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*The Department of Philosophy cordially invites you to a colloquium*

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## What is “walten”?

The Place and Function of Derrida's incomplete recovery of a  
Heideggerian term

Taking as starting point his unfinished work on *The Beast and the Sovereign* (Vols. I & II, 2009/2011) the presentation offers a brief exposition of the late Derrida's return to Heidegger. Of particular concern in Volume Two that ostensibly continues the problematic in Western Metaphysics of the distinction between the human and the animal, are Heidegger's lectures *Fundamental Concepts of Metaphysics: World – Finitude – Solitude* given at the University of Freiburg during the winter of 1929-30 (Engl. 2001). It is Derrida's encounter with the enigmatic German term “walten” (to rule; to have power, to exercise force, or violence) that suggests an interesting albeit oblique crossing with one of Continental Philosophy's current pressing concerns, namely “Retreating the Political” (Nancy, Lacoue-Labarthe, a.o.).

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