

“Skepticism”
The Fifth NYU Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy
New York University, November 8-9, 2008

The New York University Department of Philosophy will host the fifth in its series of conferences on issues in the history of modern philosophy on November 8 and 9, 2008. Each conference in the series examines the development of a central philosophical problem from early modern philosophy to the present, exploring the evolution of formulations of the problem and of approaches to resolving it. By examining the work of philosophers of the past both in historical context and in relation to contemporary philosophical thinking, the conferences allow philosophy's past and present to illuminate one another.

The topic of the 2008 conference is Skepticism. There will be four sessions on historical figures—Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Nietzsche—and a fifth session on contemporary treatments of the issue. The schedule of sessions and speakers is as follows:

Saturday, November 8

10:00-12:00: First session: Descartes

Speaker: Gianni Paganini (Università del Piemonte Orientale)

Commentator: Catherine Wilson (CUNY Graduate Center)

2:00-4:00: Second session: Hume

Speaker: Peter Millican (University of Oxford)

Commentator: Robert Fogelin (Dartmouth College)

4:30-6:30: Third session: Kant

Speaker: Jonathan Vogel (Amherst College)

Commentator: Andrew Chignell (Cornell University)

Sunday, November 9

10:00-12:00: Fourth session: Nietzsche

Speaker: Brian Leiter (University of Chicago)

Commentator: R. Lanier Anderson (Stanford University)

1:30-3:30: Fifth session: Contemporary Philosophy

Speaker: Ernest Sosa (Brown University)

Speaker: Barry Stroud (University of California, Berkeley)

Questions about the conference may be directed to: philo.modernconference@nyu.edu. For registration (which is required) and further information please visit the conference website: <http://philosophy.fas.nyu.edu/object/philo.newsevents.modernconference2008.html>

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