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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### *Will to Truth: Sarah Kofman and the Relief of Philosophy*

26-27 September 2019

Institute of Modern Languages Research  
Senate House, University of London

#### THURSDAY (26 September)

10.30 Arrival and Opening Discussion

11.00 PHILOSOPHY 1 — Chair: Charlotte Thevenet

Tracy Strong, **The Place of Nietzsche in Sarah's Kofman's Work**

John McKeane, **'Kofman, Tragedy, and Nitzschean Relief'**

Joseph Johnson, **The Consolation of the Bat: Recovering Sarah Kofman from the 'Margins of Medieval Studies'**

13.00 Lunch

14.00 AESTHETICS — Chair: John McKeane

Duncan Large, **Of Metals and Men: Kofman, Conversion and *The Merchant of Venice***

Caroline Sheaffer-Jones, **The Play of the Frames in Sarah Kofman's "The Imposture of Beauty: The Uncanniness of Oscar Wilde's *The Picture of Dorian Gray*"**

15.30 Coffee

16.00 TRUTH AND PLAY — Chair: Duncan Large

Elizabeth Rottenberg, **What is at Play in Play? Sarah Kofman's Playful Reading of Freud**

Nicolas Cotton, **Sarah Kofman: on the Status of Perversion in Philosophy (Socrates, Nietzsche, Freud and Derrida)**

Jacob Bates-Firth, **Two Late-career References to Galileo**

18.00 Reception

19.30 Conference dinner

#### FRIDAY (27 September)

09.30 Coffee and Opening Discussion

10.00 DERRIDA — Chair: Elizabeth Rottenberg

Ginette Michaud, **Reading Derrida Reading Kofman**

Charlotte Thevenet, **'Sarah Kofman': Derrida's Missing Woman**

Paul Earlie, **Kofman's Rhetoric**

12.00 Lunch

13.00 PHILOSOPHY 2 — Chair: Naomi Waltham-Smith  
Cosmin Toma, **Sarah Kofman and the Allure of Music**  
Tina Chanter, **Kofman on Kant's Fetishism**  
Cillian O'Fathaigh, **Debt 'Relief': Kantian Debt in Sarah Kofman's Work**

15.00 Coffee

15.15 PERVERSION AND TRANSGRESSION — Chair: Jacob Bates-Firth  
Mathieu Frackowiak, **(Title tbc)**  
Peter de Graeve, **Sarah Kofman – On (Not) Being Elsewhere**  
Giustino de Michele, **Sarah Kofman: the Relief of the Fetish?**

17.15 End

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**All are welcome to attend this free event. Places are limited so please register in advance**  
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