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Inquiries into Hegel's Notion of Contradiction *with Michela Bordignon*

G.W.F. Hegel infamously claims that all things are contradictory as such. Contradiction is thought and its negation. The negation of a thought says that the thought is false. Thus, Hegel's infamous principle raises some worries.

1. Contradiction, it seems, does not say anything at all. Hegel disagrees. How does, if what he says is true, contradiction say something and not nothing?

2. No thing, it seems, satisfies a contradicting concept. Hegel however claims that all things as such are contradictory. What does it mean, if anything, that a thing is contradicting? And what is it contradicting? Does a „contradicting thing“ stand in a relation to something in the same way as thought stands to its negation; or as a concept stands to its opposite?

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Guided by Bordignon's interpretation, our workshop will tackle notions such as „truth“, „negation“, and „thought“ between the lines of the difficult chapter about the determinations of reflection in Hegel's *SCIENCE OF LOGIC*.

28th of July

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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29th of July

10 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Discussion: chapters „identity“ and „difference“

Lunch

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Discussion: chapters „diversity“ and „opposition“

2.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.

Discussion: chapter „contradiction“

Participants are welcome to enroll until 20th of July.
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