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GADAMER, EMERSON AND PHILOSOPHY AS A WAY OF LIFE

A Talk by William Konchak

Thurs., Oct. 23rd: 4:00 – 5:30pm

Building 356, Room 109 (Theatre)

Vancouver Island University

Free event. Everyone welcome.



This talk will look at two seemingly different philosophical thinkers, Hans-Georg Gadamer and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Gadamer, as a philosopher of openness to the other, dialogue, language and community, will be considered alongside Emerson, the “Sage of Concord,” a thinker who emphasizes individual self-reliance with deep interconnections to nature and reality. It will discuss how their perspectives related to self-understanding and self-transformation may complement one another, and also how both thinkers have important practical aspects to their philosophical perspectives, which will be explored in relation to Pierre Hadot’s conception of philosophy as a way of life.

William Konchak holds graduate degrees in three separate, but interconnected fields: philosophy, environmental policy, and transpersonal psychology. He currently is pursuing his PhD in philosophy at the University of Iceland, where he is also an instructor for an ethics of nature course. His research interests are varied, including aspects of ancient philosophy, Pierre Hadot’s conception of philosophy as a way of life, 19th and 20th century thinkers such as Emerson and Gadamer, aesthetics, philosophy of nature, and continental thought more generally.

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