

# 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*

4:00–5:15: 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)

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## 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.:**

Section 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*

5:00-6:15 9. Norbert Andersch (London): *“Toward a Pathology of the Symbolic Consciousness” (1929): Ernst Cassirer’s Contribution to the Theory of Psychopathology*

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*

4:30-5:45 14. Curtis Carter (Marquette): *After Cassirer: Art and Aesthetic Symbols (Langer and Goodman)*

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