

International Conference

The Pre-Socratics in the European Modernism and Avant-Garde: 1900-1950

14 – 15 January 2016



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Thursday, January 14, 2016
Venue: Rostlaube, Seminarzentrum, L 116

- 10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome and Introduction**
- Panel 1: Surrealism Revisited I: Philosophy, Art and Science**
(Chair: Anne Enderwitz)
- 10:15 – 11:00 **DIMITRIOS YATROMANOLAKIS** (Johns Hopkins University)
The Pre-Socratics and Early Surrealism Revisited
- 11:00 – 11:45 **WOLFGANG ASHOLT** (HU Berlin / Osnabrück)
Contradictory concepts of unity or unity of contradictions?
Breton, Berkeley and the Pre-Socratics
- 11:45 – 12:15 Coffee Break
- 12:15 – 13:00 **PANAGIOTIS ROLOS** (Harvard University)
Georges Bataille and the Pre-Socratics
- 13:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break
- Panel 2: Surrealism Revisited II: Literature and Visual Arts**
(Chair: Natascha Drubek)
- 15:00 – 15:45 **NEIL COX** (University of Edinburgh)
Pre-Socratic Surrealism: Bataille and Masson with Nietzsche,
Sade and Heraclitus
- 15:45 – 16:30 **ASTRID RUFFA** (Université de Lausanne)
The Pre-Socratics and the Surrealist Dialectic: Dalí Facing
Breton
- 16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break
- 17:00 – 17:45 **BARBARA VENTAROLA** (Freie Universität Berlin)
Guillaume Apollinaire and Orphism

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- Panel 3: From Russian Symbolism to Avant-Garde**
(Chair: Susanne Strätling)
- 10:00 – 10:45 **NINA GOURIANOVA** (Northwestern University, Illinois)
Pre-Socratics, Nietzsche, and the Dichotomy Between Harmony
and Dissonance in Russian Modernism and Early Avant-Garde
- 10:45 – 11:30 **RAINER GRÜBEL** (Universität Oldenburg)
The "Third Renaissance" and the Pre-Socratic Parmenides in
Russian Modernism and Avant-Garde
- 11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break
- 11:45 – 12:30 **AAGE ANSGAR HANSEN-LÖVE** (LMU München)
Pre-Socratic Philosophy and Russian Modernism
- 12:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break
- Panel 4: Between Sense and Non-Sense**
(Chair: Heike Winkel)
- 14:30 – 15:15 **GEORG WITTE** (Freie Universität Berlin)
Pre-Socratic Elements in Experiments of Writing of the Russian
Avant-Garde
- 15:15 – 16:00 **HUBERT VAN DEN BERG** (Adam-Mickiewicz-Universität, Posen)
Back to the Origins – Dada and Pre-Socratic Philosophy
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 17:15 **HARRY VANDERVLIST** (University of Calgary)
Mapping a Distinctive Literary Territory: Samuel Beckett's Uses of
the Pre-Socratic Writers
- 17:15 – 18:00 **Final Discussion: Modernity and Pre-Socratic Antiquity.
Reflections on a Complex Dialogue**