Philosophers for nursing
Call for papers
Can you describe the ideas of important but perhaps overlooked philosophers and thinkers? Can you do this in a way that connects these ideas with professional debates in nursing? Can you present this material in a way accessible to nurses working at higher degree level? Nursing Philosophy calls for papers that bring the work of philosophers/thinkers to life for those unfamiliar with their ideas. Papers will be approximately 5000 words in length. There is no set structure. However, we expect papers to explore the following themes or headings:

• Context
Readers may not be familiar with the philosopher/thinker in question. Their work therefore needs to be introduced. It will probably be appropriate to explain the circumstances, conditions or context in which the philosopher/thinker worked, their key or primary interests, and/or the major influences on her/his thinking.

• Major works
While you may choose to focus on ‘a’ book, paper or idea, your focus needs to be situated in the landscape of the philosopher/thinker’s outputs – i.e. their corpus or body of work. Further, you might describe how their thinking developed, the critiques it was subject to, and any responses to those critiques that were made.

• Implications for nursing
Clearly it is important that the implications of the philosopher/thinker’s ideas are related to nursing. This connection could link to practice, education and/or research.

• Further reading
Your paper may encourage readers to pursue their understanding further. Please suggest works of the philosopher/thinker that should be considered. You might also reference key biographies/commentaries and other resources.

Any philosopher/thinker who illuminates nursing theory and/or practice can be the subject of a paper.

Before submitting work (just in case someone else is already pursuing the same philosopher/thinker), please contact Dr. Paul Snelling (p.snelling@worc.ac.uk) or Dr. Martin Lipscomb (m.lipscomb@worc.ac.uk). All papers will be subject to peer review.