

## CALL FOR PAPERS

**THE UNIVERSITY OF OSLO (OSLO, NORWAY) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (TRONDHEIM, NORWAY) ARE PLEASED TO HOST**

The Twentieth International Conference of the Simone de Beauvoir Society  
Simone de Beauvoir: Philosophy, Literature and the Humanities

**OSLO, NORWAY, JUNE 20 – 23, 2012**

“There is no strict distinction between philosophy and literature”, claimed Simone de Beauvoir, and throughout her life she was equally drawn to both disciplines. The point of expressing oneself through philosophy and literature is, she asserted, to conquer solitude and loneliness, to show that “others have felt like you”, and to create values. The values articulated, criticized and created within the humanities are of utmost importance. These disciplines can, according to Beauvoir, create a new universe of values through words. These words become actions that bite into the world; and change “the face of the earth more profoundly than kings and conquerors”.

The 20th International Conference of the Simone de Beauvoir Society will take place at the University of Oslo, Norway, from June 20-23, 2012, hosted by the Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art & Ideas in cooperation with The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim. We welcome submissions on Beauvoir’s life and works from a broad range of perspectives, disciplines and locations, addressing the impact in her own time as well as her significance for the 21st century.

Also welcomed are perspectives, interpretations, analyses and discussions on how Beauvoir can shed light on the interaction between theory and practice, between academia and contemporary society. In particular, we encourage presentations exploring how Beauvoir's works can contribute to recent discussions on the values and utilities of the humanities.

To submit your proposal, please send an abstract of no more than 800 words in English, French, Norwegian, Danish or Swedish, and a short Curriculum Vitae including your contact details and institutional affiliation, if any, to both conference organizers: Associate Professor Annlaug Bjørnsnøs, (annlaug.bjorsnos@ntnu.no) and Professor Tove Pettersen, UiO (tove.pettersen@ifikk.uio.no) by April 1st, 2012.