

There are various reasons why this has to be regarded as a meeting of some considerable importance. It made it perfectly clear, for the very first time, that the significance of Hegel's Philosophy of Nature is now a living philosophical issue, and that the working out of its implications is almost certain to change the nature of Hegel studies fairly radically. The publication of the Berlin lecture-notes has already begun. Once they have been made available, Hegel's response or lack of response to the changing state of the natural sciences will have to be taken into consideration when making pronouncements on the nature of his attitude to the empirical or pragmatic aspect of knowledge. Analysis of the empirical or concrete content of his expositions is bound to throw into relief the ways in which his treatment of the natural sciences differs from that of Schelling. Whether such research will confirm Wandschneider's view that the Logic constitutes the only ontology capable of assimilating the accomplishments of modern science remains to be seen, but it is already clear that Hegelianism is capable of casting a constructive light upon the problems presented by the mathematical element in modern methodology.

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HSGB: Sixth Conference: Call for Papers

At the 1983 HSGB conference it was agreed that the subject of the 1984 meeting, to be held in St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 13-14 September, should be 'The Young Hegel'. This title was taken to cover Hegel up to, but not including, the Phenomenology. Would anyone who would like to contribute a paper in the relevant area get in touch as soon as possible with the conference chairman, Professor W.H. Walsh, 352 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7PP.

M.A. in Continental Philosophy: Essex University

The M.A. in Continental Philosophy at Essex University is now in its second year. The Department has always had a strong interest in Hegel and continental philosophy generally and it represents a primary interest of two of its members, Jay Bernstein and Robert Bernasconi. They have now been joined by David Farrell Krell, previously of the University of Mannheim, who is perhaps best known in this country for

his translations of Heidegger, but who has also published on Hegel. A fourth member, Mike Weston, also works on Hegel, particularly his relation to Kierkegaard, and in addition Onora O'Neill contributes to the Kant teaching. This concentration of interest enables the department to offer a full Master's programme in the area as well as providing opportunities for research for Higher Degrees in most aspects of continental thought.

The M.A. consists of three courses and a dissertation of 12,000 words. Its overall goal is to provide students with a view of the dominant trends of continental thought from Hegel to the present. The study of Hegel occupies the major portion of the core course. This is usually pursued through a reading of The Phenomenology of Spirit, but other texts have also been included: Faith and Knowledge, The Lectures on Aesthetics, and The Lectures on Christian Religion. A reading of the major portions of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason completes this part of the course. The study of Kant and Hegel is complemented by a course on Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, which usually takes the form of a detailed study of one or more of the major works of this tradition, such as Nietzsche's Thus Spoke Zarathustra, Heidegger's Being and Time, Sartre's Being and Nothingness and Levinas' Totality and Infinity. The third course is a colloquium in Contemporary European Philosophy which is also attended by the research students working in the area. The topics covered are usually selected in order to complement the other courses and have so far included Husserl, Lukacs, Habermas, Gadamer, Derrida, and a study of recent continental interpretations of Descartes. A graduate exchange programme has been agreed with the philosophy department of the State University of New York at Stony Brook and similar opportunities for research students to study on the continent are being explored.

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Editor's note: Comments on the place of Hegel in the curricula of other British universities are invited.

Hegel in France

'Hegel in France' is a title which poses two questions: (i) the extent of French acquaintance with Hegelian thought, (ii) the