

# The Department of Philosophy presents



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**Talk: "The Ethicality of Ethics in Heidegger and Levinas"**

## **Abstract:**

Levinas's two lecture courses of 1975–76 tell more than has been previously explored regarding the question of ethics and its links to alterity. In this context attention to a contrast between Levinas and Heidegger on the concept of time is especially important. Specifically, attention to the notion of hope's temporality in these lectures, as crucial to an ethics that exceeds Kantian apriorist ethics, helps rectify misinterpretations of Levinas's later work (notably around the concept of time's diachrony and assignation). I approach the Levinas lectures with this in mind. I also connect this with recent scholarship on Heidegger of the late 1920s, and the question whether Heidegger does have an ethics, to show how the lectures suggest a more genuine and previously unexpected proximity between the two thinkers concerning ethics, particularly around facticity and the event, *Ereignis*.