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 18th of November, 2011

Ken Edwards Building Room 501

Day One (17th 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:


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’?


3-3.15 – SHORT BREAK

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


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 (18th 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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