

John Carroll University Philosophy Department Don Shula Chair Presents
The 27th International Conference of the Simone de Beauvoir Society:
Rereading Beauvoir in the 21st Century

Conference Program

The conference will be a virtual event. You will find below one Zoom link per day. Registration is not required. The times for all events refer to U.S.A. Eastern Time.

June 2, THURSDAY

Zoom link: <https://univ-tlse2.zoom.us/j/98507554129?pwd=dINDL3BTUXV3VW9IVC91UVNLeFNHQ09>
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9:00am-9:15am Welcome Remarks

Panel 1 9:15 am- 10:45 am

Intersectionality and Decolonial Critiques

Moderator: Maria Genova

“The Intersectional Critique of *The Second Sex*,” Emma McNicol, Monash University

“Ambiguous Examples and Intersectional Scandals in Simone de Beauvoir’s *The Ethics of Ambiguity*,” Osman Nemli, Vassar College

“Being-White-In-The-World: A Decolonial Reading of *America Day by Day*,” T. Storm Heter, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

10:45am-11:00am: Coffee Break

Panel 2 11:00am-12:00pm

Disobedience and Resistance

Moderator: Dana Rognlie

“Ambiguity, Freedom and Disobedience: A Beauvoirian Account,” Betty Stoneman, Emory University

“Beauvoir and Arendt on the #MeToo Movement,” Bridget Allan, University of Queensland

12:00-12:15 Break

Panel 3 12:15-1:15

Oppressive Institutions and Oppressive Violence

Moderator: Dianna Taylor

“‘Those Who Do Not Smile Are Shot’: On Feminist Complicity and Resistance in the Policed Academy,” Dana Rognlie, Worcester State University

“Warfare in Europe: A Beauvoirian Perspective,” Erika Ruonakoski, University of Jyväskylä

1:15-2:45 Lunch Break and General Assembly Meeting (Society members only) *

*You must be a paid-up member of the Society to attend the General Assembly, to vote, and to nominate yourself or someone else to serve as an Officer of the Society. To join or renew your membership, please go to <https://beauvoir.weebly.com/membership-and-donations.html> If you are unsure of your membership status, please write to Meryl Altman, maltman@depauw.edu. Society members will be sent a separate zoom link shortly before the meeting.

Panel 4 2:45pm-4:15pm

Love, Marriage, and Sexuality

Moderator: Jasmine Mohammed

“Towards an understanding of gendered recognition in the light of feminine attentional practices,” Héloïse Humbert, Université Picardie Jules Vernes

“Inventing Fidelity: Beauvoir on Polyamory,” Ellie Anderson, Pomona College

“On Metaphysical Incest: Beauvoir, Cavell and Levi-Strauss,” Oisín Keohane, University of Dundee

4:15pm-4:30pm Coffee Break

4:30pm-6:00pm OPENING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Megan Burke
“On the Freedom of Trans Kids”

June 3, FRIDAY

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Panel 1 9:30am- 11:00am

Dialectical Thinking in Beauvoir’s Philosophy

Moderator: Osman Nemli

“*The Second Sex* in the light of dialectical materialism,” Bruna Mello, University of Campinas

“The Genealogy of the Concept of «Situation» in Simone de Beauvoir, 1943-1949,” Anna Ceschi, University of Cambridge

“The ‘woman problem’ as critical theory: Dialectical methodology in *The Second Sex* and beyond,” Anna Cornelia Ploug, Roskilde University

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

Panel 2 11:15 am- 12:45pm

Confronting Femininity, Mortality, and Old Age

Moderator: Sophia Millman

“Beauvoir on Dying,” Kiki Berk, Southern New Hampshire University

“Old Age and the Question of Authenticity,” Sonia Kruks, Oberlin College

“Reading Simone de Beauvoir’s *Old Age* in the 21st century: is this critical essay still relevant ?,” Marlene Bichet

12:45-1:00pm: Coffee Break

1:00pm-2:00pm: Editorial Luncheon (SdBS Editorial Board members only)

Panel 3 2:00pm-3:00pm

Beauvoir, Philosophy, and Ecology

Moderator: Deniz Durmuş

“Fashioning the Human: The Second Sex of Environmental Justice in Elizabeth Keckley’s *Behind the Scenes: Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House* (1868), Kimberly Lamm, Duke University

“Seeing Green in the Rust Belt with Beauvoir: On Perception and Imagination Amidst Ecological Ruin,” Damon Boria, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University

Coffee break 3:00pm-3:15pm

Panel 4 3:15pm-4:15pm

Audiences and Interpretations: Reception of Beauvoir

Moderator: Marine Rouch

“Beauvoir in the Pacific: From a ‘Chance Encounter’ to Framing a Study on Freedoms,” Jasmine Mohammed, Fiji National University

“Do Chinese University Students of the Post-00’s Generation Really Know about *The Second Sex*?,” Jianping Mao, Lanzhou University

Break 4:15pm-4:30pm

Panel 5 4:30pm-5:30pm

Femininity

Moderator: Claudia Bouliane

“La charge mentale et la temporalité désalignée de l’être-au-monde féminin,” Marie-Anne Casselot-Legros, Université Laval

“Sujets du regard de l’autre: La féminité comme être-vu chez Beauvoir et Merleau-Ponty” Myriam Coté, Université Laval and Marie-Anne Perreault, Université de Montréal

June 4, SATURDAY:

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Panel 1 9:00am-10:30am

Existentialism, Literature, and Cinema

Moderator: Kiki Berk

“The Dark Weight of Other Things”: Ambiguous Cinema and Feminist Phenomenology,” Kelli Fuery, Chapman University

“Navigating Ethical Tensions in Beauvoir’s Metaphysical Novel,” Maria Genova, University of Calgary

“Troubling Categories: Lesbian and Queer Approaches to Simone de Beauvoir’s *Les Inséparables*,” Sophia Millman, Princeton University

10:30-11:00am Break

Panel 2 11:00am-12:30pm

Perspectives on Embodiment

Moderator: Dianna Taylor

“Dilaceration and ambiguity: Beauvoir’s embodied notion of emancipatory interest,” Mariana Teixeira, Freie Universität Berlin

“The Body as Battleground: Between Subjective and Societal Signification,” Josip Majsec, University of Zagreb

“What Is a Female? “Woman” and “Female” in *The Second Sex*,” Jennifer McWeeny, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch

Panel 3 1:30pm-2:30pm

Freedom and Gender Oppression

Moderator: T. Storm Heter

“Uncovering an Idealist Ontology of Patriarchy: Patriarchy as a system of meaning in Beauvoir, Butler, and MacKinnon,” Joan O’Bryan, Stanford University

“Existential Vulnerability & the Other: Rethinking the role of freedom in Simone de Beauvoir’s existential ethics,” Heather Wallace, Academic Editor for “Writing is Thinking”

Coffee Break: 2:30pm-3:00pm

3:00pm-4:30pm CLOSING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Margaret Simons
“Beauvoir and #MeToo”