

MLG Summer Institute on Culture and Society, Portland State University
(Portland, Oregon) June 17-20, 2009

Wednesday, 17 June. (Smith Student Union 294)

9:15 – 10:45 *Panel: Histories in the Era of Actually Existing Communism*

Grover Furr, Montclair State University: Did the USSR Invade Poland in September, 1939? An Investigation of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact

Courtney Maloney, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design: Commies and Comics: Curious Adventures in a Capitalist Culture Industry

Carol Stabile, University of Oregon: Dictators of the Airwaves: The Infrastructure of the Blacklist

11:00 – 12:30 *Panel: Analyzing Finance Capital and Financialization*

Annie McClanahan, UC Berkeley: "Investing in the Future: Finance Capital's Philosophy of History"

Jasper Bernes, UC Berkeley: Spectacle and the Credit System in Late Capitalism

Tim Kreiner, UC Davis: The Work of Derivatives in the Age of Spectacular Financialization (1973-2008)

12:30 – 1:45 LUNCH

1:45 – 3:00 *Reading Group: Capital, Volume 1, chapter 1*, Gail Farschou. University of Alberta.

3:15 – 4:45 *Panel: Multiple Crises and the Current Conjuncture*

Brynnar Swenson, Butler University: The Corporate Form, Communicative Labor, and Crisis

Michelle Yates, UC Davis: Capitalism is the Culprit: Addressing the Historically Specific Nature of Ecological Crisis Within Capitalism

Maya Gonzales, UC Santa Cruz: On the Housing Question, Once Again

5:00-6:30 *Panel: Contemporary Politics*

Gabriel Shapiro, University of Minnesota: Right Wing American Criticism of Marcuse

Andrew Pendakis, McMaster University: Inertial Plasticities: An Introduction to Centrist Reason

Sina Rahmani, UCLA: Riots, Rope and Rage: On the so-called “Black Block”

Modhumita Roy, Tufts University: Immaculate Conception: The Politics and Ethics of Outsourcing Reproductive Labor

Thursday, 18 June. (Smith Student Union, Room 338)

9:00 – 10:30 *Presentation*

Randy Martin, NYU: Campus Activism in the Context of Rescue and Recovery

10:45 – 12:15 *Panel: New Labor and Production*

David Maynard, Independent Scholar: Starbucks, Labor, and the New Proletariat”

Sarah Brouillette, MIT: Creative Labor in Aravind Adiga’s *White Tiger*

Jesse Goldstein, CUNY: The nature of value is ‘wasted potential’: some implications for the political economy of work and workfare in the U.S.

12:15 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 3:00 *Reading Group: Capital, Volume 3. Chapters 24-27.*

3:15 – 4:45 *Panel: Art, Aesthetics and Marxism*

Rich Daniels, Oregon State University: Things vs. Commodity-Form in Artworks: Heidegger’s Response to Adorno’s Critique

Bret Benjamin, SUNY Albany: A Case to Be Made: Barnako and the Problem of Art Under Capitalist Imperialism

Henry Schwartz, Georgetown University: Aesthetic Theory and Resistance in Contemporary Indian Performance

Robert Wess, Oregon State University: “Humanism of Nature’ and ‘Naturalism of

Man': Notes toward a Marxist Ecocriticism."

5:00-6:30 *Panel: International Perspectives*

Brian Whitener, University of Michigan: Material Turn: Concepts for Thinking Latin America in Crisis

Gerry Sussman, Portland State University: Systemic Propaganda and U.S. Foreign Policy

Duncan Yoon, UCLA: Historicizing Sino-Africa: Ngugi wa Thiong'o and Cultural Revolution"

Aisha Karim, St. Xavier University: Franz Fanon and the Making of a Postnational Public Sphere

Friday, 19 June. (Smith Student Union, Room 294)

9:00 – 10:30 *Economist Roundtable on the Crisis*

Robin Hahnel, Portland State University

Martin Hart-Landberg, Lewis & Clark College

Thomas Mertes, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, UCLA

10:45 – 12:15 *Panel: Reading Marx*

Justin Paulson, Carleton University, Reading Marx During Crisis

Jonathan Dettman, UC Davis: Reflections on Consumption and the Culture Industry in the Light of the Grundrisse

Bev Best, Concordia University: Marx, Methods, and the Aesthetics of Political Economy

John Clegg, New School for Social Research, Rethinking the Concept of Ideology in the Marxist Tradition

12:15 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 3:00 *Reading Group: Wertkritik*. Neil Larsen

3:15 – 4:45 *Panel: Approaches to the Critique of Neoliberalism*

Kanishka, Chowdhury, St. Thomas Univeristy: Reassessing Primitive Accumulation in the Age of Dispossession

Leerom Medovoi, Portland State University: Sustainability and Eco-Neoliberalism

Marcia Klotz, Portland State University: Original Sin and Indebted Subjects

5:00 – 6:30 *Panel If Capitalism is Failing, What should the State Look Like? Film and Media Representations and Debates in the Documentary/Nonfiction Work of Post 2001-Argentina and the 1936-37 Anarchist Collectivization of Film Industry in Spain*

Patricia Keaton, Ramapo College. Factories without Bosses: Analyzing how Documentaries about Zanon/Fasinpat Rerpresent the Limitations and Possibilities of Revolutionary Change

Antonio Prado, Knox College: The C.N.T.'s Collectivization of the Film Industry (Spain 1936-37): Mediation, Representation and Social Revolution

Saturday, 20 June. (Smith Student Union, Room 294)

9:00 – 10:30 *Panel: Marxist Literary Studies*

Nicholas Brown, University of Illinois, Chicago: Waiting: Marxism, Materialism, and Literary Studies

Neil Larsen, UC Davis: Literature, Immanent Critique, and the Problem of Standpoint”

Mathias Nilges, St. Francis Xavier University: 'Little Bundles of Condensed Catastrophe': Marxism and Literary Form in the Twenty-First Century”

Emilio Sauri, University of Illinois, Chicago: The End of Literature and/or Marxist Literary Criticism (response)

10:45 – 12:15 *Panel: Disciplinary Questions*

Sourayan Mookerjea, University of Alberta: History, or, the Immanent Critique of Political Economy

Fernando Lacerda Junior, Campinas S/P Brazil: "Psychology Meets Social Change: A Marxist Balance"

12:15 – 1:30 MLG Business Meeting and Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 Reading Group: The Regulation School, Mathias Nilges

3:15 – 4:45 PANEL: Marxist Literary and Cultural Studies

Tristan Siple, University of Oregon: Mapping the Metabolic Rift: Toward a Marxist-Ecocritical Theory

Jaafar Aksisas, Columbia College: Cultural Studies: The Way Forward

Ed Wiltse, Nazareth College: *Indian Killer* across the Razor Wire: Student Readings, Inmate Readings (not Friday)

6:00 pm MLG-ICS BBQ. (please bring drinks, snacks, or something to BBQ)

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