

Keeping in Touch

Time for the ASFPG's second Newsletter. The website has a new look and rather more content than at this time last year. It is, as before at www.asfpg.de and has information on the Stiftung and the activities of its three centres since 2004. This Newsletter outlines our planned projects and activities for 2007, keeping in touch with participants in our workshops and projects and others who have expressed interest in the ASFPG.

Workshops

At this stage we have held our first workshop for 2007 and are coming up to the second.

The Centre for Environmental and Technology Ethics ran a second workshop for doctoral students, 'Post-normal science and its ethical aspects: doctoral projects in the making' on 17th–19th January, 2007. Students from Greece, the Netherlands and Norway presented their work-in-progress. Members of the Stiftung, the National Committee for Research Ethics in Norway (NENT) and the Universities of Oslo and Bergen participated as 'resource persons', contributing (hopefully!) a little wisdom as well as many words. It was in any case a lively affair in which the opportunity to question the assumptions lurking in the notion of 'post-normal science' was not passed up. The Centre may run a small workshop on complexity in natural systems and the conceptualisation of complexity in the philosophy of science in Autumn, 2007.

The Centre for Legal Theory in conjunction with Glasgow, Kent and Warwick Universities is planning a similar workshop 'Critical Legal Theory? Postgraduate Projects in the Making' for 21st to 23rd June, 2007. Our thanks go to Emiliós Christodoulidis and Stewart Motha for proposing the idea. A further workshop 'Law, Violence and Colonialism II' has again been postponed. It will certainly be run in 2008.

Scott Veitch's work on complicity on which a workshop was held in October 2006 is forthcoming 2007 as *Law and Irresponsibility: On the Legitimation of Human Suffering*, London: Routledge-Cavendish.

Yearbook

The first volume of the ASFPG's yearbook *Dilemmata: Jahrbuch der ASFPG* was published in October 2006. 300 copies were distributed to various university departments and to recipients of this Newsletter. It is available

in pdf format on our website. The second volume is planned for September 2007 and will be distributed as previously.

Submission of manuscripts falling within the Stiftung's purpose of promoting interdisciplinary work in logic, philosophy, law, and environmental and technology ethics is invited. They may be sent electronically to ulrike.horway@asfpg.de and she will pass them on to the appropriate Board Members for consideration for publication.

If you did not receive a copy of the first issue and wish to receive a copy of the forthcoming one, please email Ulrike Horway as above including your postal address in the email.

Grants

The Centre for Speculative Logic at the Stiftung is supporting a research project on 'Set Theory Without Contraction' within the Research Group for Theoretical Computer Science and Logic at the University of Bern, Switzerland.

Fleur Ramsay BA, LLB (Macquarie) has taken up a grant from the Stiftung and has begun an LLM at the University of Glasgow.

Library

The library collection of the ASFPG continues to expand. The collection remains focused on speculative logic and philosophy. Biographies and memoirs of logicians and mathematicians provide leaven and some books on recent legal theory are creeping in. We hope to build up a collection of PhD theses of our workshop participants. Ellen-Marie Forsberg's thesis, *A Deliberative Ethical Matrix Method – Justification of Moral Advice on Genetic Engineering in Food Production* has been received with thanks. Decisions needing to be made on classification remain unmade. New shelving may force the issue.

Your ideas and suggestions

Your ideas and suggestions on activities and projects that might be undertaken by the Stiftung are, as ever welcome. If you email them to Ulrike Horway she will pass them on to the appropriate person. ■