

Robert B. Brandom has been widely acclaimed for his authorship of *Making It Explicit*, in which he develops a philosophy of language that promises to close the gap between semantic theorizing about the meaning and pragmatic theorizing about the use of linguistic expressions. In *A Spirit of Trust*, his second, yet unpublished magnum opus, he proposes a semantic reading of G.W.F. Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* that takes Hegel to put forward a philosophy of language similar to his own, which he thereby recommends in retrospect as hegelian.

The conference provides an opportunity, for the first time, to discuss *A Spirit of Trust* in its entirety and from a wide range of sympathetic as well as critical perspectives. A particular focus is on Brandom's reading of the Spirit chapter, in which Brandom can be seen to explore the possibility of a connection between the rather abstract and technical issues treated within his philosophy of language and the weighty cultural issues raised in Hegel's attempt to conceptualize the sweeping transformation, which in his day was becoming increasingly evident, of traditional into modern societies.

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The conference is open to anyone interested in and familiar with Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* and Brandom's *A Spirit of Trust*. A current draft of the latter can be downloaded from Prof. Brandom's website.

www.pitt.edu/~brandom/spirit_of_trust_2014.html

Attendance is free, but limited to 60 participants. Prospective participants are required to **register by email**.

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Freie Universität Berlin

Keynote by Robert B. Brandom

Organized by Georg W. Bertram and Gilles Bouche



Thursday, 19 June 2014

Friday, 20 June 2014

Saturday, 21 June 2014

09.30

John McDowell

University of Pittsburgh

Introduction: Reading (Not Between the Lines of)
Hegel's Introduction to the Phenomenology

09.30

Terry Pinkard

University of Georgetown

Spirit I: Semantic Self-Consciousness and
Spirit's Life

11.00

Dina Emundts

Universität Konstanz

Consciousness: Experience, Concepts, and Ob-
jects: A Phenomenological Reading of Hegel

11.00

Gilles Bouche

Freie Universität Berlin

Spirit II: The Idea of a Pure Philosophy of Lan-
guage With an Edifying Intent

14.00

Conference Opening

12.30

Break

12.30

Break

14.30

Robert B. Pippin

University of Chicago

Preface I: Brandom on Hegel on Negation

14.00

Georg W. Bertram

Freie Universität Berlin

Self-Consciousness I: Where is the Conflict in
Brandom's Theory of Recognition (and Why
Should There Be Any)?

14.00

Italo Testa

Università di Parma

Spirit III: Spirit and Alienation

16.00

Elena Ficara

Universität Paderborn

Preface II: Truth and Incompatibility

15.30

Pirmin Stekeler-Weithofer

Universität Leipzig

Self-Consciousness II: Rational Binding by Norms:
On the Limited Role of the Second Person

15.30

Franz Knappik

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Spirit IV: Objective Spirit, Trust, and Institutions

18.15

Robert B. Brandom

University of Pittsburgh

Keynote: Reason, Genealogy, and the Hermeneu-
tics of Magnanimity

17.00

Dean Moyer

Johns Hopkins University

Reason: Intentional Agency and Conceptual Idealism

17.00

Closing