

FIGURING DIFFERENCE

This is where you can find names for *difference*, and related conceptual developments, or what Plotnitsky calls 'figures of difference'. The posted figures and meanings are not meant to be final let alone exhaustive - how could they? They are meant to be simply indicative of the richness and complexity of *difference* in an effort to map its many meanings.

HERE IS A LIST OF NAMES:

Altarity in the senses of alter (another), alternate, alterity (*altérité*) and alter: Mark Taylor (*Altarity*, pp.xxviii-xxix).

Austrag in the sense of perdurance - see also "dif-ference": Martin Heidegger (*Identity and Difference*, 1969: 65/133); see also John Caputo (*Heidegger and Aquinas: an Essay on Overcoming Metaphysics*, 1982: 148).

Between in the sense of that which allows the union of two points while dividing them: Werner Hamacher (in Julian Wolfreys, *Thinking Difference*, 2004: 166-168); note that for Arkady Plotnitsky (in Julian Wolfreys, *Thinking Difference*, 2004: 86) it does not qualify for a figure of difference.

Cleavage in the senses of part, division, clinging, the site of a temple: Mark Taylor (*Altarity*, 1987: 47-49).

Dif-ference in the sense of an in-between (*austrag*) - see also "austrag": Martin Heidegger (*Nietzsche*, II, p. 209); see also Douglas Donkel (*The Understanding of Difference in Heidegger and Derrida*, 1992: 45).

Differenciator in the sense of that which differentiates difference; the (dark) precursor of difference: Gilles Deleuze (*Difference and Repetition*, 1994: 117 ff).

Différance in the sense of dissimilar and deferring - a temporalization: Jacques Derrida (*Of Grammatology*, 1976: 66; *Margins of Philosophy*, 1982: 3 ff.); see also Douglas Donkel (*The Understanding of Difference in Heidegger and Derrida*, 1992: 93 ff).

Disparity in the (tautological) sense of a difference of intensity: Gilles Deleuze (*Difference and Repetition*, 1994: 222).

Entzweiung in the sense of dividing in two, separating: Georg Hegel (*Phenomenology of Spirit*, 1977: 106); see also Mark Taylor (*Altarity*, 1987: 17).

Eternal return in the sense of that which is purely intensive thereby affirming difference; as that which is said of difference: Gilles Deleuze, after Friedrich Nietzsche (*Difference and Repetition*, 1994: 243).

Hinge (la brisure) in the sense of difference and articulation: Jacques Derrida (*Of Grammatology*, 1976: 65).

Idea in the sense of an n-dimensional, continuous variety of multiplicity: Gilles Deleuze (*Difference and Repetition*, 1994: 182 ff).

Intensity in the sense of a coupling of elements which, in turn, refer to couples of elements of another order and so forth: Gilles Deleuze (*Difference and Repetition*, 1994: 222, 235).

Unterschied in the sense of a border, a divide: Martin Heidegger (*Poetry, Language and Thought*, 1971: 202); see also Mark Taylor (*Altaarity*, 1987: 43-44).

ADDITIONAL LISTS:

For an additional list of names see: Douglas Donkel, *The Understanding of Difference in Heidegger and Derrida*, 1992: especially 197 ff. It includes: "presence", "presencing", "being", "seinfrage", "ereignis", "contamination", "time", "undescidable".

For additional figures of difference see: Julian Wolfreys, *Thinking Difference*, 2004: especially 68ff. It includes: "or", "weather", "diapherein", "différance", "otherness", "alterity", "university", "pedagogy", "reading", "writing", "thinking", "change", "rhythm", "I", "aporia", "undescidable".