Simone Weil: Beyond Ideology?

Conference organisers: Sophie Bourgault and Julie Daigle

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday April 20th

8h30-9h00  Registration (FSS 4006)
            8h45  Welcome - Sophie Bourgault (University of Ottawa)

9h00-10h30  Panel 1: Weil on affects and the self
            Moderator: Sophie Bourgault (University of Ottawa)

            Affect Aliens: Simone Weil and Sara Ahmed on the Ideology of Happiness
            Rebecca Rozelle-Stone (University of North Dakota)

            The Dialogic Imagination: a question of Simone Weil’s construction of *L’imagination combleuse*
            Scott B. Ritner (New School of Social Research)

            The Language of the Inner Self
            Eric O. Spingsted (The Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ)

10h30-11h00  Coffee Break

11h00-12h30  Panel 2: Weil and continental political philosophy
            Moderator: Robert Sparling (University of Ottawa)

            ‘The Question in Each and Every Thing’: Affirmation and Transfiguration
            Stuart Jesson (York St John University, UK)

            On Giorgio Agamben’s Theoretical Debt to Simone Weil: Situating Destitutent Potential vis-à-vis the Notion of Decreation
            Michael P.A. Murphy (University of Ottawa)

            Beyond Affliction: Simone Weil and Slavoj Zizek in dialogue.
            Tomeu Estelrich (Boston College)

12h30-13h30  Lunch (served in FSS 7035)

13h30-15h00  Panel 3: Weil, liberalism and republicanism
            Moderator: Scott Riter (New School of Social Research)

            Compassion for Collectivity: Labour and the Production of Belonging
            Suzanne McCullagh (Miami University)
A Compassionate Republicanism for our Time
Julie Daigle (University of Ottawa)

‘Let Them Eat Cake’: Articulating a Weilian Critique of Distributive Justice
Kaleb Earl (University of Ottawa)

15h00-15h30 Coffee break

15h30-17h00 Panel 4: Ideology, idolatry and rootedness
Moderator: Pascale Devette (University of Ottawa)

Simone Weil’s ‘Christian inspiration’ in a secular humanist culture
Jane Doering (University of Notre-Dame)

Captured Time: Simone Weil's Vital Temporality against the State
Casey Ford (University of Guelph)

Ideology as idolatry
Alexandra Féret (La Sorbonne & University of Salento)

17h00 Memorial to Richard Bell
Eric O. Springsted

17h30 AWS Business Meeting (FSS 4006)

19h00 Conference Banquet (for conference participants only; pre-registration required)

Saturday, April 21st (FSS 4006)

8h30-10h00 Panel 5: Weilian insights for our times
Moderator: Professor Jane E. Doering (University of Notre Dame)

Dementia in the Context of Decreation, Divinization and Diminishment
Lawrence E. Schmidt (University of Toronto)

Panic and Alarm on All Sides: Marilymne Robinson and Simone Weil on Combatting Pessimism, Passivity and Cynicism
Vance G. Morgan (Providence College)

The Obligations of Care: Carol Gilligan and Simone Weil
Aviad Heifetz (The Open University of Israel)

10h00 - 10h30 Coffee Break

10h30 – 12h00 Panel 6: Weil in conversation: Berdyaev, Kollwitz, Diamond and Freire
Moderator: Professor Rebecca Rozelle-Stone (University of North Dakota)

Antigone and Alyosha: Truth and Tragedy in Simone Weil and Nikolai Berdyaev
Lisa Radakovich Holsberg (Fordham University)

Difficulty and Hope: Weil, Kollwitz and Diamond on Suffering, Attention and Hesitation
Stephanie Gehring (Duke University)
A New Ideological Fundamentalism: Weil and Freire
Alexandre A. Martins (Marquette University)

12h00-13h00  Lunch (served in FSS 7035)

13h00-14h30  Panel 7: Weil on colonialism, ideology and nationalism
Moderator: Stuart Jesson (York St John University, UK)

Ambivalent Environmental Aesthetics: Camus, Weil, and a Critique of Christian Nationalism
Caleb Murray (Brown University)

When Ideology Fails: Politics, Grief, Rebellion
Benjamin Davis (Emory University)

Simone Weil: Ideology as Invisibility of Evil
Oriol Quintana (IQS, Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona)

14h30-16h00  Panel 8: Marxism and anarchism
Moderator: Tomeu Estelrich (Boston College)

Camaderie (Comradery?) against Ideology: Rosa Luxemburg and Simone Weil
Sarah Louise MacMillen (Duquesne University)

From Pelloutier to Proudhon: About the Revolutionary Ideal in Simone Weil
Ida Giugnatico (University of Calabria & UQAM)

The Singularity of Labor: Simone Weil and Michel Henry on Praxis
Inese Radzins (Pacific School of Religion)

16h00-16h30  Refreshments (served in FSS 4006)

16h30–17h30  Panel 9: Love, excess and grace
Moderator: Joe Cosgrove (Providence College)

A Jealous God—Weil’s Identification of God with Plato’s Bad Lovers
Peter Morgan (Stanford University)

Inspiration as Excess: Weil and Bataille on the Question of Inspiration
Lindsay Lerman (New Center for Research and Practice)

17h30  Brief closing remarks -  Julie Daigle (University of Ottawa)

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