"What is Pluralism?"

Conference schedule

The 6th annual "What is...?" Conference
Department of Philosophy, University of Oregon
Conference Date: May 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2012
Knight Library Browsing Room, 11–4pm
Lunch and refreshments provided

11:00am – 11:15am: Coffee and Tea
11:15am – 11:45am: David Alexander Craig, “Those Philosophizing in Glass Houses Ought to Throw Stones: Toward a Methodological Pluralism”
11:45am – 12:15pm: Nicolae Morar, “Human Nature and Biology: For a Pluralistic Understanding of Ourselves”
12:15pm – 1:00pm: Mark Johnson, “Whose Pluralism?”
1:00pm – 1:45pm: Lunch
1:45pm – 2:15pm: Valeria Levkovskaya and Aurora Laybourn-Candlish, “Digital Plurality: Mediating and Homogenizing Plural Identity Through the Internet”
2:15pm – 2:45pm: Alan Reynolds, “God is Dead, Long Live Pluralism: Teaching Ethics Beyond Rationalism, Relativism, and Objectivity”
2:45pm – 3:30pm: Bonnie Mann, “Three White Men Walked into a Bar: Philosophy’s Pluralism”

Pluralism may in fact be understood in a plurality of ways. It takes on different inflections in the context of different discourses—ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, political philosophy—and it has had different meanings at various moments in the history of philosophy. Our department champions itself as a pluralistic department—but what does pluralism mean to us? Is pluralism an ontological worldview, a normative practice, or a method of theorizing? Can multiple conceptions and/or practices of pluralism coexist and cooperate alongside one another? Finally, what is the philosophical value and significance of pluralism—and what are its limitations?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either of this year’s conference directors: Alan Reynolds <alanr@uoregon.edu> or David Craig <dcraig@uoregon.edu>. 