

The International Reception of Existentialism

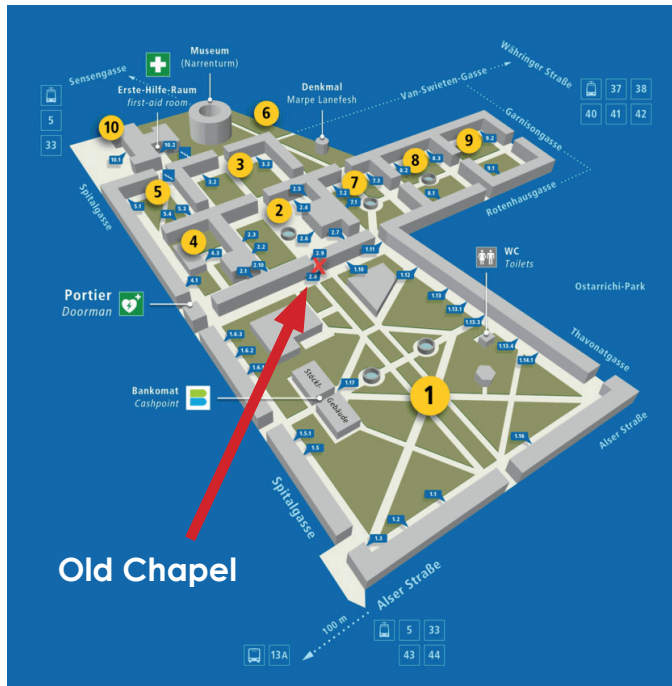
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From his emergence as a world-famous philosopher, dramatist, and novelist to his becoming the 'world's conscience' through his political commitment, Jean-Paul Sartre dominated intellectual discourse for a quarter of a century. Shaping the mind-set of a generation between 1943 and 1968, his work influenced writers and thinkers both in France and far beyond.

The contributions address the reception of Sartrean thought outside of France, reflecting on its presence in the areas of literature, philosophy, psychology, and sociology. Through analysis of different forms of cultural transfer (e.g. translation, censorship) in various mediums (e.g. literary periodicals, plays) and institutions (e.g. universities, libraries), the conference seeks to explore and re-examine the worldwide impact of existentialism.

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Conference Program

The International Reception of Existentialism (September 28th-29th, 2018)

Friday, September 28th

09:00 a.m. Registration

09:15 a.m. Welcome Address

09:30 a.m. Alfred Betschart, Sartre Society (CH):
The International Reception of Existentialism:
An Overview

Session 1 (Chair: Adrian van den Hoven)

10:00 a.m. Ronald Aronson, Wayne State University,
Michigan (US): Existentialist Marxism: Sartre's
Reception by the American New Left

10:40 a.m. Dror Yinon, Bar-Ilan University (IL): How
Concrete Can One Get? Sartre, Marcuse,
and the Conceptualization of the Concrete

11:20 a.m. Coffee Break

Session 2 (Chair: Julia Elsky)

11:40 a.m. Rony Klein, Tel Aviv University (IL):
L'Influence de Sartre sur la littérature
israélienne: le cas de Hanokh Levin

12:20 p.m. Hiroaki Seki, University of Tokyo (JP), and
Nariaki Kobayashi, University of Hitotsubashi (JP):
L'Épreuve de l'Autre: une perspective de
l'étude sartrienne au Japon

01:00 p.m. Lunch Break

Session 3 (Chair: Alfred Betschart)

02:00 p.m. Vincent von Wroblewsky, Sartre Society (DE):
Sartre en Allemagne, même à l'Est

02:40 p.m. Juliane Werner, University of Vienna (AT):
French Cultural Policy and the Transfer of
Existentialism in Allied-Occupied Austria

03:20 p.m. Norbert Bachleitner, University of Vienna (AT):
Guéhenno in Gehenna. The English and
German Translations of *La nausée*

04:00 p.m. Coffee Break

Session 4 (Chair: Christoph Leschanz)

04:20 p.m. Rosie Germain, Liverpool Hope University (UK):
The Reception of Jean-Paul Sartre at the
Universities of Manchester and Oxford after 1945

05:00 p.m. Jamie Andrews, The British Library (UK):
"Cut the lot": Censoring the Existentialists in
the British Theatre

05:40 p.m. Adrian van den Hoven, University of
Windsor (CA): The Reception of Sartre's Plays:
The Respectful Prostitute and *Dirty Hands* in
the Postwar Period

06:30 p.m. Reception (Old Chapel) with Live Music by Konstantin and Alexander Wladigeroff

Saturday, September 29th

Session 5 (Chair: Patrick Baert)

09:00 a.m. Francesco Caddeo (FR): L'Impact de
l'existentialisme (sartrien) dans la philosophie
italienne

09:40 a.m. Maria Russo, San Raffaele University (IT):
Existentialism and Cinema: the Dialectic of Bad
Faith and Authenticity in Federico Fellini's 8½

10:20 a.m. Raoul Kirchmayr, University of Trieste (IT):
Towards an Ethics of the Singularity. Sartre's
Lectures at the Gramsci's Institute (1961-64)
and their Consequences

11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

Session 6 (Chair: Damon Boria)

11:20 a.m. Hamid Andishan, University of Ottawa (CA):
Middle Eastern Existentialism

12:00 p.m. Yoav Di-Capua, University of Texas (US):
Arab Existentialism: Its Scope, Function and Fate

12:40 p.m. Lunch Break

Session 7 (Chair: Yoav Di-Capua)

01:40 p.m. Julia Elsky, Loyola University Chicago (US):
Language and Existentialism: Reception
of the Absurd at Yale French Studies
(1940s-1950s)

02:20 p.m. Damon Boria, Franciscan Missionaries
of Our Lady University, Louisiana (US): Literary
Existentialism in the United States: The Cases
of Percy and Vonnegut

03:00 p.m. Cameron Bassiri and Matthew Senie,
American University, Washington (US):
Existential Psychoanalysis in America

03:40 p.m. Coffee Break

Session 8 (Chair: Ronald Aronson)

04:00 p.m. Patrick Baert, University of Cambridge (UK):
The Reception of Existentialism in Sociology

04:40 p.m. Robert Bernasconi, Pennsylvania
State University (US): Existentialism against
Colonialism: Frantz Fanon's Dialectic of
Freedom

05:20 p.m. Annie Cohen-Solal (FR): The Becoming-
World of Philosophy. Sartre's Unprecedented
Reception in Brazil, Summer 1960

06:30 p.m. Round Table Discussion

07:30 p.m. Conference Dinner

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