

News item. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/news/item/pragmatism-and-phenomenology-workshop>, 03.01.2026.

Category: Academic Meeting

Title: Pragmatism and Phenomenology Workshop

Description: A Two Day Workshop

In 1980, Sandra B. Rosenthal and Patrick L. Bourgoeis wrote in *Pragmatism and Phenomenology: A Philosophic Encounter* that “a real philosophical encounter is an occasion not for the melting down of one framework to another, but rather for two traditions to be fed in such a way as to clarify for themselves their own positions and deepen their own insights.” Their hope was that their book would permit such a recognition of difference while enlivening debate within and across the continental divide. Thirty-five years later, much work still remains to be done to bring pragmatism and phenomenology together.

This two day workshop presents an opportunity for scholars from both phenomenology and pragmatism to engage in a sustained discussion on topics relevant to both groups. Some of these topics include intentionality, the a priori, states of affairs, temporality, perception and judgment, embodiment, naturalism, psychologism, amongst others.

The workshop is meant to be a discussion-type format and is not meant to be a formal presentation of papers. Workshop participants will be asked to lead or co-lead discussions on a topic of their choosing with discussion material circulated in advance. In order to facilitate this process, we ask that you submit a 100 word abstract of your discussion topic and one or two main readings that will serve as advance readings for the other participants. It is not expected that participants are experts in both traditions, but merely that there is an interest in both. There is enough space for 25 registrants. Abstract and supplementary reading deadline is midnight on January 25th. Please email your submission to Aaron Massecar at amassecar [at] uwo.ca Notification of acceptance will be sent out by January 28th.

The workshop will take place at King’s University College at Western University in London, Ontario on February 7th and 8th from 9am to 5pm on both days with a reception held on the first day. The costs of breakfast and lunch will be covered.

This workshop is presented with the support of the Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy, the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, the North American Society for Early Phenomenology, and King’s University College at Western University.

Date: 07/02/2015 to 08/02/2015

Deadline: 25/01/2015

Place: King's University College at Western University in London, Ontario