

2006 Conference Information

Theme: Gebser: Exploring Transitionsof Knowledge

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Call for Papers

Exploring Transitions of Knowledge

"The rapid growth of knowledge, that very strange relationship today between the flux of time and fast-growing knowledge is a hindrance only when the cultural-philosophical gaze is not penetrating enough, when our thinking is sufficiently open, and when our conceptual approach is not adequately comprehensive and foresightful." (Gebser,1956, G. Feuerstein, trans., 1995).

Gebser's 1956 world of rapidly-changing knowledge pre-dated the current information explosion of the Internet, the instantaneous communication of the BlackBerry, Palm Pilot, and SMS-capable cell phone, of cable and satellite television, satellite radio, and international 24-hour news channels. Yet even in the post-war era of the 1950s, Gebser interrogated the idea of a scholarly examination of fast-growing knowledge. With the rapid pace of change and hypertrophy in our information gathering and production, questions of the phenomenology of knowledge remain as elusive as they are important. Given the interplay of differing conscious structures, this topic impels questions of how we can find the penetrating philosophical gaze, open thinking and comprehensive and foresightful conceptual approach Gebser invoked fifty years ago. To this end, the 2006 meeting invites papers and other creative works (e.g., performances, poems, music, art, video) that explore questions of knowledge and its transitions within the temporal and informational constraints of the present human condition