

**On the Deep Ecology of Arne Næss: A
comparison of French and Norwegian
Ecology**

Mai 25 – 26, 2009

**Fondation Maison Des Sciences De
L'homme**
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Seminar jointly organized by the Department
of Philosophy (University of Bergen) and
Centre de Coopération Franco-Norvégienne
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Arne Næss (1912-2009) was arguably the
most prominent Norwegian philosopher in
the 20th century: In Norway, his teaching
and textbooks influenced several
generations of students and academics, and
his intellectual and activist presence shaped
the image of philosophy in the general
public. Internationally, his distinction
between shallow and deep ecology became
a major point of reference in debates on
environmental issues in academic as well as
political contexts. The recent publication of
Næss' major work on ecophilosophy in
French, *Écologie, communauté et style de vie*
(Éditions MF, 2008), gives occasion to an
assessment of various aspects of Næss'
contributions, as well as to further
intellectual exchange between Norwegian
and French ecophilosophy.

Program

Within each slot, 10-15 minutes for comments and
discussion.

May 25, 10-17, SALLE 214

10.00-10.15: Paola de Cuzzani (CCFN and
University of Bergen): *Welcome address.*

10.15-11.15: David Rothenberg: *From the
Self to the Planet: Deep Ecology and the
Influence of Arne Naess on the
Environmental Century.*

11.15-12.15: Stephane Dunand: Næss,
Metaphysics and Deep Ecology

12.15 –14.00: Lunch

14.00-15.00: Hans Marius Hansteen: *The
Farmer and the Fisherman: Socio-Ecological
Model in Norwegian Philosophy (Kvaløy,
Sætereng and Meløe)*

15.00-16.00: Hein Berdinesen: *Technology
optimism and the Precautionary Principle.
Remarks on Naess' Ecology, Society and
Lifestyle.*

16.00-17.00: Hicham Stephane Afeissa:
*Arne Næss' Deep Ecology between
Scepticism and Methodological Pluralism*

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10.00-11.00: Catherine Larrère: *Arne Næss:
Ecosophy and Perfectionism.*

11.00-12.00: Trygve Lavik: *Deep Ecology
and Liberalism.*