

Keeping in Touch

This is the ASFPG's fourth Newsletter. The website continues to expand its content. It is, as before at www.asfpg.de and has information on the Stiftung and the activities of its three centres since 2004.

Workshops

The Centre for Environmental and Technology Ethics ran a fourth workshop for doctoral students, 'Post-normal science and its ethical aspects: doctoral projects in the making' on 19th–21st January, 2009. It is becoming something of an annual event with an expanding range of topics and themes. Thanks to all participants. Further workshops run by the Centres for Speculative Logic and for Legal Theory are contemplated but not yet fixed. The Stiftung's aim of promoting interdisciplinary work remains a guiding principle. We are finding it is not so easy to break out of the disciplinary groupings already established in the areas of the three centres, in particular to bridge the divide between mathematical logic and theoretical computer science, on the one hand and legal theory and science and technology ethics on the other. That is, at least, an experience, that brings its own food for thought.

Yearbook

The third volume of the ASFPG's yearbook *Dilemmata: Jahrbuch der ASFPG* was published in November 2008. 350 copies were distributed as previously to various university departments — mainly philosophy departments — and to recipients of this Newsletter. All Yearbooks are available in pdf format on our website. Individual contributions are separately downloadable.

The continuing publication of *Dilemmata* has high priority in the Stiftung's endeavours. A fourth volume is planned for publication in November this year. It is a forum for publication of research being done within the Stiftung and for publication of work that airs fresh and new ideas. We seek to off-set the negligible impact factor of the journal by providing a set of twenty off-prints to contributing authors. Submission of manuscripts (electronically to ulrike.horway@asfpg.de) is invited and welcome.

If you did not receive a copy of the third 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 and Stipends

The Centre for Speculative Logic at the Stiftung is continuing its support of a research project on 'Set Theory Without Contraction' within the Research Group for Theoretical Computer Science and Logic at the University of Bern, Switzerland. Granting further stipends has been limited by recent legislation (designed to promote Stiftungs!) which, for a small Stiftung like the ASFPG has had a distinctly unfavorable impact.

We are pleased to announce the publication by Birkbeck Law Press of Tarik Kochi, *The Other's War: Recognition and the Violence of Ethics* (2009). Dr Kochi held a stipend from the Stiftung for part of 2006. The Stiftung's 2007 stipendiat Fleur Ramsay, completed her LL.M at Glasgow University with distinction.

Library

The library at the ASFPG has an expanding collection on mathematical logic with substantial number of classic proof theoretical texts. The focus will be maintained. A philosophical second string is oriented toward philosophical logic and texts in the tradition of German idealism. The library includes a small number of legal theory books, largely representing texts that have been discussed in workshops. Oscar Guardiola-Rivera's *Being against the World: Rebellion and Constitution* Birkbeck Law Press, 2009, with its use of work done within the Stiftung and China Miéville's *Between Equal Rights: A Marxist Theory of International Law* Brill, 2005 are especially welcome additions. Adding to the collection of PhD theses held by the Stiftung we have received Laurens Landeweerd *Reconstructing the Self: Problems of Choice, Fate and Justification*, Universitaire Pers Maastricht, 2009 and downloaded Sacha Gibbons, *Aboriginal testimonial life-writing and contemporary cultural theory* (2005) <http://espace.library.uq.edu.au/view/UQ:107214>.

The library is open to the use of researchers.

Your ideas and suggestions

Your ideas and suggestions on activities and projects that might be undertaken by the Stiftung are welcome.

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