Schedule
Friday:

9:00 – 9:45  Opening Remarks and Welcome
Coffee and Refreshments

First Panel: A Legacy of French Realism?

9:45 – 10:45  *Realism and “Real Experience” in Deleuze’s Transcendental Empiricism*
Kenneth Noe, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

11:00 – 12:00  *Contingency and Eternity in French Realism*
Brian Whitener, University of Michigan

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch Break

1:00 – 3:00  **Keynote Address**
Reinventing the Wheel: Deconstruction and the Detour through the Real
Michael Naas, Depaul University

Second Panel: Translating Scientific Concepts

3:15 – 4:15  *A Metastable Epistemology: The Role of "Emergence" in 20th Century French Thought (from Historical Epistemology to New Realism)*
David M. Pena-Guzman, Emory University

4:30 – 5:30  *The Net that Frees: ‘Network’ in French Thought and Alliances with the Biological Sciences*
Kriti Sharma, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

6:00 – 8:00  **Keynote Address**
The Secret Life of Continental Philosophy: Formalism, Materialism and Consciousness
Dorothea Olkowski, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Saturday:

9:30 – 10:00  Coffee/refreshments

Third Panel: Emerging Figures

10:00 – 11:00  Laruelle’s Precarious Realism  
Benjamin Norris, New School for Social Research

11:15 – 12:15  Garcia’s Paradox  
Mark Ohm and Jon Cogburn, Louisiana State University

12:15 – 1:30  Lunch break

Fourth Panel: Novelty and Normativity in Ethics and Aesthetics

1:30 – 2:30  Ranciére, the Sober Modernist: On Returning to Hegel after Foucault  
Cooper Francis, CRMEP

2:45 – 3:45  Meillassoux’s Realism and the Renewal of Ethics in Contemporary French Thought  
CJ Davies, Vanderbilt University

4:00 – 6:00  Keynote Address  
Points of Forced Freedom: Eleven (More) Theses on Materialism  
Adrian Johnston, University of New Mexico