

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN GREEK STUDIES

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

CONFERENCE ON

THE PROJECT OF AUTONOMY AND THE LEGACY OF CORNELIUS CASTORIADIS

Cornelius Castoriadis is one of the most challenging thinkers who struggled with the antinomic nature of the need to become autonomous within social structures that institute and legitimise heteronomous subjectivities.

The workshop wants to discuss the ambiguities of the autonomy project through its problematisation in Castoriadis' work.

It includes papers on autonomy, heteronomy, politics, psychology and citizenship within the context of contemporary philosophical discussions and political discourses on subjectivity, identity and belonging.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

DECEMBER 4-5 2009

REFECTORY ROOM MAIN QUADRANGLE

FINAL PROGRAM

ENTRANCE FREE

	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 TH , 2009
9.00-9.30	REGISTRATION MORNING COFFEE
09.30-10.15	Peter Murphy, (La Trobe University) The Spirit of Creation in the Long Run: A Meditation on the Idea

	of the University in the Age of Conspicuous Triviality
10.15-11.00	Simon Tormey, (University of Sydney) In search of the demoi: Castoriadis as a critic of representation
11.00-11.30	COFFEE BREAK
11.30-12.15	Jeff Klooger, (Monash University) The Meaning of Autonomy: Project, Self-Limitation, Collective Decision-Making and Socialism
12.15-1.00	Jeremy Smith, (Ballarat University) An Andean Castoriadis? New World conceptions of citizenship, autonomy and power after Westphalian statehood
1.00-2.00pm	LUNCH BREAK
2.00-2.45	Suzi Adams, (Monash University) Human Creation and Modernity: Cornelius Castoriadis, Johann P. Arnason, Maurice Merleau-Ponty with a nod towards Hans Blumenberg.
2.45-3.30	Karl E. Smith, (La Trobe University) Autonomy and Capitalism
3.30-3.45	COFFEE BREAK
3.45-4.30	Craig Browne, (University of Sydney) The Critique of Ideology and the Dilemmas of Rationality

4.30-5.15

Anthony Hayes, (Australian National University)

Cornelius Castoriadis and the crisis of Marxism

CONFERENCE DINNER

AT THE ATHENIAN RESTAURANT SYDNEY

6.30 pm

	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 TH , 2009
9.00-9.30	REGISTRATION MORNING COFFEE
09.30-10.15	Dr George Vassilacopoulos & Toula Nicolopoulos , (La Trobe University) Philosophy as autonomous thinking: from Castoriadis to Plato and Hegel
10.15-11.00	Andrew Cooper, (University of Sydney) Between socialisation and autonomy: the contribution of Cornelius Castoriadis
11.00-11.30	COFFEE BREAK
11.30-12.15	Tony Stephens, (University of Sydney) Sophocles' stasimon: " <i>πολλά τὰ δεινά [...]</i> " refracted through Castoriadis and Heidegger
12.15-1.00	Vrasidas Karalis, (University of Sydney) Castoriadis and his critique of Plato
1.00-2.00pm	LUNCH BREAK
2.00-3.30	DISCUSSION CORNELIUS CASTORIADIS IN THE ANTIPODES

LAUNCH OF THE BOOK

Castoriadis: Psyche, Society, Autonomy, by Jeff Klooger

By Suzi Adams

POST-CONFERENCE DINNER

(voluntary)