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154-155 Edward Street, Brighton, BN2 0JG**

Wednesday 23 January

**Registration 9:00-10:30
Edward Street Lecture Theatre
Room 105**

Tea and coffee available in Rooms 210/211

**Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105
10:30-11:00 Conference Opening**

Conference Convenors:

**Volkan Çıdam, Boğaziçi University, Turkey
Mark Devenney, University of Brighton, UK
Zeynep Gambetti, Boğaziçi University, Turkey
Clare Woodford, University of Brighton, UK**

11:00-13:00 Keynote Lectures

**Maurizio Lazzarato, Matisse/CNRS, Pantheon-Sorbonne University
(University Paris I), France:**

*De Pinochet à Bolsonaro et retour : La vague néo - fasciste qui balaye la
planète*

Jean Comaroff, Harvard University, USA:

Crime, sovereignty, and the state: The popular metaphysics of disorder

Lunch | 13:00-14:15 | Rooms 210/211

Session 1: 14:15-15:45

Panel 1: Decolonising Critical Theory 1

Room: 105

Chair: to be announced

Jishnu Guha-Majumdar, Johns Hopkins University, USA:

Carceral humanism and the animalized politics of prison abolition

Liam Farrell and Hasse C, National University of Ireland, Ireland:

Critical theory outside "Civilization": "Women", slavery, equality and democratic politics in the political theory of Abdullah Öcalan

Paolo Bolaños, University of Santo Tomas, Philippines :

Critical theory for/from the margins: Appropriating critical theory in the Philippines and what can critical theory learn from the margins

Panel 2: Authoritarian Politics in Turkey

Room: 103

Chair: to be announced

Hayal Akarsu, Brandeis University, USA:

Citizen forces: Vigilantism and the authoritarian afterlives of police reform in Turkey

Gökhan Şensönmez, Bilkent University, Turkey:

Rethinking Foucault in states of exception: The politics of incarceration in 1980s military rule and Erdoğan's turkey in comparative perspective

Uygar Altinok, Bilkent University, Turkey:

Populism and security

Panel 3: Right-Wing Populisms

Room: 104

Chair: to be announced

Ida Roland Birkvad, Queen Mary University of London, UK:

A reactionary cosmopolitan thought zone: Empire and the aryan race

Julian Göppfarth, London School of Economics, UK:

From GDR-resistance to New Right bohemia. Activating the socialist past in local elite responses to migrants and refugees in Dresden

Jenny Gunnarsson Payne, Södertörn University, Sweden and Sophie Tornhill, Linneaus University, Sweden:

The enemy's enemy: Feminist politics at the cross-roads between co-optation and anti-gender movements

Refreshment Break | 15:45-16:00 | Rooms 210/211

Session 2: 16:00-18:00

Please note that this is a two-hour session.
Panel chairs may choose to have two one-hour panels

Panel 1: Decolonising Critical Theory 2

Room: 105

Chair: to be announced

Hilla Dayan, Amsterdam University College, Netherlands: <i>Decolonising the population domain: Reflections on apartheid and Israel in the 1950s</i>

William Mpfu, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa: <i>The university otherwise: A philosophy of liberation approach to decolonization</i>

Rachel Aumiller, University of Hamburg, Germany: <i>Restaging critical theory</i>

Nadia Bou Ali, American University of Beirut, Lebanon: <i>Rethinking Althusser in light of the colonial mode of production</i>
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Panel 2: Rethinking Critical Theory

Room: 103

Chair: to be announced

Niklas Plaetzer, University of Chicago, USA: <i>On spirits and letters: Insurgent constitutionalism and the specters of rights-discourse</i>
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Benoît Dillet and Sophia Hatzisavvidou, University of Bath, UK: <i>Thinking critically in the anthropocene: An epimetheanism to come</i>
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Clare Woodford, University of Brighton, UK: <i>The politics of emancipation</i>

Panel 3: The Politics of Critical Theory

Room: 104

Chair: to be announced

Robin Rodd, James Cook University, Australia: <i>Art emergency and the banality of evil</i>

Miri Rozmarin, Bar-Ilan University, Israel: <i>Vulnerable political subjectivities</i>
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Haozhan Sun, University of Sussex, UK: <i>Instrumental reason and its counter-rebellion: A critical analysis of 'white left' in the Chinese and global contexts</i>

Marcel Mangold, Stockholm University, Sweden: <i>Ressentiment and de-ressentimentalisation</i>
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Evening Conference Drinks | Location tbc

Thursday 24 January

Registration 9:00-9:30
Edward Street Lecture Theatre
Room 105

Tea and coffee available in Rooms 210/211

Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105

9:30-11:30 Keynote Lectures

Luciana Cadahia, Latin American Social Sciences Institute (FLACSO) Ecuador:
Let's Imagine that neoliberalism doesn't exist

Lorenzo Bernini, University of Verona, Italy:
«Merde, alors!»: Testing neoliberalism, populism and neofascism in the Italian lab

Session 3: 11:30-13:00

Panel 1: Rethinking Feminist Politics

Room: 304

Chair: to be announced

Malena Nijensohn, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina:

From the massification of feminism toward a radical and plural feminism: Thinking strategies of resistance for a transformation of our time through the notions of precarity in Butler and counterhegemonic articulation in Laclau and Mouffe

Anne Mulhall, University of Tyumen, Russia:

The radical afterlives of Italian feminism

Laura Roberts, University of Queensland, Australia:

Reflecting on feminist interventions: From the Rhodes must fall movement to Barcelona en comú

Panel 2: Mediating Populism

Room: 309

Chair: to be announced

Emilia Palonen, University of Helsinki, Finland: <i>Whirl of knowledge: Cultural populism in the era of hybrid media systems</i>
Paula Santa Rosa, University of California San Diego, USA: <i>Left populism, media reform and democracy in Latin America</i>
Helge Kminek, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany: <i>About education in times of populism and the possibility of a critical education</i>

Panel 3: Left Wing Populism and Democratic Politics

Room: 105

Chair: to be announced

Maxime Cherveaux, University of Paris VIII, France: <i>The odd one out?: Bernie Sanders's 2016 campaign and left-wing populism in the United States</i>
Anthony Leaker, University of Brighton, UK: <i>Free speech, liberalism and the far-right</i>
Luis Félix Blengino, National University of La Matanza, Argentina: <i>"What's new, folks?" Transnational populism, authoritarian nationalisms and global neoliberalism</i>

Lunch | 13:00-14:00 | Rooms 210/211

Session 4: 14:00-15:30

Panel 1: Brazil: Populism and Resistance

Room: 102

Chair: to be announced

Alexandre Fernandez Vaz, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil: <i>Populism, democracy, public sphere: Brazil under the government of Lula</i>
Guilherme Benzaquen, Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil: <i>Recent conflicts in Brazil: Lootings, lynchings, rolezinhos and black blocs</i>
Victor Galdino, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: <i>Beyond cancelled futures and destroyed pasts: Repartitioning our political imaginary towards new worlds</i>

Panel 2: Understanding the New Fascisms

Room: 309

Chair: to be announced

Alex Taek-Gwang Lee, Kyung Hee University, South Korea:

Rethinking fascism: Global fascism and colonial biopolitics

Anthony Faramelli, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK:

Capitalism and the fascism of everyday life

Evan von Redecker, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany:

The defense of phantom-possession: A proprietisation account of proto fascist resentment

Panel 3: Thinking Emancipation

Room: 105

Chair: to be announced

Adriana Zaharijević, University of Belgrade, Serbia:

In defence of indistinctive emancipatory potential

Rosaura Martínez, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico:

Psychoanalysis: Talking cure and emancipatory practice

Mark Devenney, University of Brighton, UK:

Thinking democracy improperly

Refreshment Break | 15:30-16:00 | Rooms 210/211

Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105

16:00-18:00 Keynote Lectures

Kelly Gillespie, University of the Western Cape, South Africa and

Leigh-Ann Naidoo, University of Cape Town, South Africa:

The word and the world

Saygun Gökarıksel, Boğaziçi University, Turkey:

Thinking about law and politics through revolution, fascism,

and authoritarian neoliberalism

Conference Speakers' Dinner

20:00

New Era Chinese Restaurant

6B Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3WA

Friday 25 January

Registration 9:00-9:30
Edward Street Lecture Theatre
Room 105

Tea and coffee available in Rooms 210/211

Session 5: 9:30-11:00

Panel 1: Race, Colonialism and Capital

Room: 102

Chair: to be announced

Brett Zehner, Brown University, USA:

Machines of subjection: Undoing the technology of white supremacy

Siddhant Issar, Umass Amherst, USA:

Theorising "racialised primitive accumulation": Settler colonialism, slavery and racial capitalism

Clive Gabay, Queen Mary University of London, UK:

Just say no: Settler colonialism and reclaiming nativism from the right

Panel 2: Democracy Refigured

Room: 103

Chair: to be announced

Kei Yamamoto, Ritsumeikan University, Japan:

Envy and democracy

Mattias Lehtinen, University of Helsinki, Finland:

The challenges of a world in flux: Reconfiguring radical democratic politics to account for and permit contingency

Çiğdem Çıdam, Union College, USA:

Beyond the narrative of missed opportunities: Democratic enactments and political friendship

Panel 3: Transnational-Undisciplined Network

Room: 309

Chair: to be announced

Sabine Hark, Technical University of Berlin, Germany:

Dispossessions. Gender as resource for the construction of neo-authoritarian us/them-dichotomies

Antje Schuhmann, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa:

Title to be confirmed

Melissa Steyn, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa:

When whiteness sees red: Circuits of colonial-settler white right resentment

Siphiwe Dube, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa:

Moral rightness is economic ascendance: The “new” religio-political right in South Africa

Haley McEwen, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa:

Slaying bodies of knowledge: The U.S. pro-family movement and its epistemicidal orientation to gender and sexuality diversity

Refreshment Break | 11:00-11:30 | Rooms 210/211

Session 6: 11:30-13:00

Panel 1: The Politics of Migration

Room: 102

Chair: to be announced

Rosa Parisi, University of Foggia, Italy and Laura Fantone, University of California Berkeley, USA:

Migration in today’s Italian political discourses: Neo-nationalisms and migrants’ protests

Michelle Ty, Clemson University, USA / Institute for Cultural Inquiry Berlin, Germany:

The myth of what we can take in: Global migration and the “receptive capacity” of the nation state

Karsten Schubert, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Germany:

Migration and right-wing populism: Is liberalism the problem?

Panel 2: Democracy Refigured

Room: 309

Chair: to be announced

Sami Khatib, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany:

Opinions that do (not) matter: Benjamin’s critique of fascism

Mónica Cano Abadía, University of Graz, Austria:

Naturalized fascism: Spain’s silent relationship with its fascist heritage

Lars Cornelissen, University of Brighton, UK:

The problem of “non-fascist living”: Towards an understanding of conduction

Lunch | 13:00-14:00 | Rooms 210/211

Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105

14:00-16:00 Keynote Lectures

Donna Jones, University of California Berkeley, USA:

"To watch the world burn": Fascism and the declinist imaginary

Christoph Menke, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany:

In the shadow of the constitution. The crisis of liberalism

Refreshment Break | 16:00-16:15 | Rooms 210/211

Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105

16:15-17:00 Conference Closing Session

Judith Butler, University of California Berkeley, USA:

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Concluding Comments*

End of Conference Drinks | Venue tbc