

# London Conference in Critical Thought 2013

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Provisional Programme  
(Schedule TBA)

## Thematic streams:

Beyond Identity *and* Critique  
Concerning Bodies  
Critique, Action, Ethics  
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Futures of Deconstruction  
Higher Education in Crisis  
Historical Subjectivities  
Jean-Luc Nancy in Fragments  
New Materialisms  
On Representation/Non-Representation  
Pragmatism and Political Criticism  
Psychoanalysis and Critical Theory  
Representations of Justice  
Sociocultural Criticism After Lehman Brothers  
Spinozan Politics  
The Soul at Work and in Debt  
The New Amateur  
Three Questions for the Emancipation of Latin America

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## BEYOND IDENTITY AND CRITIQUE

Stream organiser: Riccardo Baldissone

### Nietzsche and Beyond

Otherwise than Ontotheophysiology: Last Fifty Years' Recoveries of Nietzsche as a Threefold Opening beyond Greek, Christian and Naturalistic Metaphysics  
*Riccardo Baldissone*

A performative Posthuman Conception of Critique  
*Dirk Postma*

Between Immunity and Enhancement: The (Im)Mortal Graft  
*Elina Staikou*

### Foucault, Deleuze, Stiegler

Displacing the Subject: Foucault, Veyne and Deleuze  
*Johan Gustafsson*

Michel Foucault: Aesthetics of Existence as Critique  
*Mario Horta*

The Urstaat and the Internation: For an International Positive Pharmacology  
*Benoît Dillet*

### Productive Philosophies

Against Teleological Determinism: Simondon's Political Epistemology  
*Andrea Bardin*

Modes of Invention: Whitehead, Speculative Thinking and the Stubbornness of Objects  
*Martin Savransky*

Monadology  
*Theo Lorenc*

Work to be Done in the Heart of Darkness - Joseph Conrad and the Loosening of the Dialectics of Enlightenment  
*Marta Olesik*



## CONCERNING BODIES

Stream organisers: Angela Bartram, Mary O'Neill,  
Becky McLaughlin & Eric Daffron

### Concerning Bodies (I)

Fetishizing Lack: Claustrophobia and the  
Desiring Body of the Amputee Wannabe

*Becky McLaughlin*

'Body-In-Parts': Vernacular Photographic  
Practices on Photo-Sharing Websites

*Anna Kurpaska*

Reconstructing one's own alienated  
identity through dismemberment of  
others in Miike's Audition

*Ana Dosen*

### Concerning Bodies (III)

Goldin and Serrano: Reflections of the  
absent I

*Lauren Sapikowski*

Before the animal ethics: an embodiment  
approach to wildlife tourism

*Qingming Cui & Honggang Xu*

Life on the Threshold: Hunchback as a  
Visual Paradigm in Modern Art

*Michiko Oki*

### Concerning Bodies (II)

Separating Body and Mind: Normalizing  
Torture

*Anita Ogurlu*

Body Cuts: Foucault's Sagittal Subject

*Eric Daffron*

Matthew Barney's Cremaster Cycle and  
Drawing Restraint Series and Michel  
Foucault on Raymond Roussel

*Irina Chkhaidze*

### Roundtable: Concerning Bodies

*Angela Bartram*

*Eric Daffron*

*Becky McLaughlin*

*& Mary O'Neill*



## CRITIQUE, ACTION, ETHICS

Stream organisers: Andrea Rossi & Diana Stypinska

### Aesthetic Reversals

(K)night Times: Idealism, Cynicism and  
Kathy Acker as Parrhesiast

*Emilia Borowska*

Henry Miller's 'neurotic impasse' in  
Deleuze and Guattari's *Anti-Oedipus*

*Lee Watkins*

The impact of Cinematic Images on  
Critical Thought: Bernard Stiegler's  
Contribution to the Role of the Event in  
the Politics of Control Societies.

*Ben Turner*

### Critique as Ethics

Toward a Normative Foucault:  
overcoming relativism through a complex  
conception of life and error

*Mark Ollsen*

Political Refusals: Foucault and the  
Practice of Critique

*George W. Shea*

The concept of "critique" in the thought of  
Michel Foucault

*Laura Cremonesi*

Ethics, action and creation in the  
philosophy of Gilles Deleuze

*Iwona Mlozniak*

### Enacting Critique

Autonomism, Praxis, and Pluralism:  
Locating Occupy Wall Street's  
ideologies in history and pragmatism

*Zeeshan Aleem*

Anarchism, Anti-Militarism and the  
Politics of Prefiguration

*Chris Rossdale*

Radical Critique Today: On Overcoming  
the 'Theory'/'Practice' Divide

*Diana Stypinska*



## FEEDBACK LOOPS OF FEMINIST THEORY AND ACTIVISM

Stream organiser: Victoria Browne

### **Breaking Feminist Waves: Revisiting and Reframing Histories of Feminism**

The Temporality of Waves of Feminism  
in Eastern and Central Europe

*Agnieszka Kwiatkowska*

The 'Third Space': Black and  
Postcolonial Feminism in 'New Times'

*Heidi Mirza*

Feminism's "Past" Futurity: Revisiting  
1970s Feminist Science Fiction

*Sam McBean*

### **Engaging Feminist Legacies in the Present: Reclamation and Retroactivity**

Desiring Emma: Emma Goldman,  
Feminist History and the Fantastic  
Present

*Clare Hemmings*

Freedom as Independence:  
Wollstonecraft and the Grand Blessing of  
Life

*Alan Coffee*

A Retroactive Reading of Gloria  
Anzaldúa's Legacy in Feminist Bridging

*Cynthia M. Paccacerqua*

### **Building a Critical Feminist Historiography: Models from Philosophy and Art History**

Reception as Critical Deployment: On a  
Possible Relation Between Philosophy  
and Feminist Theory

*Stella Sandford*

Love Through the Ages: Wendy Brown,  
Emma Goldman, and Feminist Futures

*Hilton Bertalan*

Before Feminist Film Theory: The Story  
of *Women & Film*

*Clarissa Jacobs*



## FUTURES OF DECONSTRUCTION

Stream organisers: Roberto Yamato & Daniel Matthews

### Inheritors and inheritance

Post -Deconstructive Writing: Critical or Creative?

*Marc Farrant*

Inheriting Derrida: Stiegler on Différance and Technology

*Tracy Colony*

Deconstruction in a Future without Fear of Not Deciding about Deconstruction

*Richard Fitch*

### A Politics of the Future

Deconstruction and Vegetarianism

*Yoav Kenny*

Interrogating the Momentum of Deconstruction: Ontology, Resistance, Responsibility

*Aggie Hirst*

Community, Fraternity and Limits of the Law: Derrida and Nancy's Brotherly Spat

*Daniel Matthews*

### The Arrivant of Deconstruction

On facing the "mustaqbal": deconstruction, figuration, and envisaging a transfigured "future" for critical thought

*Sarah Epstein*

Ce qui arrive: The future of (Derrida's?) deconstruction

*Chris Lloyd*

Reading the World Text: language(s), globalatinization, and the politics of translation

*Roberto Yamato*



## HIGHER EDUCATION IN CRISIS

Stream organiser: Joyce Canaan

### Within and Against the Public University

Openness in Education: Technology, Pedagogy and Critique

*Robert Farrow*

University Education Within and Against Neo-Liberalism: *Big Questions*, Academia and the Corporate Ethos

*A. Salem*

Compromising Sociology – Publicity, Connection and the Epistemological Politics of Higher Education Funding in the UK

*Des Fitzgerald*

### Within, Against and Beyond the Public University

Greek protests 2008-11: Resistance, dissent and alternatives in and from Greek Higher Education

*Joyce Canaan & Spyros Themelis*

Critical Pedagogy, Critical Thinking and Transformative Learning

*Gurnam Singh & Stephen Cowden*

Independent working-class education as Gramsci understood it: what does it mean for HE practitioners now?

*Colin Waugh*

### Critical Education/Radical Philosophy

Towards a Utopian Methodology & Pedagogies

*Rhiannon Firth*

Selling Socrates, or the Unexamined Life and the University

*M. Altorf*

From the *Pop Philosophy* to the *Popular University*: From Deleuze to Onfray

*Angelos Triantafyllou*

### Alternatives Within and Against the University

In, Against and Beyond the Neoliberal University: Critical Pedagogies, (Higher) Education and 'Activism'

*Gordon Asher & Leigh French*

Learning to Resist: on the Universities Ruins

*James Ellison & Paul Stewart*

Critique of the University from Lyotard, Freire and Succeeding Radical Educational Thought

*Jones Irwin*

The search for an alternative to conventional university education: The Midpeninsula Free University of the 1960s

*Laura Nelson*



## HISTORICAL SUBJECTIVITIES

Stream organisers: Elizabeth Haines & Aileen Robinson

### Exploring Quotidian Histories

Affective Realism: Erich Auerbach and  
Lauren Berlant's Genres of the Everyday  
*Nicole Demby*

Representation, History and Immigration  
– An ethnography of an immigrant family  
*Xia Cuijun*

### Staging Experience

A Poetic History of Vegetation at Coorah  
*Thomas Lee*

Between Representation and Non-  
Representation  
*Debi Withers*

Beyond Representation: Poetry, Place  
and the Past in the Present  
*Hou Song*



## JEAN-LUC NANCY IN FRAGMENTS

Stream organisers: Leda Channer,  
Martin Kratz & Eileen Pollard

### Sense and Senses

'Perhaps there's only ever an opening by way of a touching': Beginnings in Michael Symmons Roberts and Werner Herzog

*Martin Kratz*

'We are truly missing something': If Jean-Luc Nancy Read Bring Up the Bodies

*Eileen Pollard*

A Question of Listening: Nancean Resonance, Return and Relation in Charlie Chaplin

*Carrie Giunta*

### Community and Politics

Nancy, Lignes, and the absence of a political project

*Adrian May*

Nancy, Arendt and "Nietzschean democracy"

*Matt Ellison*

*Con-munire*: Marx, Nancy and the notion of communism

*Thomas Telios*

### Myth and Hero

Between the Ordinary and the Exceptional: On Jean-Luc Nancy's Authentic Demand

*Jonathon Boddam-Whetham*

Tales of the Interrupted: Jean-Luc Nancy on Myth

*Leda Channer*

Prosthesis in Cameron's *Avatar* and Nancy's *The Intruder*

*Nick Aldridge*



## NEW MATERIALISMS

Stream organisers: Edwina Attlee,  
Caroline Williams & Hannah Gregory

### Materialisms (I)

New Materialisms contra Historical  
Materialisms

*Simon Choat*

Two Routes from the Correlate

*Paul Rekret*

### Aesthetics

Translation object/text/object

*Conor Wilson & Amanda Game*

Six Devices for Hand and Eye

*Eliza Cushman Rose*

Aesthetics as an Assemblage

*Claudia Mongini*

### Materialisms (II)

Dialogues with Biology

*Camila Royle*

Politics of Materiality

*Maria Dada*

Transcendental Materialism

*Tom O'Shea*

### Permeable Boundaries

Institutional Boundaries

*Gregg Tourville*

Ubiquitous Window

*Delfina Fantini Van Ditmar*

Internet Topologies and Network  
Immanence

*Hannah Gregory*



# ON REPRESENTATION/NON-REPRESENTATION

Stream organisers: Matt Mahon & Sam Wilson

## Law, Power, and Representation

Against Representation: Capitalist Crisis and the State Form

*Matt Cole*

The Damoclean Sword of Transgression: Constituent Power and Non-Idoltrous Representation

*Dimitris Kivotidis*

'He Do the Police in Different Voices': Realism, Representation and the Criminological Imaginary

*Phil Thomas*

## Non-Representational Art

Exposing as Art: Non-Representationality and Art's Capacity to Escape the Impasses of Critical Thinking

*Piril Gunduz*

Non-Representation Towards Representation

*Daniel Neofetou*

Tuning the World 'Flat': Horizontality in Sound Studies

*Jeremy Coleman*

## Writing Outside the Representable

Poetry's Representative Difficulties: The Dialectic of Subject Matter

*Kimberley Quiogue Andrews*

'The Crypt Keeps an Undiscoverable Place, With Reason': Derridean Cryptonymy and Representation in Rachel Whiteread's Memorial to the Austrian Jewish Victims of the Shoah

*Thomas Houlton*

## Roundtable: Thought Beyond Representation

*Pete Wolfendale*

*Henry Somers-Hall*

*& Christian Gilliam*



**PRAGMATISM AND POLITICAL CRITICISM**  
Stream organisers: Michael Bacon & Clayton Chin

**Pragmatism and Social Criticism**

Rorty and the Question of a Critical Pragmatism

*Clayton Chin*

Prophets of Democracy: Dewey, Connolly and the Limits of Critique

*Joe Hoover*

Towards a Pragmatist Theory of Multiculturalism

*Dominik Gerber*

**Pragmatism and Democracy**

Democratic Doubts: Pragmatism and the Epistemic Defense of Democracy

*Eric MacGilvray*

A Reconsideration of Peircean Democracy

*Michael Bacon*

Dewey, Sen and the Significance of Participation: A Critical Approach to Freedom and Democracy

*Jessica Soester*

**Pragmatism and Critical Theory**

Between Pragmatism and Critical Theory: Social Philosophy Today

*Roberto Frega*

Toward a Critical and Realist Political Theory

*J. Prinz*

Pragmatist Aesthetics, Social Criticism, and Democracy

*Räber Michael Ivo*



## PSYCHOANALYSIS AND CRITICAL THEORY

Stream organiser: Natalia Baeza

### On the Relation Between Psychoanalysis and Critical Theory: Butler, Adorno, Foucault

The personal temporality of power and ethics – psychoanalysis as a link to the social

*Rosine Kelz*

Adorno's Ambivalent Freudianism

*Vicky Iakovou*

The Interiorization of Guilt and the Guilt of Interiorization: Adorno, Foucault, Lacan

*Terence Holden*

### Confronting the Real and Imagining the Future: Lacan and Marcuse

Splitting the real

*Sean Homer*

Anxiety and Real Politics

*Colin Wright*

Keeping it real: An Critical Inquiry into the Status of Repression and the Liberation of Imagination

*Ryan E. Artrip*

### Psychoanalysis and Cultural Criticism

Beowulf and Grendel, two anti-heroes from a Lacanian perspective

*Nurten Birlik*

Time is Out of Joint, Body is Out of Time: What Lacan Might Say About Barebacking

*Diego Costa*



## REPRESENTATIONS OF JUSTICE

Stream organiser: Lucia Vodanovic

### Media Authority, Politics and Action

Journalism, Justice and the  
Transnational Community

*Slavko Gavejic*

The Materiality of Abu Ghraib: A Place of  
Ontological Persistence and Ontical  
Dispensability

*Melany Sun-Min Park*

The Two-Speed Freedom of Speech of  
Court Reporting

*Tristan Stewart-Robertson*

Revival of Undercover Reporting in  
Writing about Ethnicity and Religion

*Verica Rugar*

## SOCIOCULTURAL CRITICISM AFTER LEHMAN BROTHERS

Stream organiser: Juan Jose Jimenez-Anca

### Sociocultural criticism after Lehman Brothers

Financialization from the Bottom-Up:  
Credit Politics Beyond the 'Repressive  
Hypothesis'

*Vidar Thorsteinsson*

The Place of Social Criticism in  
Japanese Contexts

*Hayato Yamauchi*

Beyond International Political Economy:  
Hegemony, Neo-Liberalization and  
Occupy Sussex

*Ishan Cader*

### New Political Economy

Persistent Crisis: on the Infinite Economy  
of Financial Flows

*Sascha Engel*

The Strange Failure of the Dawn of a  
New Political Economy after the Lehman  
Shock

*Shu Shimizu*

The configuration of the Economic Crisis  
Discourse and the Left Response

*Anastasia Deligiaouri*



## SPINOZAN POLITICS

Stream organisers: Filippo Del Lucchese  
& Dimitris Vardoulakis

### Equality and the Law

What does Spinoza mean by equality in the *Theological-Political Treatise*?

Beth Lord

*Jura communia as anima imperii*: the symptomatic relationship between law and conflict in Spinoza

Filippo De Lucchese

Freedom and The Axiom of Inequality

Dimitris Vardoulakis

### Spinoza and the Social

The temptation of immanence. The place of Spinoza in Georg Simmel's thought

Nicola Marcucci

On *Conatus* and *cupiditas*.

Anthropological and social aspects.

Lorenzo Vinciguerra

The Modernity of Political Treatise

Chantal Jaquet

### The Multitude and Biopolitics

Negri's reading of *multitude*. The disarticulation of history and ontology

Vittorio Morfino

The problem of mass desire and the multitude: a re-reading of Spinozan pessimism

J.D. Taylor

Spinoza's Biopolitics

A. Kiarina Kordela

### Politics and the Subject

Balibar on Transindividuality: A Critical Spinozism

Sophie Laveran

Towards a conceptual morphology of political subjectivity

Caroline Williams

Right and time on the political ontology of Spinoza

Sebastian Torres



## THE SOUL AT WORK AND IN DEBT

Stream organiser: Gregory J. Seigworth

### Labour: Value, Power, Immaterial

On Labour-Power and the Discourse of Creativity?

*Toby Bennett*

Workers-as-Consumers: Rethinking the Political Economy of Consumption and Capital Reproduction

*Niamh Mulcahy*

A Crisis of Measurability? Immaterial Production, Abstract Labour and the Value Form

*Frederick H. Pitts*

### Debt Collection, Soul Affections

“All Bailiffs are Bastards”: Debt Collection Goes to Work

*Alexander George Baker*

Souls in Default: Pursuing the Intimate Encounters Between Debtor and Collector

*Joe Deville*

– Discussant –

*Greg Siegworth*

### Subjectivation, Subsumption, and the Spaces of Daily Life

Inside the Garden of Bifurcations: Technologies of Composition & the Space of the Soul in Neoliberalism

*Stephen Shukaitis*

Schemes from the Broken Bubble

*Peter Conlin*



## THE NEW AMATEUR

Stream organiser: Lucia Vodanovic

### Productivity, Appropriation and Critique

Crowd sourcing, Curating and Networked Power

*Alexandra Reynolds*

A Sublime Waste of Time: Gaming Against 'Productive Play

*Rob Gallagher*

– Discussant –

*Lucia Vodanovic*

## THREE QUESTIONS FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF LATIN AMERICA

Stream organisers: Dasten Julián Vejar & Hugo Romero Toledo

### Three Questions (I)

The Plasticity of the Savage Soul

*Moisés Pinto Neto*

Domination in the Field of Work and Organization: The Potentialities of Warttemberg's Field Theory of Power

*Claudia Cerda & Hernán Cuevas*

Capitalist restoration and democracy in Cuba

*Ramón Centeno*

### Three Questions (II)

Sabotage as a philosophical proposal from Latin American

*Alejandro Viveros*

Labor Precariousness, modernity and capitalist modernization. A Contribution to the debate from Latin America

*Dasten Julian*

Critical thought and environmental conflict in Chile: the HidroAysén project

*Hugo Romero*

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