

# CRITIQUE IN GERMAN PHILOSOPHY

**NOV. 9-11, 2017**  
DePaul University  
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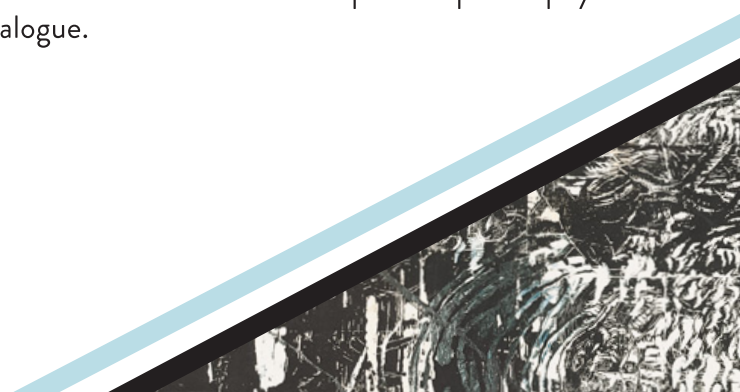
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## About the Conference

Critique has been a central theme in the German philosophical tradition since the publication of Immanuel Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*. Kant's successors were inspired by, but also dissatisfied with, his new critical philosophy. Some turned Kant's critique against itself and used it to challenge the authority of his system. Others extended the reach of Kant's critique and transformed its objectives, generating new forms of aesthetic, historical, philosophical and social criticism. These new forms of critique were taken up by a variety of movements in German philosophy over the course of the 19th and 20th centuries, including Idealism, Romanticism, Marxism, Neo-Kantianism, Phenomenology and Critical Theory. They also led to a number of important developments in parts of philosophy such as aesthetics, epistemology, ethics, metaphysics and political philosophy. This conference, "Critique in German Philosophy," will bring these different movements and parts of philosophy together in dialogue.



**THURSDAY, Nov. 9, 5 to 7:30 p.m.** | Cortelyou Commons

**5 p.m., Introduction**

William McNeill, María Acosta and Colin McQuillan

**5:15 to 6 p.m.**

“From the Metaphysics of Right to the Critique of Violence”

Peter Fenves, Northwestern University

**6 to 7:30 p.m., Keynote Lecture**

“The Critique of Law and the Law of Critique”

Christoph Menke, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

**7:30 p.m., Reception**

**FRIDAY, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** | Cortelyou Commons

**Moderator: Luis Guzmán, The New School**

**10 to 11 a.m.**

“Critique in Kant’s *Critique of Practical Reason*: on Why this is not a Critique of Pure Practical Reason”

Avery Goldman, DePaul University

**11 a.m. to Noon**

“Critique with a Small ‘c’: Herder’s Critical Philosophical Practice and Anti-Critical Polemics”

Rachel Zuckert, Northwestern University

**Noon to 2 p.m., Lunch**

**Moderator: Thomas Khurana, Ph.D., Yale University, University of Essex**

**2 to 3 p.m.**

“Schelling’s Philosophical Letters on Doctrine and Critique”

G. Anthony Bruno, McGill University

### **3 to 4 p.m.**

“Alexander von Humboldt: A Romantic Critic of Nature”  
Elizabeth Millán, DePaul University

### **4 to 4:15 p.m., Coffee Break**

### **4:15 to 5:15 p.m.**

“Kantian Critique and its Development in Hermann Cohen  
and Wilhelm Dilthey”  
Rudolf A. Makkreel, Emory University

### **5:15 to 5:30 p.m., Coffee Break**

### **5:30 to 7 p.m., Keynote Lecture**

“Kant’s Critique of Wolffian Metaphysics in *Dreams of a Spirit-Seer*,  
the *Inaugural Dissertation*, and the *Critique of Pure Reason*”  
Karin de Boer, KU Leuven

**SATURDAY, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** | Richardson Library, Room  
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**Moderator: Ronald Mendoza de Jesús, University of Southern California**

### **10 to 11 a.m.**

“Critique, Refutation, Appropriation: Strategies of Hegel’s Dialectic”  
Angelica Nuzzo, City University of New York

### **11 a.m. to Noon**

“Abstraction and Critique in Marx’s Capital”  
Rocío Zambrana, University of Oregon

### **Noon to 1 p.m.**

“Making a Specter Out of Marx: The Reformist Agenda of  
Contemporary Critical Theory”  
Gabriel Rockhill, Villanova University

**1 to 2:30 p.m., Lunch**

**Moderator: Daniel R. Rodríguez-Navas, Middlebury College**

**2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

**“Phenomenology as Critique: Subversions and Matrices of Intelligibility”**  
Smaranda Aldea, Kent State University

**3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

**“Is There Critique in Critical Theory?”**  
Rick Lee, DePaul University

**4:30 to 4:45 p.m., Coffee Break**

**4:45 to 5:45 p.m.**

**“The Use of Critique”**  
Florian Klinger, University of Chicago

**5:45 to 6 p.m., Coffee Break**

**6 to 7:30 p.m., Keynote Lecture**

**“The Limits of Immanent Critique”**  
Amy Allen, Penn State University

**8 p.m., Dinner**



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