

## **A Two Day Workshop with Arkady Plotnitsky**

*Co-organised by the*

*Centre for Philosophy and Political Economy (CPPE) and the Quantum Decision Theory (QDT) Group*

*Thursday the 17th and Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2011*

*Ken Edwards Building Room 501*

### **Day One (17<sup>th</sup> of November)**

#### ***Continental Philosophy and the Social Sciences***

##### 10.00-10.15 - Introduction

Contextualisation of the workshop & establishment of protocols for interaction followed by an opening question on intellectual (auto-) biography, for the sake of scene setting

##### 10.15-11.15 - QUESTION 1 – What is Matter and what is Materialism?

*Key Texts:*

(2001) 'Effects of the Unknowable: Materialism, epistemology, and the general economy of the body in Bataille', *Parallax* 7(1)

(2010) The Image of Thought and the Sciences of the Brain after *What is Philosophy?* from Peter Gaffney (Ed.) *The Force of the Virtual: Deleuze, Science and Philosophy*. Minnesota: University of Minnesota Press.

##### 11.15-11.30 - SHORT BREAK

##### 11.30 – 12.30 - QUESTION 2 – What is the *and* of Metaphysics *and* Quantum Theory?

*Key Text:* (2006) 'Chaosmologies: Chaos and Thought in Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari's *What is Philosophy?*, with Quantum Field Theory', *Paragraph* (December)

##### 12.30-2.00 - LUNCH BREAK

##### 2.00-3.00 – QUESTION 3 - What is to be done with the concept of 'radical organization'?

*Key Text:* (2001) 'Chaosmic Orders: Nonclassical Physics, Allegory, and the Epistemology of Blake's Minute Particulars', *Romantic Circles Practice Series*, March

##### 3-3.15 – SHORT BREAK

##### 3.15-4.15 – QUESTION 4 – Why do Trans-Disciplinary Work?

*Key Text:* (2003) 'Algebras, Geometries, and Topologies of the Fold: Deleuze, Derrida, and Quasi-Mathematical Thinking (with Leibniz and Mallarmé)', in *Between Deleuze and Derrida*, eds. Paul Patton and John Protevi, New York: Continuum.

##### 4.15-4.30 – CLOSING REMARKS

4.30-7 – REST AND RECUPERATION (Some will do this together, in a local bar)

7-10 – DINNER at the Kayal Restaurant, Granby Street

**Day Two (18<sup>th</sup> of November)**  
***Epistemology, Probability, Quantum Mechanics and the Social Sciences***

10:00-12:30 – Roundtable discussion on Quantum Mechanics and Social Science  
Chaired by Professor Haven with contributions from Professor Plotnitsky, Professor Andre Khrennikov, and the audience

12:30 - 14.00 – Lunch

14:00 – 16:30 – Concluding discussion on interdisciplinary work and its intellectual and institutional possibilities and pitfalls

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