March 29, 2007
Seminar Room Philosophy
Silver Building 5th Floor
100 Washington Square East
6:00 pm

**Landscapes of Life**

Peter Galison [Harvard]
Wastelands and Wilderness
Panel Discussants
Dirk Setton, Katrin Trüstedt, Thomas Dikant

March 30, 2007
10:00 am

**Literary Creatures**

Dirk Setton [Potsdam]
Introduction

10:30 am

Alice Crary [New School]
Literature and the Lives of Animals

Jay Bernstein [New School]
Mad Raccoon, Demented Quail, and the Herring Holocaust (Notes for a Reading of W. G. Sebald)

2:30 pm

Eckart Förster [Johns Hopkins]
Kant and Goethe on Comprehending Living Phenomena

Helmut Müller-Sievers [Northwestern]
Life – Motion – Machines. The Emergence of Kinematics in the 19th Century

Erica Weitzman [NYU]
Are We Not Men? Life as Becoming-Machine

March 31, 2007
10:00 am

**Politics of Potentiality**

Joan Copjec [Buffalo]
The Angel of Potentiality
Agamben and the Muslim Mystics

Kathrin Thiele [Viadrina]
Life – Ethics – Politics. Rethinking the Limits

3:00 pm

**Dialectics of Life**

Thomas Khurana [Potsdam]
Force and Form
Towards a Dialectics of the Living

Leonard Lawlor [Memphis]
The ‘Weak’ Response to the Suffering of the Living: An Attempt to Follow Derrida

“life”
the saving word

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