.Br.) and the Technische Universität Berlin. He has published articles in Italian and English on Aristotle, Hegel, and contemporary metaphysics. His research interests are centred on the question of singularity and contradiction, ancient metaphysics, and classical German philosophy.

Guido Frilli (Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies, Naples) is currently research-grant holder at the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici of Naples. He studied philosophy at the universities of Florence and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. He has published articles on Hegel and on the legacy of German Idealism, and recently a book on Hegel's conception of temporality in the *Phenomenology of Spirit*.

Andrew Haas (The Higher School of Economics, Moscow) is associate professor and author of *Hegel and the Problem of Multiplicity* (Northwestern, 2000), and *The Irony of Heidegger* (Continuum, 2007), as well as numerous articles on contemporary European philosophy.

Christian Hofmann (Institute of Philosophy, University of Hagen) teaches in the field of practical philosophy. He has studied Philosophy, Sociology and Modern German Literature at the University of Bonn. His main research areas are classical German philosophy (especially Hegel), political philosophy, philosophy of history, metaphysics, anthropology and intercultural philosophy. He published *Dialektik der Moderne* (2014) as well as papers in *Hegel Bulletin* and *Hegel-Jahrbuch*.

Saša Hrnjez (University of Heidelberg) is post-doctoral DAAD fellow, currently working on Hegel's Logic. He has published articles in Italian, English and Serbian on German philosophy, contemporary hermeneutics, political theory and aesthetics. Co-founder of the *Thing: journal of theoretical practices*, co-editor of *Topos, Rivista di ermeneutica e critica filosofica*

Jeremiah John (Southern Virginia University) is associate professor of politics, his research and teaching is in law and morality in Hegel's political philosophy, political theory and film, classic and contemporary political theory, the philosophy of political freedom and theories of coercion and violence.

Antonios Kalatzis (Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities) is post-doctoral Research Fellow. He studied philosophy at Freie Universität Berlin. His "Explication and Immanence: the threefold Argument of Hegel's Science of Logic" (Hegel-Forschungen Series, DeGruyter Publishers) is forthcoming. His current research examines the notion of "redemption" in the work of Franz Rosenzweig.

Arthur Kok (Tilburg University) research interests are in Kant, Hegel, the theory of recognition, philosophy of economics and philosophy of religion. Kok is author of *Kant, Hegel, und die Frage der Metaphysik* (Wilhelm Fink, 2013). His recent publications include "The Metaphysics of Recognition" (2014), "Contemporary Social Contract Theory and Hegel's Master/Bondsman-Relation" (2015) and "Jenseits des Gewissens: Der Mensch als Endzweck der Schöpfung" (2016).

Ari Korhonen (University of Helsinki) is a PhD candidate. His doctoral thesis "From Common Sense to Habit" considers the practical and aesthetic determinations of political community and the legacy of conceptual shifts and ruptures in German idealism. He has published articles on Kant and Hegel, but also on the thought of Jacques Derrida. He is also the co-translator of Quentin Meillassoux's "Après la finitude" into Finnish.

Tomas Kristofory (University of Brno) is a PhD candidate and teaching fellow in philosophy and economics. His research interests are in the theory of spontaneous order, Scottish Enlightenment, German classical philosophy and Austrian economics.

Elisa Magrì (University College Dublin) is postdoctoral Research Fellow. Her research interests include German idealism (especially Hegel) and phenomenology. She co-edited "Hegel e la fenomenologia trascendentale" (Pisa 2015) with Alfredo Ferrarin and Danilo Manca.

William Maker (Clemson University) is professor of philosophy. A Past President of the Hegel Society of America, he works and has published on Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, Heidegger and critical theory. He is the author of *Philosophy without Foundations* and editor of *Hegel on Economics and Freedom* and *Hegel's Aesthetics*.

Andres Alonso Martos (University of Valencia) is currently finishing his PhD dissertation on Hegel's political theory and the epistemological role assumed by the legislative power during the period 1817-1831. He has recently published the Spanish translation of Alexandre Kojève's *Introduction to the Reading of Hegel* (*Introducción a la lectura de Hegel*, Ed. Trotta, 2013).

Jamila Mascat (Paris I, Sorbonne) is associate researcher and teaching fellow. She was visiting scholar at the University of Paris 8, and research fellow at the theory department of the Jan Van Eyck Academie in Maastricht and ICI, Berlin. Her current research focuses on twentieth century French Hegelianism, postcolonial studies, feminist theory and the category of subalternity. Her publications include: *Hegel a Jena. La critica dell'astrazione*, Pensamultimedia, 2011. *Femministe a Parole*, Ediesse, 2012 (co-edited with S. Marchetti and V. Perilli). *G.W.F. Hegel, Il bisogno di filosofia. 1801-1804*, Mimesis, forthcoming (eds. C. Belli and J. M. H. Mascat).

David Merrill (Hertfordshire University) is visiting Lecturer. His research examines the interpretive application of philosophical concepts to economic facts that must be experienced and related to be known. His publications include "Economic Welfare as Ethical Concept and Economic Policy", *International Journal of Social Economics* (2015) and "Hyman Minsky, Hegel and the Ethics of the Job Guarantee", in *Homo Oeconomics*, (2014).

Mohamed Meziane (Sorbonne, University of Paris) is a PhD candidate and teaching fellow in philosophy. He studies the genealogy of the binary Islam/secularization Hegel's philosophy and, more broadly, in nineteenth-century thought. He is a member of the editorial board of the journal *Multitudes* in which he recently published three articles, and directed a dossier on secularism, empire and Islam (Summer, 2015 n°59). He is also one of the French translators of anthropologist Talal Asad (CUNY).

Gregory S. Moss (Clemson University) studied the concept in Hegel's *Science of Logic* at the University of Georgia with Professor Richard Dien Winfield. In 2013-14, he was a Fulbright scholar in Bonn where he studied with Markus Gabriel the influence of Schelling on Hegel. He is currently working on various themes in German idealism, metaphysics and epistemology, as well as Ernst Cassirer's philosophy of culture.

Sila Ozkara (Duquesne University, PA) is PhD candidate. She works primarily on German idealism and early modern philosophy, with a specific focus epistemology, language, and aesthetics. Her dissertation is titled "Hegel's Circular Epistemology and Idealism". Her book chapter "Linguistic Expression in Fichte's *Addresses to the German Nation*" will be published in *Fichte's Addresses to the German Nation Reconsidered* (SUNY Press, 2017).

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Simon Skempton (Higher School of Economics, Moscow) teaches philosophy and intellectual history. He has published in political philosophy, the history of philosophy, and modern European philosophy. He is the author of the *Alienation After Derrida* (Bloomsbury 2010). He has recently published articles on Hegel in *Idealistic Studies* and the *International Journal of Philosophical Research*.

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Jim Vernon (York University, Toronto) is associate professor of philosophy. He is the author of *Hegel's Philosophy of Language* (Continuum, 2007), and co-editor of *Hegel and Deleuze: Together Again for the First Time* (Northwestern, 2013; with K. Houle) and *Hegel and Badiou: Infinity, Dialectics, Subjectivity* (Lexington, 2015; with A. Calcagno). He is currently writing a Hegelian History of Hip Hop.

