

Fall 2008

PHIL 189: “The Origin of the Work of Art” in the Context of Heidegger’s Later Thinking.
Time and Place: Wednesday 2 – 5 PM, 116 Haviland

Office Hours

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In this seminar we will focus on Heidegger’s account of works of art as cultural paradigms, and his turn to Hölderlin as an exemplary poet who produces and preserves meaning in “destitute times”. This will also involve examining Heidegger’s complex views on technology and its role in our modern world.

The following essay collections of Martin Heidegger have been ordered for the course:

Poetry, Language, Thought

Elucidations of Hölderlin’s Poetry

The Question Concerning Technology and Other Essays

A few additional texts will be made available later.

Syllabus

Aug. 27th Introduction

Sept. 3rd *The Origin of the Work of Art* [1935/36] (pp.17-55)

Sept. 10th *The Origin of the Work of Art* (continued pp.56-86)

In addition: “Heidegger on the connection between nihilism, art, technology, and politics” (H.L. Dreyfus)

Sept. 17th *Hölderlin and the Essence of Poetry* [1936]

Sept. 24th “As When on a Holiday...” [1939]

Oct. 1st *Remembrance* [1943]

Oct. 8th 1st Paper due – no seminar meeting

Oct. 15th *The Question Concerning Technology* [1949]

Oct. 22nd *The Question Concerning Technology* (continued)

In addition: Albert Borgmann’s *The Device Paradigm*

Oct. 29th *The Thing* [1951]

In addition: Albert Borgmann’s *Focal Things and Practices*

Nov. 5th *Building Dwelling Thinking* [1951] and *Poetically Man Dwells...* [1951]

Nov. 12th *Language* [1950]

Nov. 19th Hölderlin’s *Earth and Heaven* [1959]

Nov. 26th No seminar meeting

Dec. 3rd Hölderlin and Heidegger on the Gods, the Last God and the Holy
(excerpts from *Contributions to Philosophy, The Ister*)

Dec. 10th 2nd Paper due - Relevance and Summary

Requirements: - Regular attendance and active participation in classroom discussion
- Two short Papers on assigned topics (each 7-8 pages long)

url: http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~hdreyfus/189_f08/html/home.html