**PHILOSOPHY@UWS**

**New Foucault: A Symposium**

**Friday, November 9, 2012**

**Rooms 2G 04, 3G 55**

**Bankstown Campus of The University of Western Sydney**

The influence of Michel Foucault’s work through the Humanities and social sciences has been sustained across more than three decades, but earlier orthodox understandings and glosses, focused on major texts and central concepts have now given way to careful analysis of less obvious but important contemporary implications. The recent publication and translation of Foucault’s lecture series, and closer examination of various shorter texts has opened up new interpretive directions. This seminar brings together scholars working in three new directions drawing on Foucault’s texts: theorizing law and neo-liberalism, renovating bio-political perspectives, and mobilizing critical concepts of experience and self-transformation.

**Speakers Include:**

**Matthew Chrulew** (Macquarie University) - "Animals as Biopolitical Subjects"

**Dinesh Wadiwel** (University of Sydney) - "Thrasymachus' Objection: Examining Pastoral Power as a Mode of Sovereignty"

**Paul Alberts** (UWS) – “A Foucault for the Anthropocene”

**Paul Patton** (UNSW) “Foucault’s ‘critique’ of Neo-liberalism Revisited”

**Miguel Vatter** (UNSW) "Foucault and Hayek on the Nomos of Civil Society"?

**Timothy O’Leary** (Hong Kong) – “New Tools, New Foucault? The Critique of Ethical Experience”

**Jana Sawicki** (Williams, Mass.) – “Foucault, Feminism, and Queering Critical Thought”

***FREE - All Welcome -please RSVP to*** ***philosophy@uws.edu.au*** ***for catering purposes – a light lunch will be provided***