THE PHILOSOPHY OF ERNST CASSIRER
A NOVEL ASSESSMENT

June 18–21, 2014 ⎮ Marquette University

Wednesday, June 18
Location: Ballroom C/D, Alumni Memorial Union
Section I: The Marburg School and Cassirer

Session Chair: James Flaherty, S.J. (Marquette University)
1:00 Welcome (Conference Organizer)
1:15–2:30:
1. Fabien Capeillères (Caen/Paris): If You Please – Draw me a Symbolic Form!
2:30–3:45:
2. Samantha Matherne (British Columbia/UC Santa Cruz): The Unity of Science and Humanities in Marburg Neo-Kantianism
3:00–5:15:
3. Sebastian Luft (Marquette): The A Priori of Culture. Philosophy of Culture Between Rationalism and Relativism. The Example of Lévi-Strauss’ Structural Anthropology
5:30 Reception (Generously Funded by De Gruyter Publishers)

Thursday, June 19
Location (for the rest of the conference): Beaumier Suites B & C, Raynor Library
Section II: Cassirer’s Philosophy of Science

Session Chair: Lydia Patton (Virginia Tech)
9:00–10:15:
4. Massimo Ferrari (Torino): Cassirer and the History of Science
10:30–11:45:
5. Thomas Ryckman (Stanford): A Retrospective View of ‘Determinism and Indeterminism in Modern Physics’
12:00-1:15:
6. Jeremy Heis (UC Irvine): Cassirer’s Philosophy of Arithmetic
Lunch
(List of Restaurants to be provided.)

Section II cont.: 

Session Chair: Massimo Ferrari
2:00–3:15:
7. Alan Richardson (British Columbia): The Logic of Objective Knowledge and the Limits of Holism: On the Structure of Cassirer’s Theory of the Exact Sciences
3:30-4:45:
8. Scott Edgar (St. Mary’s University, Halifax): The Intersubjectivity of Physical Laws in Marburg School Philosophy of Science

7:00  Dinner at Maharaja Restaurant

Friday, June 20
Section III: Cassirer’s Epistemology and Contemporary Epistemology

Session Chair: Fabien Capeillères
9:00-10:15  10. Guido Kreis (Bonn): Cassirer’s Theory of Perception In Light of the Current Debates Over McDowell
10:30-11:45  11. Pierre Keller (UC Riverside): Retrieving Kant’s Copernican Revolution in Semiotics
12:00-1:15  12. Simon Truwant (KU Leuven): The Concept of 'Function' in Cassirer's Historical, Systematic, and Ethical Writings

Lunch
(Provided at Conference Site.)

Section IV: Philosophy of Culture Today
Session Chair: Michael Vater (Marquette University)
3:00-4:15  13. Ingmar Meland (Gothenburg): On the Philosophy of Culture Today – Some Aspects and Prospects of Ernst Cassirer's Prolegomena For a Future Philosophy of Culture
6:00-7:15  15. Tyler Friedman (Marquette): Cassirer's Critique of Culture and the Several Tasks of the Critic

Saturday, June 21
Section V: Cassirer and the History of Philosophy

Session Chair: Sebastian Luft
9:00-10:15  16. Anne Pollok (South Carolina): The First and Second Person Perspective in History. Or, why History is ‘Culture Fiction’
10:30-11:45  17. Jennifer Marra (Marquette): Humor as a Symbolic Form. Cassirer and the Culture of Comedy
12:00-1:15  18. Stephen Lofts (King’s, London/ON): Cassirer and Heidegger: The Missed Encounter — The Auseinandersetzung of Thinking and Being

4:30-5:30: Tour of the Kandinsky Exhibit
Milwaukee Art Museum (Guided by Curtis Carter)

6:00: Dinner at the University Club