

Invitation to the International Congress of Merleau-Ponty Circle Japan

An International Congress of Merleau-Ponty Circle Japan (*) will be held on November 22nd and 23rd, 2008 at Rikkyo University, Ikebukuro Campus, Tokyo (**). The theme of the congress is "International research for the construction of a new philosophy of body---- the 100th anniversary of Merleau-Ponty". This congress is sponsored by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (***) .

Merleau-Ponty's theory of body has been researched in a wide field, not only in phenomenology and the philosophy but also in sociology, social anthropology, psychiatry, psychology, aesthetics, linguistics, pedagogies, nursing studies, cognitive science and robotics, etc.

So, this international congress is held aiming to focus on his theory of body, and to succeed to his thought based on the latest researches, and to search for the possibility of new development in the future, inviting the researchers in such various areas from around the world, and exchanging the researches that concern Merleau-Ponty's theory of body.

We would like to invite you to this international congress, hoping to share our ideas and researches on this unique opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

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(**) Home page of Rikkyo University: <http://www.rikkyo.ne.jp/grp/kohoka/english/>

(***) Japan Society for the Promotion of Science: <http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/index.html>

Colloque international (tentative program)
Vers une nouvelle philosophie du corps:
Centenaire de la naissance de Maurice Merleau-Ponty

Date: The 22nd and 23rd November, 2008
Site: Rikkyo University, Ikebukuro Campus, Tokyo
(3-34-1 Nishi Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo 171-8501)

The 22nd November (Saturday) *Corps comme chiasme de l'histoire et la nature*

Symposium 1: *La nature et le corps* 10:00~12:30

Symposium 2: *L'histoire et le corps* 14:00~16:30

Participants et Invités (prévus) : Shoichi Matsuba, Takashi Kakuni, Koji Hirose, Mauro Carbone.

We plan to invite 3 more speakers from France and Italy for each Symposium.

All speeches of symposium 1 and 2 are in French.

The 23rd November (Sunday): *Mind extending toward the environment*

Symposium 3: *Intercorporeality and Caring* 10:00~12:30

Jonathan Cole (University of London): Clinical Neurophysiology

Gail Weiss (George Washington University): Phenomenology; Feminist theory, existentialism; philosophy of literature

Yumi Nishimura (University of Osaka): Nursing science; Caring; Phenomenology

Tetsuya Kono (Rikkyo University): Phenomenology; Philosophy of Special needs education

Chair: **Nobuo Kazashi** (Kobe University): Philosophy; Phenomenology

Symposium 4: *Corporeality, Cognitive Science, and Robotics* 14:30~17:30

Shaun Gallagher (University of Central Florida): Phenomenology; Cognitive Sciences

Manos Tsakiris (Royal Holloway University of London): Agency and awareness of action; Body representation and body awareness

Michio Okada (Toyohashi University of Technology): Robotics; Ecological communications

Shoji Nagataki (Chukyo University): Phenomenology, Philosophy of mind, Cognitive science

Chair: **Junichi Murata** (University of Tokyo): Phenomenology; Philosophy and ethics of technology

All speeches of symposium 3 and 4 are in English.