

NIETZSCHE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Nietzsche Circle and SIT

Hosting Institute: SIT

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Call for Papers

This symposium is conceived and designed to explore Nietzsche's ideas on science and technology. While critiquing modern science and its foundation in Greek thought, Nietzsche envisions a new way of 'knowing' and doing science, which can be found in such notions as 'gay science.' Notions such as the will to power and eternal recurrence have been developed partly in response to contemporary science. Some of the proposed topics to explore are: Socratic rationality, modern science and objectivity, Nietzsche's study of sciences in his own times, intuitive thinking vs. abstract thinking, art vs. science, cognitive knowing vs. knowing in general (*Erkennen* vs. *Wissen*), Nietzsche on mostly scientific schools of philosophy such as atomism, materialism and positivism, Nietzsche's influence on science and scientists, and *gai saber* as a new way of knowing.

Subjects:

Nietzsche's critique of rationality

Different ways of learning and knowing: intuition and abstraction

Picture thinking vs. abstract thinking

Knowledge and language: concept vs. metaphor

Will to power and eternal recurrence in relation to science

Art and science relationship in Nietzsche

Nietzsche's relationship to positivism

Nietzsche's vision for new ways of 'knowing': Gai Saber

Wissen vs. Erkennen in Nietzsche

Knowledge as will to power

Nietzsche and the contemporary scientists he read

Nietzsche's influence on science

How would Nietzsche critique technology and our technological age, including the most recent technologies?

Please send your abstract to the organizers by September 30, 2015. Abstracts should be 300 words maximum and accompanied by another document that has your name, contact info and academic affiliation. Acceptance notification will be sent out by September 30, 2015

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