

A Collaborative Project between the Nietzsche Circle of New York, USA, and the  
Maison Gai Saber of Leigné-sur-Usseau, France

2nd Annual Symposium Organized by Maison Gai Saber and  
The Nietzsche Circle Conceived by Horst Hutter and Yunus Tuncel

**Eros and Eroticism: Regimes of Friendship, Love,  
and Desire from Plato to Nietzsche**  
July 30-August 2, 2015

In

Leigné-sur-Usseau, France



Symposium Location: Maison Gai Saber, 1 Place de l'église, Leigné-sur-Usseau,  
86230, France

The purpose of this collaborative project is to explore the subject of love and desire in a festive spirit, as in a Greek symposium. The subject has been debated in many traditions and there are many different forms of love and desire in human history; however, in this symposium we will focus on Plato, troubadours, the romantics, and Nietzsche. While reflecting on different conceptions and practices of love, we will also reflect on their strengths and weaknesses. Can love be seen to sublimate sexuality? Does love cause the erosion of strife? Does modern romantic love have its origin in the Greco-Roman tradition or in the fine art of the troubadours, or both? How do regimes of love and sex fit with gender roles in specific socio-cultural contexts?

The Symposium invites speakers to present their ideas on any of these or related topics. Since the organizers of the Symposium have an integral approach to culture, we invite artists, poets, dancers, and musicians, or artists of any kind, to present their work in their own media. In that case, instead of an abstract, a short description of the artistic project should be submitted.

**Some themes to explore under the chosen topic:**

Love, desire, and the unconscious

Desire and reason

Varieties of love: homoerotic love, courtly and fine love, and romantic love

Love and agonism/the spirit of fighting

Eros and the rituals of sexual love

Desire, Love, and Sexuality

Gender roles in different love schemes

**Symposium:**

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Please send your abstract or description of your artistic project to Yunus Tuncel at [tuncely@nietzshecicle.com](mailto:tuncely@nietzshecicle.com) and Francine Prevost at [fyprevost@gmail.com](mailto:fyprevost@gmail.com) by April 30, 2015. Please give a clear idea of your project. Registration should be done by May 30, 2015 and the fee is 200 Euros, which includes organizational costs, Thursday opening dinner, lunches and dinners for Friday and Saturday (full symposium days), and Sunday lunch. Program will be announced in June 2015 on the websites of the Maison and the Circle.

**Logistics:**

How to get to Leigné-sur-Usseau;  
Paris to Chatelleraut by train 1h20  
Chatelleraut Leigné by car 20 minutes

2 evenings in a good French restaurant at [www.latabledesecoliers.com](http://www.latabledesecoliers.com) in  
Vellèches

Car Rental: One can rent a car at a reasonable price in Chatelleraut.

List of companies: Super U Chatelleraut, Avis, Budget, Hertz

**Lodgings:**

Please see PDF file for details. As you look for a place to stay, make sure that you  
are in the vicinity of our symposium location.

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