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presents a lecture by

Robert Bernasconi  
Toward a Phenomenology  
of  
Human Rights

Although the Universal Declaration of Human Rights continues to be widely referenced, there is much uncertainty about its philosophical foundations. This is in part due to the fact that the formulation of the document, sixty years ago this year, was dominated by the political power struggles of the time rather than a coherent account of rights.



In this paper, Dr. Bernasconi offers a phenomenological approach to human rights as an alternative to the standard accounts and argues that, if adopted, it might be expected to attract more widespread support for human rights that goes beyond simple political expediency.

**Friday, April 11 at 5:00 in ENV 110**

Robert Bernasconi is Moss Professor of Philosophy at the University of Memphis. He is the author of two books on Heidegger, and, more recently, *How to Read Sartre*. He has written extensively in Continental Philosophy, Hegel, and Political Philosophy, as well as in *Critical Philosophy of Race*. In the Fall of 2009 he will join the philosophy department at Penn State.

Dr. Bernasconi will also be giving the keynote lecture at the North Texas Philosophical Association meeting on Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 in ENV 130, "**The Policing of Race Mixing and the Birth of Biopower**"

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