



In-Spire Call for papers

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(Re)imagining alterity in the 21st Century: philosophy, social science and the *other*

'The other is the future. The very relationship with the other is the relationship with the future' (Emmanuel Levinas)

This special issue seeks to explore the question of alterity, such as the alterity of woman as other of man, within and through western/continental philosophical and social science traditions. How do implicit structures within philosophy and the social sciences continue to exclude certain other subjects/spaces and how do these exclusionary practices contribute towards broader conceptualisations of world and society? We are seeking articles which take into consideration the contemporary status and role of alterity from a diverse range of academic disciplines and perspectives.

Possible responses may include, but are not restricted to:

- How is the 'social' of social science delimited through processes of othering and relationships of alterity? Why does the establishment of a discipline necessitate the construction of boundaries and relationships of alterity? How are these boundaries maintained? How and who are contesting them?
- What processes of othering of theories/methods themselves continue to uphold exclusionary practices within the social sciences?
- How have theories of otherness been developed into or contributed towards the establishment of research methodologies, for example in feminism/queer studies/post-colonialism/disability studies?
- What is specific or new to contemporary patterns and boundaries of social exclusion?
- How and in what ways is otherness being re-appropriated? What forms of otherness have become included or normalised? Why have other others remained other?
- How are boundaries of alterity breaking down? What are the effects of this and in what ways is this liberating?
- What new imaginaries of difference and alterity are emerging e.g. those emerging within cultural media and technology? How might we develop or rethink established imaginaries of otherness and alterity such as that of Said or Levinas.
- Concerning otherness and spatiality, how might we extend, contribute or think beyond the spatiality of otherness such as that offered by ideas and concepts such as heterotopia and orientalism?

Articles should be submitted according to the submission guidelines at: www.in-spire.org/guidelines.html . They should be sent to the managing editor (Corey Walker-Mortimer) at:

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