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CALL FOR CHAIRS

Nowadays the Ethos of Individualism is regarded as a Myth rather than an Ethos hailing from the 17 Century Scientific Revolution and the 18 Century European Enlightenment The Narrative of Modernity is, in a sense, the attempt to save the idea of Individualism from its esoteric background, without falling into moral Nihilism. The articulation of the Self in the context of coexistence with Others is the great challenge facing the European Mind, or simply, facing Europeans. Western civilisation has to meet the challenge of the legend of the disappearance of the Self. For this central issue it is imperative to rearticulate the unity of theory and practice on the one hand, and to break down the barriers within Humanistic Studies on the other.

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Dear friend

It is a great pleasure for us to be able to send you the invitation to our workshop on “Nietzsche, Postmodernism and Post-Postmodernism” at the next ISSEI-Conference, which will take place this year in Pamplona (I think it is Hemingway’s town with the famous/notorious bull runs).

Moreover it is an especially happy moment for Uschi and myself, because – as you might remember – two years ago we more or less had to give up our goal to arrange the same session in Wales (eventually Uschi was ready to chair a reduced workshop). The reason for this was a catastrophic change in the ISSEI organization conditions.

I am sure that Pamplona requires a lot of organizational work, and it may also involve some costs for you. But I am also convinced that it will not only be a great challenge but also an excellent opportunity for us, in every aspect.

So I do not ask you to send me a short version of the Pamplona paper you wish to submit. What I ask you for instead is a short list of the most important problems in our field of research as you perceive them, and a short list of your published as well as non-published papers on this topic.

Thus we can start our communication a long time before

our meeting in Pamplona.

**With the best hopes for our workshop,
and kindest regards,**

January 16, 2004

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Nietzsche, Postmodernism and Post-Postmodernism

A Workshop chaired by Endre Kiss and Uschi Nussbaumer-Benz

Friedrich Nietzsche's philosophy met a very specific and dramatic – if not even partially criminal – reception. In this history of reception, a philosophical movement, which later on was to be subsumed under the title “Postmodernism”, played an important part. Initially, this movement was characterised by the fact – independent of the different interpretatory approaches – that its thinkers intended to *follow up* Nietzsche's thoughts and to accept the challenges of their time, not least as a result of this thought process. Up to which degree, with this very attitude, they differed from the majority of Nietzsche's recipients, only someone who is truly familiar with the various aspects of this reception is able to define.

In the beginning, Postmodernism, in its twofold directions of development, on the one hand tried to lay claim to Nietzsche. On the other hand, it tried to use Nietzsche as a basis for its program of a new interdiscursive philosophy, and was outstanding in not only underpinning but also legitimating the program of philosophical deconstruction with Nietzsche.

Postmodernism is no longer alive, nor has a new prominent integrative view emerged to date. This is why the question is, firstly, how Nietzsche's original philosophical approaches, how the postmodern Nietzschean points of emphasis live on in our time of Post-Postmodernism and, secondly, whether in Nietzsche's thoughts creative approaches might still be detected, approaches able to provide us with crucial and decisive new impulses today

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