

Final Report on the Workshop *Taking Stein Studies to the Next Level*, organised by Mette Lebech and Arts and Humanities Institute Fellow Tim Burns, 24-26 July 2022

to

the Maynooth University Impact Through Dissemination Fund, the Maynooth University EDI Project Fund and the Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, University of Paderborn

1. A brief summary describing how the outputs specific to your project were progressed.

Having obtained support from the Maynooth University Impact Through Dissemination Fund (2.271€), the Maynooth University Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Project Fund (2.099€) and the Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists (200€) this report reports on the funded event to all three funding bodies.

Taking Stein Studies to the Next Level attracted over 100 attendees. The close reading seminar of Stein's *On the Problem of Empathy* and subsequent expert papers on the 25th were well received, and the aim to form an overview of the argument of the work was reached. The two discussions on the 26th were useful and highly praised by attendees.

- The first discussion (*Publicizing Stein's Work for Husserl*) discovered the main project to be progressed already by the Husserl Archives in Leuven with whom collaboration is envisaged. The Husserl Archives have changed their publication strategy since the 2021 Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists Conference-Maynooth University Online Conference *Stein's and Husserl's Intertwined Itineraries 1916-25* where a publication of the manuscripts used by Stein for her edition of Ideas II was proposed to replace the current edition (worked upon by Edith Stein, Ludwig Landgrebe and Marley Biemel) of Husserliana IV. Now an online and paper edition is envisaged by the Husserl Archives of not only Husserl's manuscripts (1.), but also of (2.) Stein's 'Grosse Ausarbeitung', (3.) Landgrebe's additions and (4.) Marley Biemel's final edition. This will allow a scientific engagement with the various layers of the texts and appreciate Stein's creative intervention fully. Once the Husserl Archives have completed this task, the Edith Stein Gesamtausgabe will be in a better position to assess whether and how to include Stein's 'Grosse Ausarbeitung' of Ideas II under its remit. A Companion to Stein's work for Husserl was commissioned, pending confirmation by the full editorial board in the autumn.
- The second discussion (*Stein's Role in the Debate concerning Phenomenology and Being*) was a project sketch with significant buy-in from attendees as prospective partners. It will be formulated into an expression of interest with the Templeton Foundation for their call August 2023 and is planned to run over three years. The sketch involves five research groups around five 'concentric' themed circles, a major conference and two sets of workshops: one leading up to and one following up upon the major conference.

2. The date(s), duration and location of the dissemination event held.

24-26 July 2022.

The 24 July, 3-4.30 pm: *The Annual Edith Stein Lecture*, in the Edith Stein Room, St Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin City Centre.

The 25-26 July, 8.30-17.30, Maynooth University Arts and Humanities Institute's Board Room, facilitated by the Arts and Humanities Institute as a hybrid event.

3. *Brief description of the current and future impacts arising from this dissemination activity.*

Several attendees remarked that the workshop was aptly named: the taking of Stein Studies to the next level was accomplished along three trajectories in accordance with the plan laid out in the application, each of which will course towards significant impact in the immediate, medium-, and long-term future.

1. The Companion to Edith Stein's *On the Problem of Empathy* is with the input from the workshop well under way and will be ready for publication within the next year.
2. The Husserl Archives are preparing an edition of Stein's 'Grosse Ausarbeitung' of (Husserl's) *Ideas II*, strongly encouraged by the Stein community demonstrating significant interest in the outcome manifested also in the workshop itself. Follow up on their work is envisaged with ESGA in due course.
3. A Companion to Stein's work for Husserl was commissioned (pending confirmation by the full editorial board in the autumn) and will feed into this process.
4. The momentum involved in highlighting Stein's and her friend Hedwig Conrad-Martius' contributions to the debate concerning the relationship between phenomenology and being will issue in increased collaboration focused on the project sketch mentioned above. A significant element will be the phenomenology of intersubjectivity of specific interest to the social sciences (a research group emerged around three attendees working on application issues in anthropology, business, and religion), all keen to bring their research on Stein to bear within the social sciences.

4. *The final budget is attached.*

It was fortunate that not all envisaged speakers could come since COVID seems to have occasioned a general rise in the cost of flight tickets.

I propose that the surplus of 350 € should be divided into two parts: 200 € to stay in my research account for future collaboration events between MU and the Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists and 150 to revert to the EDI/RDO Fund.

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