

# The Secret in Contemporary Theory, Society, and Culture

University of Kent, Canterbury

## Friday 30th May – Grimond Building, GLT3

13:30-14:00 Welcome Coffee and Registration

### 14:00-16:00 Panel 1: Secrets and Philosophy:

- Florian Hadler: Undercover Investigations: *Secrets as Individual Negativities*
  - Faith Fulbright: *Index Sui*: Keeping the Secret
- Guillaume Collett: “The secret is that there is no secret”: Sense and Nonsense in Hyppolite and Deleuze

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

### 16:30-18:30 Panel 2: Public/Private:

- Andrew McKenzie-McHarg: Secrecy and Privacy: Where does the Dividing Line Lie?
  - Emma Deeks: Blogging in Private: The Difficulty of Telling Two Billion People to ‘Ssshhhhh’
    - Michel Weber: Secrecy from Liberation to Oppression
- 20:00 Conference Dinner

## Saturday 31st May – Grimond Building, GLT3

9:00-9:30 Welcome Coffee

### 9:30-11:00 Panel 3: Dreams and Thresholds

- Alex Wilkinson: The Secret inside the Form: The Matter of Dreams
- Michiko Oki: Threshold – A Place of Secret and Violence: Open Doors in Magritte and Kafka

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

### 11:30-13:00 Panel 4: Espionage:

- Keith Scott: Dark Gnostics: Secrets, Mysteries, and OCCINT
- Toby Manning: Secrets in John Le Carré’s Cold War Fiction

13:00-14:00 Lunch

### 14:00-15:30 Panel 5: Secrets and Literature:

- Gero Bauer: Paranoid Masculine Secrecy: Wilkie Collins’ *The Woman in White*
- Krista Bonello R. Giappone: Excessive Textual Weaves and the Unreadable in James Hogg’s *Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner*

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 **Keynote Address: Professor David Vincent: Prying and Privacy in the Nineteenth Century**

17:30- Wine reception