The New York University Department of Philosophy will host the fifth in its series of conferences on issues in the history of modern philosophy on November 8 and 9, 2008. The Conference will be held at the Rosenthal Pavilion on the 10th floor of the Kimmel Center located at 60 Washington Square South in Greenwich Village. The schedule of sessions and speakers is as follows:

Saturday, November 8

9:00-10:00: Continental Breakfast and Check-in

10:00: Welcome by Dean Richard Foley, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science

10:00-12:00: Descartes
Speaker: Gianni Paganini (Università del Piemonte Orientale)
*How to Learn from Doubt: Descartes and Renaissance Skepticism*
Commentator: Catherine Wilson (CUNY Graduate Center)

2:00-4:00: Hume
Speaker: Peter Millican (University of Oxford)
*Hume on Causal Science: Skeptical Realist, or Non-Skeptical Anti-Realist?*
Commentator: Robert Fogelin (Dartmouth College)

4:00-4:30: Coffee Break

4:30-6:30: Kant
Speaker: Jonathan Vogel (Amherst College)
*Kant’s ‘Refutation of Idealism’ Reconsidered*
Commentator: Andrew Chignell (Cornell University)

6:30-7:30: Reception at the Rosenthal Pavilion on the 10th floor of the Kimmel Center

Sunday, November 9

9:00-10:00: Continental Breakfast

10:00-12:00: Nietzsche
Speaker: Brian Leiter (University of Chicago)
*Moral Skepticism and Moral Disagreement in Nietzsche*
Commentator: R. Lanier Anderson (Stanford University)

1:30-3:30: Contemporary Philosophy
Speaker: Ernest Sosa (Rutgers University)
*Descartes and Contemporary Epistemology*
Speaker: Barry Stroud (University of California, Berkeley)
*Skepticism and the Senses*

Questions about the conference may be directed to: philo.modernconference@nyu.edu or to Rohan Prince at rcp270@nyu.edu. For registration (which is free but required) and further information please visit the conference website: http://philosophy.fas.nyu.edu/object/philo.newsevents.modernconference2008

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