



## 6<sup>th</sup> LEVINAS PHILOSOPHY SUMMER SEMINAR

*LPPS is an annual one-week long summer seminar of research and discussion*

### “Ideology and Justice”

University of Chicago Center in Paris, France

July 2-6, 2018

Director: Richard A. Cohen

### Topic Description:

Levinas has taught that ethics is straightforwardness itself, the sincerity of the face opening up moral obligations which require a larger context of justice for all, including knowledge, laws, government, culture, and all that constitutes civilization. And yet we know that institutions, corporations and governments lie, that mass media deceive, that human desires can be manipulated and even manufactured. Can our age of Spectacle, Surveillance and Ideology do other than efface the face, coopt and commodify human freedom? What is the import of fundamental ethics for politics, for justice? Can there be an ethical politics? Can ethics respond to False Consciousness and its contemporary technological supports? These are some of the questions the Seminar will raise, guided by explication of selected texts by Levinas.

### To apply:

Ten scholars of philosophy and/or political philosophy – professors and graduate students – will be accepted to participate in this round-table seminar.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis from the present time until deadline, until all ten places are filled. A limited number of auditors will also be accepted. Please indicate if you are applying as an auditor.

Applicants should send: (1) letter of interest and (2) curriculum vitae, as attachments to [levinas.center@gmail.com](mailto:levinas.center@gmail.com)

Application deadline: March 15, 2018.

All applicants will be notified no later than March 29, 2018.

There is no registration fee. The LPSS provides no financial support.

The seminar meets Monday through Friday, 10:00am to noon; 1:30pm to 5:00pm.

### Organizers:

Co-Organizers: Prof. Richard A. Cohen and Dr. Jolanta Saldukaityte

Assistant Director of Seminar: Prof. James McLachlan

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