

Philosophy Department Colloquium

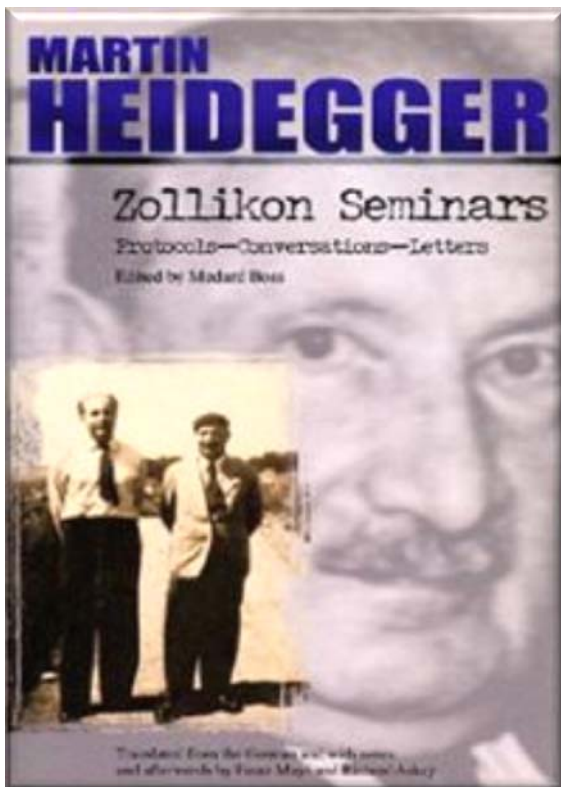
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Sakamaki Hall C-308

***Nothing Matters:* Heidegger's Zollikon Seminars**



Heidegger's phenomenological ontology sought to generate a holistic account of Being and meaning. We shall explore the pivotal roles played by 'the nothing' and 'bodily being' in his hermeneutical realism. Drawing relevant material from the *Zollikon Seminars*, this lecture will then propose a convincing way to make Heidegger's account more complete from a metaphysical perspective.

One of the persisting, residual issues of Heidegger's early existential analysis is the question of its implications for disciplines of an allegedly derivative nature, such as psychology and anthropology. Perhaps the most impressive feature of the present volume is its record of Heidegger's mature efforts to elaborate those implications in a series of seminars with doctors, psychiatrists, and psychoanalysts during the 1960s. In these seminars and especially in materials published with them, Heidegger broaches such themes as memory, hallucinations, dreams, aphasia, projection, introjection, transference, stress, schizophrenia, and psychosomatic medicine. His aim is not merely to indicate the intersection of his analysis of being-in-the-world with psychoanalysis, but to argue for the indispensability of existential analysis for all medical therapies, as Boss puts it, "whether they are physical or psychotherapeutic in nature." - *From Book Review by Daniel Dahlstrom, Boston University.*

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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