

Call for Abstracts
Edited Book
On Badiou and Sexual Difference

According to Badiou, “a [political] truth procedure[, cannot] take root in the element of identity” (2003, 11), it must be indifferent to differences. As a result, in many of his works, Badiou eschews the progressive possibility of race, gender, and sexual orientation within the context of his theory of politics and event.

However, 2011 marks a significant turn in Badiou’s conception of sexual difference according to Louise Burchill, insofar as Badiou’s “Figures of Femininity in the Contemporary World” “proclaims that truth processes can no longer be considered as indifferent to sexual difference” (2018, 1165). Such a turn calls for a reconceptualization of what truth procedures can look like.

Badiou readers can now ask, for instance, if the difference of sexual difference is now pertinent to Badiou’s politics, then in what way does “woman” operate in that truth procedure? Or, what might a conception of the universal that is no longer indifferent to difference look like within his framework?

The goal for this edited collection is to bring together the voices of various scholars of Badiou and sexual difference, in an attempt to ascertain the various implications of Badiou’s account of sexual difference. Furthermore, we aim to address the implications of Badiou’s writing on sexual difference from a variety of international positions, addressing for instance: gender, sexual orientation, queer theory, critical race theory, and decolonial theory.

For consideration in the collection, please submit abstracts (500 words) along with author bios (100-150 words) by **August 1st 2020**. Abstracts for consideration should be sent to Elisabeth Paquette at epaquet1@uncc.edu. Please include “Abstract for Badiou Edited Collection” in the subject line. Abstracts will be reviewed, and tentative acceptance emails will be sent by September 2020. Full length essays should be approximately 7000-10000 words in length, inclusive of endnotes. Full essays will be expected by September 1st, 2021.

Editor Bio

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