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INSTITUTE NOTES

OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTE

The aims of the Royal Institute of Philosophy are to promote the study of philosophy and to encourage original work in it. The main ways in which the Institute pursues these aims are by organising programmes of lectures, by publishing a quarterly journal, by running an annual book competition, and by holding conferences. The lectures given at the Institute's headquarters, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1, are published, in the January following the lecture session, as a volume in the ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY LECTURES series. In the Institute's quarterly journal, PHILOSOPHY, philosophical problems are discussed, and new books reviewed, by writers whose care it is to make themselves understood by the public at large as well as by their professional colleagues. The term 'philosophy' covers a wide group of studies, which have been differently pursued at different times. The Royal Institute of Philosophy interprets 'philosophy' as covering ethics, aesthetics, metaphysics, epistemology, logic, philosophy of science, political and social philosophy, philosophy of history, philosophy of education and the philosophies of mind and language. The Institute is not committed to any school or method, but seeks to provide a forum for the rational discussion of questions in all these fields.

The Institute welcomes as members all those who are interested in philosophical problems, irrespective of their professional qualifications.

The annual subscription to the Institute is £2 10s (\$6.50 in the U.S.A. and Canada). Members receive the Institute's journal, PHILOSOPHY, published quarterly, and may, of course, attend the lectures. The membership subscription does not cover the cost of volumes in the ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY LECTURES series, which are published by Macmillan & Co., in London, and by St Martin's Press, in New York, and are obtainable from bookshops.

There are centres of the Institute at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary, Royal Institute of Philosophy, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

1968-69 LECTURE PROGRAMME

The following lectures will be given at 14 Gordon Square, W.C.1, at 5.45 p.m. All dates fall on a Friday.

1968

- October 11th DREAMING
Mrs Martha Kneale (Oxford University)
- October 18th EVIDENCE FOR PHYSICAL DETERMINISM
R. G. Swinburne, Esq., M.A., B.Phil.
(University of Hull)
- October 25th PHILOSOPHICAL BEHAVIOURISM
Professor C. W. K. Mundle
(University College of North Wales, Bangor)
- November 1st THINKING AND PERFORMANCE
A. Palmer, Esq., B.A., B.Phil.
(University of Southampton)
- November 8th INNATE IDEAS
R. Edgley, Esq., B.A., B.Phil.
(University of Bristol)
- November 15th PERCEPTION AND ACTION
M. R. Ayers, Esq., M.A. Ph.D.
(Oxford University)
- November 22nd A PSYCHOLOGICAL LOOK AT SOME PROBLEMS OF PERCEPTION
B. A. Farrell, Esq., B.Litt., M.A.
(Oxford University)
- November 29th MORAL KNOWLEDGE
Professor J. B. Schneewind
(University of Pittsburgh)

1969

- January 24th DETERMINISM AND KNOWLEDGE
Professor David Wiggins (University of London)
- January 31st INFERENCES ABOUT SEEING
Peter Alexander, Esq., B.A., B.Sc.
(University of Bristol)
- February 7th HOW OPEN IS THE FUTURE?
Michael Clark, Esq., M.A. (University of Nottingham)
- February 14th DUHEM, QUINE AND A NEW EMPIRICISM
Mary B. Hesse, M.A., Ph.D. (Cambridge University)
- February 21st MEMORY, MEMORIES AND ME
D. B. Locke, Esq., M.A., B.Phil.
(University of Warwick)
- February 28th PERCEPTUAL CONSCIOUSNESS
Professor John W. Yolton
(York University, Canada)
- March 7th IS A RELIGIOUS EPISTEMOLOGY POSSIBLE?
Professor T. Penelhum (University of Calgary)

NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

- A. P. D'ENTREVES Professor of Italian Studies and Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, from 1946 to 1957; Professor of Political Theory at the University of Turin from 1957. The author of many books and articles on Legal and Political Theory in Italian, English and French, his most recent major publication in English being *The Notion of the State, An Introduction to Political Theory* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1967).
- H. J. McCLOSKEY Reader in Philosophy, University of Melbourne. Has contributed a variety of articles to *Philosophy* and other philosophical journals.
- ALWYNNE SMART Lecturer at La Trobe University.
- R. W. NEWELL Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of East Anglia; author of *The Concept of Philosophy* (1967).
- DAVID H. SANFORD Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Dartmouth College. Has contributed to *Analysis*, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Nous*, and *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

NEW CENTRES OF THE INSTITUTE

At its meeting on 19th July, 1968, the Executive Committee of the Royal Institute of Philosophy decided to encourage the forming of new centres of the Institute by providing a measure of financial assistance. A new centre can be formed only if there are, in some locality, both enough members who would like to meet together to hear and discuss lectures, and someone who is in a position to, and is willing to, organise such meetings and act as the local Secretary of the Institute. There are, at present, centres of the Institute, in the United Kingdom, at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and the University College of North Wales, Bangor. The Director would be pleased to hear from members of the Institute who would welcome the formation of a centre in their neighbourhood, and to give, to persons qualified to be local Secretaries of such centres, particulars of the financial assistance the Institute is prepared to offer.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFERENCE AT SOUTHAMPTON, 26th-28th SEPTEMBER, 1969

The Royal Institute of Philosophy, in conjunction with the British Society for Phenomenology, is holding a Conference at the University of Southampton over the last weekend in September, 1969. There will be six symposia, to which European philosophers will contribute, on 'Philosophical Methodology', 'Good and Evil', 'The Person', 'Freedom and Determinism', 'Aesthetics' and 'Body and Mind'. Full particulars will be given in the January, 1969, number of *PHILOSOPHY*.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY ANNUAL BOOK COMPETITION

Details of the £500 Annual Book Competition were given in the January, 1968, number of *PHILOSOPHY* (page 82). The subject of the competition for 1969 is Philosophy of Mind, for 1970, Epistemology, and for 1971, Philosophy of Science.

VISITING PHILOSOPHERS

To Britain

Richard Schlegel, Professor of Physics at Michigan State University, will be working on problems relating to quantum physics and its philosophical interpretation at Cambridge (30 Wilberforce Road) from September 1968 to August 1969.

Henryk Skolimowski, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, will be a research fellow at Linacre College, Oxford, for the academic year 1968-69, doing research in epistemology and the philosophy of science. (Professor Skolimowski is the author of *Polish Analytical Philosophy*, reviewed in this number of *PHILOSOPHY*.)

From Britain

Frederick C. Copleston, Professor of the History of Philosophy at Heythrop College, will be visiting Columbia University in the Fall Term, 1968.

Richard M. Hare, White's Professor of Moral Philosophy at Oxford, will be visiting the University of Michigan in the Fall Term, 1968.

Mary B. Hesse, Lecturer in the Philosophy of Science at University College, Cambridge, will be visiting the University of Chicago in the Fall Term, 1968.

Anthony Kenny, Lecturer in Philosophy at Balliol College, Oxford, will be visiting the University of Washington in the Winter Term, 1969.

Christopher Kirwan, Lecturer in Philosophy at Exeter College, Oxford, will be visiting the University of Michigan in the Fall Term, 1968.

F. S. McNeilly, Lecturer in Philosophy at St Andrews, will be visiting Wayne State University in the Fall, Winter and Spring Terms, 1968-69.

Alan Montefiore, Lecturer in Philosophy at Balliol College, Oxford, will be visiting the University of Montreal in the Fall Term, 1968.

Patrick H. Nowell-Smith, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Kent at Canterbury, will be visiting the University of California (Santa Barbara) in the Fall and Winter Terms, 1968-69.

Timothy Sprigge, Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Sussex, will be visiting the University of Cincinnati in the Fall and Spring Terms, 1968-69.

Colin Strang, Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, will be visiting Harvard University in the Fall Term, 1968.

THE HARKNESS FELLOWSHIPS

For details of the Commonwealth Fund of New York's 1969 awards for study in the United States write to The Harkness Fellowships (U.K.), Harkness House, 38 Upper Brook Street, London, W1Y 1PE. The closing date for applications, on forms provided by the Fund, is Thursday, 7th November, 1968.