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TOWARD A HUMANISTIC APPROACH TO RHETORIC: THE SCHOOL OF BRUSSELS TODAY

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In this talk, I will discuss the theoretical background of our research team. This background has to do with a humanist tradition of thought (from Aristotle to Perelman and today) that is sometimes referred to as « the school of Brussels ». In practice, such a theoretical approach leads us to :

- develop our understanding of rhetoric thanks to the current state of knowledge in disciplines such as linguistics, law, anthropology, psychology, cognitive and neurosciences.
- trying to investigate the links between the technical nature of rhetoric (i.e. rhetoric as a techné) and the functioning of institutions in today's societies.

I will then illustrate this theoretical background by describing two of our ongoing projects:

- The valorisation of Perelman archival fonds.
- The colloquium "Functions and Uses of Rhetoric" to be held in May 2013.

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3:00 p.m.

Parker House Seminar Lounge

ALL ARE WELCOME

