

Kierkegaard Reading Group – Autumn 2009

When: Every second Monday, 3-5pm.

Where: SKC Lunch Room

Moderator: Patrick Stokes (pst@sk.ku.dk or 3376 6919)

Our text this semester will be *The Sickness Unto Death*. We will be referring to both the Danish and English texts; discussion will be in English.

Participants will be encouraged to each give a short presentation on a section of the text during the course of the semester.

Dates and Text:

14 September SKS 11, 123-37 / SUD 3-21 (Preface, Introduction, Part One Section A “Despair is the Sickness Unto Death”)

28 September SKS 11, 138-57 / SUD 22-42 (Part One, Section B “The Universality of This Sickness (Despair),” Section C “The Forms of This Sickness (Despair)” Subsection A “Despair Considered Without Regard to Its Being Conscious or Not...”)

12 October SKS 11, 157-81 / SUD 42-67 (Part One Section C, Subsection B “Despair as Defined by Consciousness,” through to the end of C:B:b:α “In Despair Not to Will to Be Oneself: Despair in Weakness”)

26 October SKS 11, 181-201 / SUD 67- 87(Part One C:B:b:β “In Despair to Will to Be Oneself: Defiance”, Part Two Section A “Despair is Sin,” Chapter 1. “The Gradations in the Consciousness of the Self (The Qualification: ‘Before God’)” and “Appendix. That the Definition of Sin Includes the Possibility of Offense, a General Observation about Offense”)

9 November SKS 11, 201-16 / SUD 87-104(Part Two Section A Chapter 2. “The Socratic Definition of Sin,” Chapter 3 “Sin is Not a Negation but a Position,” and Appendix to A “But Then in a Certain Sense Does Not Sin Become a Great Rarity? (The Moral)”)

23 November SKS 11, 217-42 / SUD, 105-131 (“The Continuance of Sin” Parts A-C)