

Keeping in Touch

The ASFPG opened its doors in September 2004. Information on the Stiftung and the activities of its three centres through 2005 can be found on our website: www.asfpg.de. This Newsletter outlines our planned projects and activities for 2006. We wish to keep in touch with participants in our workshops and projects and others who have expressed interest in the ASFPG.

Workshops

At this stage we are planning two workshops. The Centre for Legal Theory in conjunction with Scott Veitch (Law, Glasgow University) will run an autumn session based on Scott's work on complicity. A further workshop 'Law, Violence and Colonialism II' is not planned for 2006 but we would like to run it again in 2007. A possible focus could be analysis and critique of the ongoing influence of legal positivism in this context. Your ideas and suggestions on this would be most welcome.

The Centre for Environmental and Technology Ethics will hold a workshop 'Complexity I' in October. The workshop will address the question "What is complexity?" with reference to physical/biological systems and to logical/computational complexity. The workshop will be a preliminary engagement with the topic. One of its aims will be to map out agendas for further workshops on complex systems.

The December 2005 workshop run in conjunction with NENT with PhD students working on theses on environmental and technology ethics and support persons was a great success. We may repeat it in 2006.

Yearbook

We are in the process of producing a yearbook *Dilemmata: Jahrbuch der ASFPG*. The first issue will contain articles by Matthias Kaiser, Valerie Kerruish and Uwe Petersen indicating the research fields of members of the Board of the Stiftung.

We are interested in publishing manuscripts falling within the Stiftung's purpose of promoting interdisciplinary work in logic, philosophy, law and environmental

and technology ethics. If you are sitting on manuscripts with which you are happy but are not pleasing to the editors/referees of established journals we would be interested in considering them for publication in future issues. We intend to distribute at least the first issue free to various university departments and to recipients of this Newsletter. It would help us, if you have not already done so, if you could email your postal address to ulrike.horway@asfpg.de.

Stipendiat

Dr Tarik Kochi has taken up a stipendium offered by the ASFPG to continue work on his book *The Ordering of War*. He will be in Hamburg for 12 months.

Library, Website and Data Base

The library collection of the ASFPG is reaching the point where decisions need to be made on classification and cataloguing. The collection is focussed on speculative logic and philosophy. Uwe Petersen and Ulrike Horway are working on setting up a searchable data base of literature on speculative logic and philosophy. Work on the research project 'Law, Colonialism and Violence' and on the web-site is ongoing. In particular we are looking at local history of Hamburg pertaining to German colonialism and the slave trade.

Your ideas and suggestions

We would be happy to receive ideas and suggestions from you as to workshops, seminars and other activities that the ASFPG might undertake or support. If you email them to Ulrike Horway (ulrike.horway@asfpg.de) she will pass them on to the appropriate person. In general, and always given that the activity falls within the terms of the ASFPG's purpose (on the website) we wish to lend our support to projects which are not supported from standard sources of academic funding. ■