

## Conférence

# L'anti-utilitarisme, comme représentation et comme volonté (i.e comme théorie et comme pratique)

**Tuesday November 22nd 2011**  
At 6 :00 pm

Amphitheater SIMONE WEIL  
5 allée Jacques Berque, Nantes

Conference, french spoken, by  
**Alain CAILLE**  
Professor of sociology  
at Paris X university  
and founder of MAUSS

## Biographical elements

Born in 1944 in Paris, he holds a PhD in Economics and in Sociology, he wrote a thesis on the ideology of planning, under the direction of Raymond Aron. Caillé is Professor of Sociology at Paris X

He leads the specialty Society, Economy, Politics and Work (SEPT) in the Master of Social Science and Sociology. Board member of the graduate school of Economics, Organizations and Society, he is also co-director of SOPHIAPOL (ex-GEODE), Laboratory of sociology, philosophy and anthropology policies at the University of Paris X Nanterre with Mr. Christian Lazzeri.

In his work he takes very seriously the work of Marcel Mauss, especially his famous essay on the gift by considering it not only as a major contribution to the ethnology of his time or to economic sociology, but more generally as a decisive contribution to general sociology and moral and political philosophy.

Alain Caillé is also the founder and coordinator of The Revue du Mauss (anti-utilitarian movement in the social sciences). This interdisciplinary journal in social sciences and political philosophy, now biannual, is published by Editions La Découverte, to which is affixed a collection, The Library of Mauss.

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## Publications :

Individualisme ou parcellitarisme ? Quelques incertitudes., Revue du MAUSS permanente, 28 février 2008

Identités de l'individu contemporain (dir.), Textuel / La Discorde, 2008 (ISBN 978-2845972636)

Théorie anti-utilitariste de l'action : Fragments d'une sociologie générale, La Découverte, 2009 (ISBN 9782707157485)

De gauche ?, avec Roger Sue, Fayard, 2009 (ISBN 9782213637891)

## Subject of the conference

The MAUSS (anti-utilitarian movement in social science, whose name is a tribute to the famous anthropologist Marcel Mauss) is organized around an interdisciplinary and international journal.

Since 1981, La revue du M.A.U.S.S. has become one of the leading interdisciplinary journals and one of the most important places of public debate in France. It offers new perspectives in economics, anthropology, sociology or political philosophy.

At the polar opposite of the encyclopedia, and thanks to the variety of its questioning and angles of attack, La Revue du MAUSS makes a permanent and reasoned report on social sciences.

Because it has always refused to separate the purely scientific discussions from their ethical and political issues, La Revue du MAUSS is the source of much crucial debates today.