

**International Ernst Cassirer Society – APA Central Division Panel
(Denver, February 20-23, 2019)**

**TITLE: THE CHALLENGES OF
INTERCULTURALITY AND INTERDISCIPLINARITY
FOR A PHILOSOPHY OF CULTURE**

Abstract:

Ernst Cassirer's philosophy of culture is no arid academic exercise. To the contrary, in his own work Cassirer has demonstrated how his philosophical approach could be fruitful for other disciplines that investigate special areas of culture. He also took into consideration intercultural aspects, as in investigating to what extent different cultures develop similar symbolic forms, or to what extent certain cultural forms are unique. This session will investigate the special challenges both interdisciplinarity and interculturality can pose for an open philosophy of culture as conceived by Cassirer. We have organized two panels, one with invited speakers, the second open for those wishing to participate. Speakers responding to the Call for Papers (below) need not be Cassirer experts, but should address the challenges to a philosophy of culture by interculturality and interdisciplinarity. Submissions are welcome especially from areas outside of "core" philosophical disciplines.

PANEL 1:

Moderator: TBA

Speakers:

Sebastian Luft (Marquette University, Milwaukee): "Clifford Geertz' Anthropology in the Light of Cassirer's Philosophy of Culture"

Jennifer Marra (Marquette University, Milwaukee): "Cassirer and Eugen Fink on Play"

Arno Schubbach (ETH Zurich): "Plurality and Unity, Unity and Diversity. Two-Way Streets in the Philosophy of Culture"

Raji Steineck (University of Zurich): "Cultural Analysis: Operationalizing the Philosophy of Symbolic Forms"

CALL FOR PAPERS for PANEL 2:

PLEASE SEND A TITLE AND ABSTRACT (NO MORE THAN 1000 WORDS) BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2018, to Sebastian Luft @ Sebastian.Luft@marquette.edu. Accepted speakers will be notified by September 15, 2018. The Society has no funding available for trips and accommodation.