“Freedom of the Will”
The Eighth NYU Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy
New York University, November 11-12, 2011

The New York University Department of Philosophy will host the eighth in its series of conferences on issues in the history of modern philosophy on November 11 and 12, 2011. Each conference in the series examines the development of a central philosophical problem from early modern philosophy to the present, exploring the evolution of formulations of the problem and of approaches to resolving it. By examining the work of philosophers of the past both in historical context and in relation to contemporary philosophical thinking, the conferences allow philosophy's past and present to illuminate one another.

Friday, November 11

1:00-2:00 Check-in

2:00-4:00 First session: Descartes
Speaker: Sean Greenberg (University of California, Irvine)
Commentator: Dan Kaufman (University of Colorado)

4:30-6:30 Second session: Reid
Speaker: James Harris (University of St. Andrews)
Commentator: Rebecca Copenhaver (Lewis and Clark College)

6:30-7:30 Reception

Saturday, November 12

10:00-12:00 Third session: Kant
Speaker: Stephen Engstrom (University of Pittsburgh)
Commentator: Desmond Hogan (Princeton University)

2:00-4:00 Fourth session: Schopenhauer
Speaker: Christopher Janaway (University of Southampton)
Commentator: Paul Katsafanas (Boston University)

4:30-6:30 Fifth session: Contemporary Philosophy
Speaker: Derk Pereboom (Cornell University)
Commentator: Helen Beebee (University of Birmingham)

7:30 Conference Banquet (program participants and invited guests)

Conference Directors: Béatrice Longuenesse, John Richardson, Don Garrett