



## The Irigaray Circle

Diverse Lineages of  
**EXISTENTIALISM II**  
Critical Race, Feminist, & Continental Philosophy

Call for Papers: deadline to submit **November 1, 2018**

### Irigaray @ DLE II: Dialogues Across Difference

George Washington University, Washington, D.C., USA

June 3-5 2019

#### Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

**Sabrina Hom**, Georgia College and State University, USA

**Shaireen Rasheed**, Long Island University, USA

#### Invited Book Panel:

**Laura Roberts**, *Irigaray and Politics: A Critical Introduction* (EUP), The University of Queensland, Australia

#### DLE II Plenary Speaker:

**Achille Mbembe**, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, Johannesburg, South Africa

**The Irigaray Circle**, which promotes scholarship and creative work on or inspired by the thought of Luce Irigaray, will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting June 3-5 2019, as part of **Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II (DLE II)**. The DLE II conference will host a number of organizations who share an interest in diversifying our understanding of what existentialism has been and can be, and/or that engage existentialist texts, thinkers or concepts for contemporary social and political issues. **The Irigaray Circle** will organize plenary and panel sessions across all three days of DLE II.

Holding the Irigaray Circle meeting under the wider umbrella of DLE II offers a unique opportunity to expand the dialogue between Irigaray's work and other considerations of difference, approached through a wide range of philosophical texts, thinkers and traditions. In keeping with its previous conferences, the Circle seeks to generate new possibilities for thinking sexual difference by honoring and supporting interdisciplinarity and the multiple research trajectories, methods and projects inspired by Irigaray's thought. The 2019 meeting affords an occasion to introduce those with shared concerns to Irigaray's work and to revisit that work from other perspectives.

**Proposals:** *all creative work and scholarship on or inspired by Irigaray's thought will be considered.* However, given the context of DLE II, the Circle especially welcomes submissions that engage Irigaray's work across questions of race, sexuality, class, and decoloniality, as well as critiques of ableism, capitalism, and globalization, including the following topics:

- Mass incarceration, carceral sovereignties, race and criminal justice, racial capitalism, Afro-pessimism, Afro-futurism
- Political, sexual and racial violence, feminist and queer legal theory, postcolonialism and the law

- Queer-feminist-crip politics, critiques of ableism and reproductive futurism, queer temporality
- Nonwestern and decolonial philosophies, feminisms of the global south, epistemologies of ignorance
- Settler time and imperialism, indigenous rights and knowledges, refugee and migrant justice
- Environmental degradation and its relations to im-/migration, indigeneity, precarity and capitalism

Proposals that seek to foster dialogue with other societies participating in DLE II are strongly encouraged, though **please be aware of the DLE II policy that participants can only appear on the conference program once** (this includes all individual society sessions, though speakers can also serve as a chair for another panel).

All Irigaray Circle papers with the exception of invited keynote speakers will be 20 minutes plus 10 minutes each for discussion. Please note that the IC conference organizers are planning an edited volume based on the conference and request the right of first review on all accepted papers. If you would like to submit a proposal, please send the following information to [TheIrigarayCircle@irigaray.com](mailto:TheIrigarayCircle@irigaray.com) by **November 1, 2018**:

- **For individual papers:** the title of your paper, an abstract (500 words maximum); 5 keywords; a list of no more than six references (not to be included in the word count)
- **For complete panels (3 papers per panel):** the title of the panel; an abstract explaining the theme of the panel (300 words maximum); 5 keywords for the panel; titles and individual abstracts for each paper (300 words each maximum, plus a list of up to six references for each paper).

**Karen Burke Memorial Prize:** in addition, the Irigaray Circle will sponsor the 7th Annual Karen Burke Memorial Prize, awarded to the best paper submitted by a graduate student or recent PhD (PhD awarded in 2014 or later). The winner of the competition will give the Karen Burke Memorial Prize Lecture at a keynote session of the 2019 IC meeting. Submission instructions:

- Complete papers of no more than 4000 words should be submitted to [TheIrigarayCircle@irigaray.com](mailto:TheIrigarayCircle@irigaray.com) in an email with the subject line: 'Burke Prize'.
- Papers should be prepared for anonymous review and submitted in \*.doc or \*.rtf format.
- An accompanying email should list the paper title and the applicant's name, affiliation, and email address.
- Deadline for submissions, for Karen Burke prize only: **December 1st, 2018**.

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