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The Fate of Disciplines

New Perspectives on the Disciplines: Comparative Studies in Higher Education



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FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2006

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast Refreshments

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Introduction

James Chandler, *English, History of Culture, and Cinema & Media Studies*,
University of Chicago

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Greetings

Don Michael Randel, *President, University of Chicago*

9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Session 1: What is a Discipline?

Robert Post, *Law, Yale University*

Judith Butler, *Rhetoric and Comparative Literature, University of California, Berkeley*

Moderator: Dipesh Chakrabarty, South Asian Languages & Civilizations and History, University of Chicago

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch for Registrants

Swift Hall, 1st floor Common Room

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Session 2.1: Cinema & Media Studies

Tom Gunning, *Art History and Cinema & Media Studies, University of Chicago*

Gertrud Koch, *Filmwissenschaft, Freie Universität, Berlin*

Moderator: Yuri Tsivian, Art History, Slavic Languages & Literatures, Comparative Literature, and Cinema & Media Studies, University of Chicago

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Session 2.2: Philology

Sheldon Pollock, *Middle East and Asian Languages & Cultures, Columbia University*

François Hartog, *Ancient Studies, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris*

Moderator: Richard Neer, Art History, University of Chicago

**4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Session 2.3: Cinema-Media
Studies and Philology**

*Commentary: Miriam Hansen, English, Visual Arts, and Cinema & Media
Studies, University of Chicago*

Moderator: Robert Pippin, Social Thought and Philosophy, University of Chicago

5:30 p.m. | Reception

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Breakfast Refreshments

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Session 3.1: Science Studies

Mario Biagioli, *History of Science, Harvard University*

Lorraine Daston, *Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin*

Moderator: Adrian Johns, History and Conceptual & Historical Studies of Science, University of Chicago

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Session 3.2: Religious Studies

Amy Hollywood, *Divinity School, Harvard University*

Saba Mahmood, *Social Cultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley*

Moderator: Bruce Lincoln, Divinity School, University of Chicago

11:45 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Session 3.3: Religious Studies and Science Studies

Commentary: Rivka Feldhay, History of Science, Tel Aviv University

Moderator: Arnold Davidson, Philosophy, Comparative Literature, and the Divinity School, University of Chicago; Philosophy, University of Pisa

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | Lunch for Registrants

Swift Hall, 1st floor Common Room

1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | Session 4: Disciplinary Systems/ Disciplinary Economies

David Wellbery, *Germanic Studies, Comparative Literature, and Social Thought, University of Chicago*

Marshall Sahlins, *Anthropology, University of Chicago*

Moderator: Lisa Wedeen, Political Science, University of Chicago

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Break

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Session 5: The Disciplines and the Arts

Helen Mirra, *Visual and Environmental Studies, Harvard University*

W.J.T. Mitchell, *English and Art History, University of Chicago*

Bill Brown, *English, Visual Arts, and History of Culture, University of Chicago*

Moderator: Laura Letinsky, Visual Arts and Cinema & Media Studies, University of Chicago

6:00 p.m. | Closing Reception

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