Fascism? Populism? Democracy?

Critical Theories in a Global Context

Keynote Speakers:

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Wednesday 23 January

Registration 9:00-10:30
Edward Street Building Reception

Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105
10:30-11:15

Conference Opening:
Fascism and Populism in Context: From Erdogan to Brexit

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

11:15-13:15 Keynote Lectures
Chair: Zeynep Gambetti

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 | 13:15-14:15 | Rooms 210/211
### Session 1: 14:15-15:45

#### Panel 1: Decolonising Critical Theory

**Room:** 304  
**Chair:** German Primera

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<td>Amsterdam University College, Netherlands</td>
<td><em>Decolonising the population domain: Reflections on apartheid and Israel in the 1950s</em></td>
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<td>Liam Farrell and Hasse C</td>
<td>National University of Ireland, Ireland</td>
<td><em>Critical theory outside “Civilization”: “Women,” slavery, equality and democratic politics in the political theory of Abdullah Öcalan</em></td>
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<td>Paolo Bolaños</td>
<td>University of Santo Tomas, Philippines</td>
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#### Panel 2: The Fascism(s) of Everyday Life

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**Chair:** Zeynep Gambetti

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<td>Eva von Redecker</td>
<td>Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany</td>
<td><em>The defense of phantom-possession: A propertisation account of proto fascist resentment</em></td>
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<td>Johns Hopkins University, USA</td>
<td><em>Carceral humanism and the animalized politics of prison abolition</em></td>
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#### Panel 3: Right-Wing Populisms

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**Chair:** Mark Devenney

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<td>London School of Economics, UK</td>
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<td>Södertörn University, Sweden and Sophie Tornhill, Linneaus University, Sweden</td>
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**Refreshment Break | 15:45-16:00 | Room 105**
Session 2: 16:00-18:00

Panel 1: Critique and the Specters of Fascism
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Chair: Viktoria Huegel

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<td>Marcel Mangold</td>
<td>Stockholm University, Sweden</td>
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<td>Lars Cornelissen</td>
<td>University of Brighton, UK</td>
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Panel 2: Democracy Refigured
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<td>Ritsumeikan University, Japan</td>
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<td>University of Helsinki, Finland</td>
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<td>Miri Rozmarin</td>
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<td>Haozhan Sun</td>
<td>University of Sussex, UK</td>
<td>Instrumental reason and its counter-rebellion: A critical analysis of “white left” in the Chinese and global contexts</td>
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Informal drinks | Fountain Head Pub, 102 North Road
Thursday 24 January

Late Registration 9:00-9:30
Edward Street Building Reception

Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105

9:30-11:30 Keynote Lectures
Chair: Mark Devenney

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!»: A Neofascist Daddy is Marching on Brussels

Session 3: 11:30-13:00

Panel 1: Rethinking Feminist Politics
Room: 102
Chair: Patricia McManus

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: Rethinking Critical Theory
Room: 304
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<td><em>The university otherwise: A philosophy of liberation approach to decolonization</em></td>
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<td>Benoît Dillet and Sophia Hatzisavvidou, University of Bath, UK:</td>
<td><em>Thinking critically in the anthropocene: An epimetheanism to come</em></td>
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<td>Clare Woodford, University of Brighton, UK:</td>
<td><em>The politics of emancipation</em></td>
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Panel 3: Left Wing Populism and Democratic Politics
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Chair: Olu Jenzen

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<td><em>Free speech, liberalism and the far-right</em></td>
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<td>Luis Félix Blengino, National University of La Matanza, Argentina:</td>
<td><em>“What’s new, folks?” Transnational populism, authoritarian nationalisms and global neoliberalism</em></td>
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<td>Maxime Chervaux, University of Paris VIII, France:</td>
<td><em>The odd one out?: Bernie Sanders’s 2016 campaign and left-wing populism in the United States</em></td>
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Lunch | 13:00-14:00 | Rooms 210/211

Session 4: 14:00-15:30

Panel 1: Fascism and the Return of the Repressed
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Chair: Luciana Cadahia

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<td>Mónica Cano Abadía, University of Graz, Austria:</td>
<td><em>Naturalized fascism: Spain’s silent relationship with its fascist heritage</em></td>
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<td>Alex Taek-Gwang Lee, Kyung Hee University, South Korea</td>
<td><em>Rethinking Fascism: Global Fascism and Colonial Biopolitics</em></td>
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Panel 2: Authoritarian Politics in Turkey
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<td>Gökhan Şensönmez, Bilkent University, Turkey:</td>
<td>Rethinking Foucault in states of exception: The politics of incarceration in 1980s military rule and Erdoğan’s turkey in comparative perspective</td>
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<td>Uygar Altinok, Bilkent University, Turkey:</td>
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Panel 3: Thinking Emancipation
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<td>Rosaura Martínez, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico:</td>
<td>Psychoanalysis: Talking cure and emancipatory practice</td>
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<td>Mark Devenney, University of Brighton, UK:</td>
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Refreshment Break | 15:30-16:00 | Room 105

Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105
16:00-18:00 Keynote Lectures
Chair: Volkan Çıdam

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
Friday 25 January

Late Registration 9:00-9:30
Edward Street Reception

Session 5: 9:30-11:00

Panel 1: Transnational-Undisciplined Network
Room: 102
Chair: Olu Jenzen

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

Panel 2: Race, Colonialism and Capital
Room: 103
Chair: Clare Woodford

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 3: Mediating Populism  
Room: 304  
Chair: Anthony Leaker

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<td>University of Helsinki, Finland</td>
<td>Whirl of knowledge: Cultural populism in the era of hybrid media systems</td>
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<td>Paula Santa Rosa</td>
<td>University of California San Diego, USA</td>
<td>Left populism, media reform and democracy in Latin America</td>
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<td>Helge Kminek</td>
<td>Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany</td>
<td>About education in times of populism and the possibility of a critical education</td>
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Refreshment Break | 11:00-11:30 | Rooms 210/211

Session 6: 11:30-13:00

Panel 1: The Politics of Migration  
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Chair: Harrison Letchley-Yuill

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<td>Michelle Ty</td>
<td>Clemson University, USA / Institute for Cultural Inquiry Berlin, Germany</td>
<td>The myth of what we can take in: Global migration and the “receptive capacity” of the nation state</td>
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<td>Karsten Schubert</td>
<td>University of Freiburg, Germany</td>
<td>Migration and right-wing populism: Is liberalism the problem?</td>
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Panel 2: Brazil: Populism and Resistance  
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Chair: Michele Da Luz

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<td>Federal University of Santa Catarina/Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, Brazil</td>
<td>Populism, democracy, public sphere: Brazil between populism and democracy</td>
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<td>Guilherme Benzaquen</td>
<td>Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil</td>
<td>Recent conflicts in Brazil: Lootings, Lynchings, rolezinhos and black blocs</td>
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<td>Victor Galdino</td>
<td>Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</td>
<td>Beyond cancelled futures and destroyed pasts: Repartitioning our political imaginary towards new worlds</td>
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Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105

14:00-16:00 Keynote Lectures:
Chair: Clare Woodford

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 | Room 105

Edward Street Lecture Theatre Room 105

16:15-17:00 Conference Closing
Chair: Clare Woodford

Zeynep Gambetti, Boğaziçi University, Turkey
Judith Butler, University of California Berkeley, USA

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End of Conference
Informal farewell drink | Fountain Head Pub, 102 North Road