

# SEMINAR SERIES

15 – 28 February 2011



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<b>15 Feb</b>	Tues	12:30 14:00	<b>Seminar</b> Staff Lounge (WSoE)	<b>The Mind from Descartes to Hegel</b> From the history of philosophy: Descartes, Spinoza, Kant, Herder, Goethe, Hegel.
<b>16 Feb</b>	Wed	16:30 18:30	<b>Faculty Lecture</b> Senate House 6 (SH6) (Wits Main Campus)	<b>Marx and Modernity: Mind Culture and Activity</b> A philosophical overview of a conception of ideology and freedom in modern capitalist society, drawing on the Vygotsky School and Marx.
<b>18 Feb</b>	Fri	12:30 14:00	<b>Seminar</b> Staff Lounge (WSoE)	<b>Vygotsky and the Concept of Consciousness</b> Consciousness, physiology and behaviour in Vygotsky's psychology.
<b>21 Feb</b>	Mon	16:30 18:30	<b>Public Lecture</b> FNB101 (Wits Main Campus)	<b>Is Science a Humanity?</b> Why science has gained such a bad name and has failed to solve the major questions affecting humanity and what needs to be done.
<b>22 Feb</b>	Tues	12:30 14:00	<b>Seminar</b> Staff Lounge (WSoE)	<b>Units and Motives in Activity Theory</b> A critical review of Activity Theory and its relevance to capitalist society.
<b>23 Feb</b>	Wed	12:30 14:00	<b>PhD Seminar</b> Staff Lounge (WSoE)	<b>Projects and the problem of Context</b> A proposal on how to conceive of a person in their context in psychological terms.
<b>28 Feb</b>	Mon	12:30 14:00	<b>Seminar</b> Staff Lounge (WSoE)	<b>Vygotsky's Theory of Child Development</b> Social situation of development, inside/outside dichotomy, and what drives development.