

Fall 2013: French 7410 / Deleuze and Guattari /
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INTRO LECTURE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will focus on the social and political philosophy found in *Anti-Oedipus* and *A Thousand Plateaus*. We will downplay the psychoanalytic, the linguistic, the biological, and the ontological, though these will be discussed in passing.

REVIEW SYLLABUS

- 1) Schedule
- 2) Readings
- 3) Assignments

HOW TO ORIENT YOURSELF W/R/T DELEUZE AND GUATTARI

- 1) Bibliographically
 - a. Deleuze and History of Philosophy
 - i. Roffe and Jones, eds, *Deleuze's Philosophical Lineage*
 - ii. Smith, *Essays on Deleuze*
 - iii. Voss, on Deleuze and Maimon:
http://parrhesiajournal.org/parrhesia11/parrhesia11_voss.pdf
 - iv. Sauvagnargues, *L'empirisme transcendantal* (esp on Simondon)
 - v. Toscano, *Theatre of Production* (Kant and Simondon)
 - b. Commentaries on specific books by Deleuze
 - i. DR: Somers-Hall, Hughes, Williams
 - ii. AO: Holland, Buchanan
 - iii. ATP: Bonta and Protevi (glossary rather than commentary)
 - c. Deleuze and Science:
 - i. DeLanda: ISVP: uses DR terminology
 - ii. Bonta and Protevi: D and Geophilosophy: ATP focus
 - d. Deleuze and Politics
 - i. Thoburn: Deleuze and Autonomia
 - ii. Patton: Deleuze and liberalism
- 2) Guattari
 - a. *Three Ecologies, Chaosmos, Machinic Unconscious*
 - b. Introduction: Genosko
 - c. Advanced: Watson (Lacan)
- 3) Cultural / historical: AO is post-68; ATP is post-70s:
 - a. AO and 1968
 - i. Old Left and New Left
 - ii. Radical difference vs oppositional difference
 - iii. Nietzsche-Spinoza blows up Marx-Freud
 - b. ATP and late 1970s
 - i. Autonomia thesis:

1. Capitalist reaction to worker demands for flexibility
 2. "Never believe a smooth space will suffice to save us"
 - ii. Prudent experimentation rather than "destroy, destroy"
- 4) Philosophically
- a. Hardt's book on D and Bergson, Nietzsche, Spinoza
 - i. Bergson and differential ontology
 - ii. Nietzsche and affirmative ethics
 - iii. Spinoza and differential-affirmative onto-ethical-politics
 - b. SEP article and the philosophy of difference in DR
 - i. Virtual, intensive, actual
 - ii. Differentiation, field and process of individuation, differentiation
 - iii. Hurricane example