

Call For Papers

Submission Deadline: February 28, 2019

Essences have traditionally been assigned important but controversial explanatory roles in philosophical, scientific and social theorizing. Anti-essentialists and conventionalists of various stripes, however, often regard essentialism as a vestige of ancient and medieval thought, or worse, as politically and socially repressive and dangerous. This conference aims to encourage dialogue between essentialists and anti-essentialists across different sub-disciplines within philosophy, including (but not limited to) feminist philosophy, history of philosophy, metaphysics, philosophy of biology, philosophy of science, and social ontology.

Papers should be less than 7000 words (including notes and references), prepared for anonymous review, and sent as PDFs. The email's body should include the author's name and affiliation, title of the paper, and a brief abstract (less than 150 words). We encourage authors to submit work that is not already committed for publication elsewhere. Authors will be notified by or before April 30, 2019. If you would like to participate in the conference as a session chair or commentator, please email your CV and indicate how your own research would benefit from attending this conference. Partial funding may be available for participants on the program.

Send submissions and conference inquiries to kathrin.koslicki@ualberta.ca. For more information, see http://kathrin-koslicki-ytpt.squarespace.com/events/.