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Call for Papers

for the Society's Symposium to be held in conjunction with
the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting
December 27-30, 2011, Washington, D.C.

Symposium Topic:

Explorations in Philosophical Anarchy

Submission Deadline:

May 18, 2011

The past two decades have seen a resurgence of interest, both in activist and academic circles, in Anarchist politics and theory, with new and challenging work from several different directions. Renewed academic interest in Anarchism has drawn attention to the importance, vitality and philosophical fruitfulness of key Anarchist arguments and concepts – such as the conflict between *authority* and *autonomy*; tensions between *collectivism* and *individualism*; critical challenges to *hierarchy*, *centralized power*, *top-down control* and authoritarian conceptions of *representation*; and the development of concepts of *spontaneous social order*, *decentralized consensus*, and the *knowledge problems* and *ideological mythologizing* inherent in relations or structures of domination.

Most of this discussion has, naturally enough, taken place within the field of political and moral philosophy. But Anarchist theory – like marxist and feminist theory – embodies more than a policy orientation or a system of moral or political theses. The Anarchist tradition offers a wide-ranging, diverse and vigorously argued literature, concerning the nature and foundations of human society, with implications for every aspect of philosophy, including not only political and moral theory but also aesthetics, social-science methodology, epistemology, and the philosophies of science, religion, history, language and logic. We are looking for papers that address possible connections, approaches, challenges or insights that anarchy and its conceptual environs may suggest for philosophy broadly – or that philosophy may suggest for anarchy – beyond the familiar territory of political and moral theory, especially in such areas as epistemology, philosophy of language, philosophy of logic, and meta-philosophy or philosophical method. Papers from all analytical and critical standpoints (both with regard to philosophy and with regard to Anarchism) are welcome.

Please submit complete papers of 3,000-8,000 words for consideration for the 2011 Symposium by May 18, 2011. Papers should be of appropriate scope and length to be presented in 15-30 minutes. Submitting authors will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of their papers by May 31, 2011.

Submit papers as e-mail attachments, in Word .doc format or PDF, to cfp@molinarisociety.org

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