

# Announcements/Chroniques

## Call for Papers

What is the rôle of the university in a democratic society? What is the rôle of democracy in the university? These two important questions will form the basis for an international conference on the University and Democracy which will be held at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in Toronto, Canada on October 18-19, 1991. Contributed papers on any topic related to the above questions are welcome. Proposals should be in the form of a two or three page abstract which outlines the purpose of the paper and the major issues which will be addressed. One page proposals should be sent by July 1, 1991 to Professor Ian Winchester, Chair, Higher Education Group, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1V6.

## CIADEST

An Inter-University Research Centre in Discours Analysis and Text Sociocriticism (Centre interuniversitaire d'analyse du discours et de sociocritique des textes, CIADEST) opened in Montréal last fall (1990) under the auspices of McGill University, Université de Montréal, and Université du Québec à Montréal. Its offices and documentation workshops are located at Room X-3605, UQAM, 515 rue Sainte-Catherine ouest, C.P. 8888 Succ. "A," Montréal, QC H3C 3P8 (Phone: [514] 987-7719; Fax: 987 35 23).

Discourse analysis is a rich and very promising research strategy in the social sciences in Europe and America. It combines a number of paradigms and methods from historiography, linguistics, the study of social interaction, communication and literary studies. Discourse analysis is thus a cross-disciplinary (and therefore cross-curricular complex of studies that aims at breaking down the disciplinary boundaries in the humanities and social sciences in an attempt at providing a new, and more coherent conceptual framework to analyze language, dialogues and texts in anthropology, literary studies, communications, sociology, psychology, etc. This new and innovative approach is nevertheless grounded in the scientific heritage of such age-old disciplines as classical rhetoric and philology.

The establishment of this Research Centre draws on the presence, in Montréal, of a great number of specialists and research teams working in discourse analysis and the "sociocritique" of texts, in both French and English. The Centre provides these scholars with an institutional place for working together, and confronting their approaches, aims, and methods.

A number of subsidized research teams in Quebec are presently brought together in this Centre. Individual researchers and postdoctoral fellows are also invited to join. The Centre's board is made up of Prof. Marc Angenot, FRSC (McGill), Prof. Antonio Gómez-Moriana (Université de Montréal), and Prof. Régine Robin, FRSC (UQAM). It aims at providing an international forum for scholars in discourse analysis. Its short term plans include a number of seminars and lecture series, and the organizing of an international colloquium in 1991.

MARC ANGENOT *Director*

### **Call for Papers – IDEA**

The International Development Ethics Association in co-operation with the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras announces the Third International Conference on Ethics and Development to be held June 21-27, 1992, at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The objectives of the conference are: to promote a fruitful convergence of international development ethics and environmental ethics; to forge an ethics of ecodevelopment that takes into account cultural, environmental and economic values and constraints; to influence the formation and implementation of ethical policies and practices concerning development and the environment.

The conference has as its theme The Ethics of Ecodevelopment: Culture, the Environment and Dependency. Subthemes are: (1) Culture: socio-economic-political systems and ecodevelopment; cultural identity and ecodevelopment; (2) Environment: nature, culture and progress; models of sustainable development: analysis and ethical assessment; (3) Dependency: dominant nations, international financial institutions and dependent ecodevelopment; ecodevelopment: imperialism or global ethic; and (4) Ethics: the search for an ecodevelopment ethic.

Papers in any of these areas are welcome. The deadline for paper proposals: November 30, 1991; for receiving abstracts and papers: April 30, 1992; for advanced registration: April 30, 1992. Correspondence should be addressed to David A. Crocker, IDEA, Department of Philosophy, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523 (Fax: [303] 491-0528; Telephone: [303] 484-5764).