

# TORONTO HISTORICAL MATERIALISM CONFERENCE

MAY 11 - 13, 2012  
YORK UNIVERSITY

# PROGRAM



**FRIDAY, MAY 11**

<p><b>9:30 – 11:00</b></p>	<p><b>Soviet Activity Theory: From L.S. Vygotsky to E.V. Ilyenkov</b></p>	<p><b>Spaces of Resistance and Popular Struggles in the Middle East</b></p>	<p><b>The Theory and Practice of the Occupy Movement I</b></p>	<p><b>From Technology to Sensibility: Thinking Spaces of Resistance with Herbert Marcuse</b></p>	<p><b>Finance, Crisis and Austerity in Europe</b></p>	<p><b>INDIGENOUS POLITICS FORUM: Reframing Historical Materialism and the Power and Place of Indigenous Women in Social Transformation</b></p>	<p><b>Capitalism, Imperialism and/in South Asia</b></p>
	<p>Sebastian Budgen Chair</p>	<p>Reecia Orzeck Chair</p>	<p>James Cairns Chair</p>	<p>Ken Hirschkop Chair</p>	<p>Ted Klassen Chair</p>	<p>Deb Simmons Chair</p>	<p>Shahrazad Mojab Chair</p>

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<p>Evgeni V. Pavlov The Ghost of Alexander Bogdanov: Evald Ilyenkov on Lenin's Dialectics</p> <p><b>Siyaves Azeri</b> Conceptual Cognitive Organs: Towards a Historical Materialist Theory of Scientific Knowledge</p> <p><b>Alex Levant</b> E.V. Ilyenkov and Creative Soviet Theory: An Introduction to Dialectics of the Ideal</p>	<p>Ali Behran Ozcelik Intra-State Contradictions in Turkey and their Implications for the Popular Struggles: Poulantzas Revisited</p> <p><b>Chowra Marakemi</b> Spaces of Secrecy and Spaces of Resistance: At the Heart of the Iranian Revolution</p>	<p>A.J. Patrick Liszkiewicz Occupy Your Browser</p> <p><b>Chris Samuel</b> Adorno at the Limits of Bourdieu: Occupy Wall Street, the Political Field and the Non-identical (<b>withdrawn</b>)</p> <p><b>Todd Chretien</b> Occupy and the Tactics of General Strikes of 1934, 1946, 2011: An Historical Assessment of our Understanding</p>	<p>Daniel Ross Technology, Necessity and History</p> <p><b>James McMahan</b> Aesthetics, Technology and Democracy: An Analysis of Marcuse's Concept of the New Sensibility</p> <p><b>Caleb Basnett</b> On the Aesthetic Dimension: Politics and the Transformation of Sensibility</p>	<p>Christoph Hermann The End of Social Europe?</p> <p><b>Nikolai Huke</b> Multi-Scalar Strategies of Capital Fractions Face Uni-Scalar Resistance</p> <p><b>Mathis Heinrich</b> The Transformation of the European Financial Sphere</p>	<p>Columpa Bobb</p> <p><b>Lee Maracle</b></p> <p><b>Rainey Gaywish</b></p>	<p><b>Syedazem Azem</b> Pakistan's State: a Marxist Approach</p> <p><b>Sara Abraham</b> The Maoist Constitution in Nepal: 'A Continuous Revolution' on the Altar of Constitutionalism</p> <p><b>Aparna Sundar</b> The State of Democracy in 'the World's Largest Democracy': Hollowed-out Form or Emancipatory Project?</p> <p><b>Noaman Ali</b> Gulf Imperialism and Pakistan</p>
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<b>11:15 – 12:45</b>	<b>Marx from the Perspective of 20th Century European Philosophy</b>	<b>Marxism and Geographical Imagination I: Marxism, Law and Rights</b>	<b>Global Perspectives on Restructuring and Resistance</b>		<b>Marxism and Feminism: Revisiting and Extending the Dialogue I</b>	<b>Latin America and Struggles from Below</b>	<b>ROUNDTABLE: The Year of the Lockout: Understanding the Austerity Offensive and the Fightback</b>	<b>Labour, Machinery and Marx's Capital</b>	<b>Living Under Capital's Fetishistic Politics: Ideology, the Subject and the Law</b>
	Lila Wakeman Chair	Kanishka Goonewardena Chair	Mark Thomas Chair		Rachel Manning Chair	Todd Gordon Chair	Alan Sears Chair	Raju Das Chair	Anna Agathangelou Chair
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 11</b>	Mladjo Ivanovic Moral Failure and Cognitive Errors: Reflections from the Standpoint of Critical Theory	Rebecca Schein Occupy Wall Street and 'the Right to the City'	Chris Bailey The Neoliberal Condition: Public Sector Restructuring and Labour Responses in North America		Abigail Bakan Marxism vs Feminism?: Rethinking the Divide	Jeff Webber The Dialectics of the Honduran Resistance	David Camfield Kendra Coulter Stephanie Ross Carlo Fanelli Herman Rosenfeld Janet Dassinger Steven Tufts Winnie Ng	Davide Bradanini Critique of Capital or Critique of Labour ( <b>withdrawn</b> )	James Manos The Fetish of Punishment: The Legal Disavowal of Race in the Liberal State
	Matthew Johnson Technological Enframing as Origin of the Commodity- form: Marx vs Heidegger	Laam Hae & Reecia Orzeck Uncovering the Structure of Legal Geography	Jonah Birch Capitalist Restructuring, Welfare State Reform and Working-Class Support for the Neo-Radical Right in Europe		Johanna Brenner 'The Uses of the Erotic': Caring Labour, Hetero- normativity and Capitalism	Carlos Torchia & Manuel Larrabure 'Our future is not for sale': the Chilean Student Movement and the Birth of a New Radical Left		Jean-Paul Szymanski The Mysterious Appearance of Capitalist Machinery	Joe Weiss The Centre Cannot Hold: The Reproduction of Subjectivity and the Turnover-time of Ideology
	Shannon Burns Proctor Social Theory without Promise: Taking Measure of Marx with Jean-Luc Nancy	Bernd Belina Spaces of Criminalization: Policing Race and Class through Space in the Neoliberal City	Simon Sottsas Analyzing Resistance Movements in the Global South: Insights from the Southern Philippines		Sandra Rein Looking Back to See Ahead: Marx, Gender and What it Means to be Free	Maria Alicia Vetter Luis Emilio Recabarren: Leader and Educator of the Chilean Working Class ( <b>withdrawn</b> )		Kaveh Boveiri Mirror or Mirage: That is the Question. But is it?	Will Meyrowitz This is not what democracy looks like: Puncturing the Surface of Politics
	Igor Shoikhedbrod Civil Society and the Democratic Battle Ground: A Critical Survey of Hegel, Marx and Gramsci				Adrienne Roberts Re-Centering Corporate Power in the Governance of Gender and Class: Extending the Dialogue between Marxist and Feminist International Political Economy				

Lunch:  
12:45 –  
2:00

**BOOK LAUNCH: No Local: Why Small-Scale Alternatives Won't Change The World, Greg Sharzer**  
**Room 209**

2:00 – 3:30	Hegel or Spinoza: the Tendencies of Pierre Macherey	Theorizing Resistance Practices	Work and Labour	Class and Literature	BOOK SESSION: The American Road to Capitalism	INDIGENOUS POLITICS FORUM: Primitive Accumulation, Environmental Destruction & Resistance in Indigenous Lands I	The Arab Revolt: Neoliberalism, the Left and the Reaction	The State of/and Security and Insecurity	Radicalizing the Crisis
	Sebastian Budgen Chair	Nicole Leach Chair	Mark Thomas Chair	Ken Hirschkop Chair	Karen Murray Chair	Peter Kulchyski Chair	Alex Levant Chair	Sara Carpenter Chair	Nicky Short Chair
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 11</b>	Thomas Carmichael Althusser and Macherey: Genealogies of Aleatory Materialism  Jason Read A Spinozist Dialectic?  Susan Ruddick Singular Things: Macherey's Spinoza and the Problem of Composition in a Post- Human World  Ted Stolze Between Reality and Utopia: A Struggle of Political Tendencies	Aziz Choudry Research for Resistance: Learning from Activist Research Practice  Johanna Black & Nashwa Salem Space Naming and Name Tracing: The Marginality of Imagined 'Space' in a Toronto Priority Neighbourhood  Gary Kinsman Occupy Everywhere and Cracking Capitalism: Global Circulations of Struggle and Autonomist Marxism  Ian Hussey On Method: Political Activist Ethnography	Mike McCarthy Turning Labor into Capital: The Politics of Union Pension Fund Investment in America, 1945-1985  James Avis Post-Fordist Illusions: One More Time  Sean Patterson Non-Conventional Workers' Organizations  Peter Brogan Schooling and the Structural Crisis of Capitalism: Teacher Activists and the Urban Battleground	Cristina D'Amico 'Something New is Needed': Charity in Brecht's Threepenny Opera and Saint Joan of the Stockyards  Sam Friedman What is the 'Working Class'?  Rade Zinaic Through the Realm of Necessity: Reflections on Class, Race and Resistance in Upton Sinclair's The Jungle (1906) and Robert Tressell's The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists	Charles Post Author  Harriet Friedmann Commentary  David McNally Commentary	Andrew Curley & Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz Navigating Contradictions in the Navajo Nation: A Marxist Perspective  Emilie Cameron Scaling Climate Politics: Indigenous Peoples and the Limits of the Local  Deborah Simmons Reclaiming Knowledge: Colonialism, Traditional Knowledge and Resistance in Denendeh (NWT)	Malek Abisaab Neo-Liberalism, Islamism and the Dilemma of the Arab Left, 1970-2012  Faid Hammoud The Arab Spring and the Counter-Revolution  Alessandro Olsaretti The Intellectual Function in Late-Developing Countries: Re-reading Gramsci in Light of the Arab Revolts	Jamie Magnusson Biocapitalism, Financialization, and the War Economy  Alex Means Schooling in the Neoliberal City  Sheila Gruner Political Ecologies of Northern Landscapes in the Age of Security	Antoine Dolerocca 'New Mercantilism' or 'Commons' ( <b>withdrawn</b> )  Melih Yesilbag Planning out Capitalism?  Gokhan Terzioğlu A Historical Perspective on Crisis  Steve Knauss Inter-Imperialist Rivalry, the Crisis and the Left  Teresa Almendros Attempts to radicalize the 2001-2002 crisis in Argentina: A critical review

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<b>3:45 – 5:15</b>	<b>Benjamin Now!</b>	<b>Allan Sekula and Critical Realism in the Visual Arts</b>	<b>ROUNDTABLE: Within and Against Contemporary Capitalism: Space and the Urban Today</b>	<b>Currents of Rebellion and Resistance</b>	<b>Gender, Unfree Labour and Racialized Practices</b>	<b>INDIGENOUS POLITICS FORUM: Primitive Accumulation, Environmental Destruction and Resistance in Indigenous Lands II</b>	<b>Radical Histories and Party Politics</b>	<b>Philosophical Perspectives on Marx's Grundrisse</b>	<b>'Post-Neoliberalism' and the Contradictions of the Current Political Conuncture in Latin America and Beyond</b>
	Lori Turner Chair	Rob Heynen Chair	Stefan Kipfer Chair	Sebastian Budgen Chair	Sam Bernardi Chair	Peter Kulchyski Chair	Charlie Post Chair	Lila Wakeman Chair	Manuel Larrabure Chair
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 11</b>	Matthew Hayter Diagramming Walter Benjamin's Historical Materialism in Spatial Terms: Distinguishing between a One-Dimensional Progressive Historicism versus a Three-Dimensional Historical Materialism  Scott Ritner Mystical Communism: The God of Negation and the Negation of God  Susan Dianne Brophy The Global Position: Fanon's Ontology of Experience as Emancipatory Praxis	Steven Edwards Allan Sekula's Critical Realism: A mise-en-scene  Gail Day The Lottery of the Sea, Transitivity and Totality  (Presenters will screen clips from Allan Sekula's Lottery of the Sea)	Kanishka Goonewardena Shubhra Gururani Laam Hae Parastou Saberi Vannina Sztainbok	Katerina Nasioka The Adventures of a Desert Flower: Athens in the 21st Century, a City in State of Rebellion  Brendan McQuade Cognitive Capitalism and the 2011 Global Revolt  Shaun N. Joseph A Critique of Fundamental Strategies in the US Antiwar Movement	Genevieve LeBaron Gender, Capitalism and Unfree Labor  Anisha Datta What's in a Dress? The Gendered Ethnic Nationalism of the Official Left in Contemporary India  Jamie Magnusson Financialization and the Gendered and Racialized Social Organization of Learning and Labour	Warren Bernauer Caribou Hunters and Uranium Miners: Mining, Neocolonialism and Resistance in Nunavut  Sherry Pictou Spaces of Indigenous Learning and Knowledge Production against Colonial Capitalism  Jack Hicks & Josh Gladstone How the State is Failing Capital in Nunavut – by Failing Children	Bryan D. Palmer The Minneapolis Truckers' Strike of 1934: The Ironies of Uneven and Combined Development  Paul Heideman An Integral Part of the World Revolution: The CPUSA and 'The Negro Question' after the Comintern's Fourth Congress  Herbert Pimlott W(h)ither the Party Paper: Rethinking the 'Party' as a 'Communications Medium' and the 'Crisis of the Left'	Michael Brown Technology as Revealing: Fixed Capital and Technology in the Grundrisse  Christian Lotz The 'Transcendental Force' of Money: Real Abstraction through Commodity-form and Exchange  Andrew Woodson The Limits of a Knowledge Theory of Value: The General Intellect and the Labor Theory of Value	Ruth Felder & Viviana Patroni 'Post-Neoliberal' Argentina: Policies, Structure and the Relations between Capital and Labour  Kristin Ciupa What is 'Post' about Post-Neoliberalism in Latin America?  Kristen Hopewell New Powers in Global Governance: Multipolarity, Multilateral Disintegration and the Stillbirth of Neoliberalism at the WTO

PLENARY: 5:30 – 7:00pm

ROOM 206

**Indigenous Struggles and Politics**

Lee Maracle

Art Manuel

Russell Diabo

Peter Kulchyski – Chair

RECEPTION, 7:30 – 9:00pm

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, EXECUTIVE DINING ROOM



**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

**9:30 – 11:00** The Democratic Road to Socialism and Authoritarian Statism: Rethinking Poulantzas  
 Neoliberalism, Inequality and Dispossession in the Americas

Stefan Kipfer  
Chair

Faiz Ahmed  
Chair

Imperialism and Racial Capitalism

Jayeeta Sharma  
Chair

Popular Struggle in the News

Greg Sharzer  
Chair

The Communist International New Translations I  
 Organizing Globally: Translating the Comintern

Sebastian Budgen  
Chair

INDIGENOUS POLITICS FORUM:  
 The Movement for Six Nations Land Defense: Past, Present and Future

Debbie Simmons  
Chair

Theory and Practice of the Occupy Movement II

Sean Patterson  
Chair

**SAT., MAY 12**

Patrick Legay  
Ethics on the Road to Socialism

Matthew Morgan  
Closure or Renewal? The Intensification of Austerity and the Disciplining of Resistance in America

Manuel Larrabure  
A 'Democratic Road to Socialism' or a Socialist Road to Democracy?: Poulantzas and Latin America's 'Pink Tide'

Etienne Schneider & Sune Sandbeck  
The European Debt Crisis: Exploring the Contradictions of Authoritarian Statism in the EU

Camille Chalmers  
'Reconstruction' in Haiti: Self-determination or Re-colonization?

Carlos Velásquez Carrillo  
The Persistence of Oligarchic Rule in El Salvador: Neoliberal Transformation and the Retrenchment of Privilege and Inequality in the Post-Civil War Period

Emiliano Diaz Carnero  
Violence, Dispossession and Resistance in Rural Mexico

Manu Vimalassery  
The Limits of Expansion: Lakotas and Railroad Colonialism

Sujani Reddy  
Nursing Globalization: The Rockefeller Foundation, Global Biomedicine, and the Limits of Decolonization and Desegregation

Zach Sell  
Slavery beyond Slavery: Race, British Imperialism and American Plantation Overseers in Colonial India, 1839-49

James Cairns & Susan Ferguson  
Repressive Tolerance and Public Discourse on Israel-Palestine

Isabel MacDonald  
Silencing History: The Haitian Revolution and the Western Media

Dru Oja Jay  
Analyzing News Coverage of the Lead-up to the Bombing in Libya

Daria Dyakonova  
The Origins of the Communist Party of Canada in Quebec

Paul Kellogg  
Lost in Translation: Explaining the Tragedy of Germany's 1921 'March Action'

Frederic Cyr  
Re-evaluating Paul Levi's Role: Between the KPD and the Comintern Experience

John Riddell  
The Comintern in 1922: The Periphery Pushes Back

Chief Blake Bomberry  
Cayuga Nation

Sub-Chief Leroy (Jock) Hill  
Cayuga Nation

Tom Keefer  
Editor, Upping the Anti

Andrew K. Thompson  
'Occupation' Between Conquest and Liberation

James Clark  
From 'End the occupation' to 'Occupy everywhere': Anti-imperialism, the Arab Spring and the Occupy Movement

Ronald Schwartz & Alan Fisher  
Re-deconstructing the Capitalist Narratives of Decline: The Occupy Movement in Focus

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<b>11:15 – 12:45</b>	<b>Culture, Capital, Resistance</b>  Steve Edwards Chair	<b>Marxism and Geographical Imagination II: Geography and Marxist Philosophical Considerations</b>  Anna Zalik Chair	<b>Mass Radicalism and the Occupy Movement: A Transition Debate</b>  Herman Rosenfeld Chair/Discussant	<b>Debt, Displacement and Dispossession in the 21st Century</b>  Raju Das Chair	<b>Forms of Alienation</b>  Bertell Ollmann Chair/Discussant	<b>INDIGENOUS POLITICS FORUM: Indigenous Nationhood, Land and the State</b>  Deborah Simmons Chair	<b>Crisis Theories: Structure, Agency and Resistance</b>  Robin Chang Chair	<b>Banking, Finance and the State</b>  Ted Klassen Chair	<b>Beyond Capital in Latin America?</b>  Faiz Ahmed Chair
<b>SAT., MAY 12</b>	John McCullough The Meanings of Occupy Los Angeles  Scott Forsyth Culture and the Canadian New Left in the 1960s  Tanner Mirrlees Cultural Marxism for the Right: The Web and Hegemony	Justin Paulson Uneven Reification and the Spaces of Capital  Mizhar M. Mikati The Geography of Dialectics: Method, Metabolism and Praxis  Steven Tufts Autonomous Labour Geography: An Inevitable 'Fuzzy Middle'	Jordy Cummings Be Unrealistic, Demand the Possible: Towards a 21st Century Transition  Stephen D'Arcy The 'Political Form at Last Discovered'? Anti-Capitalist Transition from the Paris Commune to the Occupy Movement  Michael Romandel The Revolutionary Vanguard and the Transition to Socialism: The Political Value of Ranciere's Critique	Paul Kellogg Fall of the House of Euro: German Capitalism and the Long Search for a 'Spatial Fix'  Susanne Soederberg Rethinking Risk, Money and Debt: Temporal and Spatial Dimensions of Displacement, Development and Dispossession in Mexico  Jesse Hembruff Within and Without: The Spatial Configurations of Greek Capitalism	Patrick Murray Instrumental Reason as a Shadow Form of Capital  Sean Sayers Marx's Concept of Alienation in the Light of Hegel's Philosophy  Mehmet Tabak Alienation in Marx's Theory of Revolution	Shiri Pasternak A 'Native Spring': Crisis, Uprising and the Geography of Accumulation in Canada  Corvin Russell Decolonizing Solidarity, Challenging Colonial Ignorance: What does Anti-colonial Practice look like in Canada?  Peter Kulchyski Forms of Resistance: Theorizing Indigenous Opposition to Capitalist Totalization	Karl Beitel Discussant  Alan Nasser Crisis Theories: Structure, Agency and the Imperative of Resistance  Ken Kawashima Kozo Uno's Crisis Theory	Ellen Russell Should the Private Sector Control Banks?  Tom Malleson The Credit Union or the State Bank: Which Way Forward to Democratize Finance?  Geoffrey McCormack Canadian Banking: A Source of Economic Stability?	Jason Farbman The Enduring Legacies of Neoliberalism  Manuel Larrabure Emancipatory Strategy and the 'Bolivarian Revolution': The Case of Venezuela's Socialist Production Units  Thomas Ponniah The Conceptual Revolution in Venezuela

Lunch:  
12:45 –  
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**PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZING ON CAMPUS**  
**Room 209**



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<b>2:00 – 3:30</b>	<b>Regional Power: Dilemmas of Resistance and Imperial Order</b>	<b>Labour, Nature; Nature, Labour</b>	<b>BOOK SESSION: Dialectical Passions: Negation in Postwar Art Theory</b>	<b>Marxists in the Labour Movement: Building Rank-and-File Resistance</b>	<b>The Body and Capitalist Culture</b>	<b>INDIGENOUS POLITICS FORUM: Long Table on Historical Materialism and Indigenous Peoples' Struggles</b>	<b>The Communist International New Translations II Revolutionary Transformation: Lessons of the Comintern Experience</b>	<b>Time, Space and Forms of Resistance: Anti-Systemic Movements in an Age of Global Crisis</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM: Empire's Ally: Canadian Imperialism Within and Beyond the Afghan War</b>
	Shahrzad Mojab Chair	Kanishka Goonewardena Chair	Rob Heynen Chair	Herman Rosenfeld Chair	Susan Ferguson Chair		Sebastian Budgen Chair	Hyun Ok Park Chair	Greg Albo Chair
<b>SAT., MAY 12</b>	<b>Craig Mackie</b> Tyranny as Resistance: North Korean Political Economy and the Regime of International Capital	<b>Anna Zalik</b> Coloniality, Nature-Labour and (the Production-Extraction of) the National Resource	<b>Gail Day</b> Author	<b>Andria Babbington</b> Toronto and York Region Labour Council: Rising to the Challenge	<b>Nathan Kalman-Lamb</b> Sport, Affect and Social Reproductive Labour	* Double Session (extending into following session)	<b>Helen Scott</b> Rebuilding the International: Rosa Luxemburg and the Comintern	<b>Evrin Engin</b> From Fordist '9 to 5' to Post-Fordist 24/7	<b>Anthony Fenton</b>
	<b>Sedef Arat-Koç</b> Imperial Delusions or Proxy to Empire?: 'Neo-Ottomanism,' Shifts in Imperial Policy and Turkey's Foreign Policy in the Middle East	<b>Michael Ekers</b> Towards an 'Ecological Fix': Unemployment and Forestry Relief Work in Depression-era Canada	<b>Alex Potts</b> Discussant	<b>Carolyn Egan</b> Challenging the Bureaucracy and Building the Base: The Experience of the Steelworkers' Toronto Area Council	<b>Susanna Quail</b> The Fat Body, Food Activism and the 'Obesity Epidemic'		<b>John Riddell</b> The Workers' Government: Fiction, Pseudonym, or Transition?	<b>Geetisha Dasgupta</b> Food Riots and Anti-Systemic Spaces	<b>Mary-Jo Nadeau</b>
	<b>Elif Gene</b> The AKP 'Opening' in Relation to Kurdish Minority Rights in Turkey	<b>Punam Khosla</b> The Corporeal Fix	<b>Grant Mandarino</b> Discussant	<b>Pam Johnson</b> OPSEU, the OFL and the Fight for Labour Unity: Can Rank-and-File Workers Intervene?	<b>Rodney Diverlus</b> Black, Brown, Yellow and Red Bodies: Exoticizing the Dancer		<b>Lars T. Lih</b> From 'Party of an Old Type' to 'Party of a New Type'	<b>James Parisot</b> Imperial Space and Geographies of Resistance	<b>Todd Gordon</b>
		<b>Sonja Killoran-McKibbin</b> Denaturalizing Resources: Commodity Fetishism in the Consumption of Latin American Natures	<b>Colin Mooers</b> Discussant	<b>Rob Fairley</b> Achieving a State of Readiness in the Age of Austerity	<b>Alan Sears &amp; Joao Shannon Sterret</b> Producing Mass in Lean Times: Bodybuilding, Masculinity and Neoliberalism		<b>Paul LeBlanc</b> Labour-Radical Subcultures and Communist Infusions: Revolutionary Developments in US Labour, 1865-1925	<b>Matt Feagan</b> In Search of Ecological Consciousness: Working on the University's Contradictory Terrain	

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<b>3:45 – 5:15</b>	<b>Politics, Ontology and Science</b>	<b>Marxism and Geographical Imagination III: Capital-Labour Relations in Rural Spaces</b>	<b>ROUNDTABLE: Occupy Activists</b>	<b>Seeing the Struggle: Developing New Marxist Epistemologies</b>	<b>Dynamics of Crisis and Austerity</b>	<b>INDIGENOUS POLITICS FORUM: Long Table on Historical Materialism and Indigenous Peoples' Struggles</b>	<b>Gramsci: Space, Nature, Politics</b>	<b>Imperialism, Colonialism and Militarism</b>	<b>Communicative Commons</b>
	Rodney Doody Chair	Raju Das Chair	Karen Murray Chair	Ken Hirschkop Chair	Geoff McCormack Chair		Peter Thomas Chair	Faiz Ahmed Chair	Nicky Short Chair
<b>SAT., MAY 12</b>	Aaron Pedinotti Object-oriented Ontology and Historical Materialism: What Sort of Bedfellows?	Asutosh Acharya Capitalism, Peasant Differentiation and Rural Industrialization	Steve D'Arcy (London) Lana Goldberg (Toronto) Dave Vasey (Toronto) John McDonald (Chicago)	Andrew C. Culp Reading Sabotage: Translating Criminality into Revolution	David McNally Marx or Keynes? Theorizing the Dynamics of Crisis and Austerity	* Double Session (beginning in 2:00 session)	Michael Ekers Gramsci and the Erotics of Labour: More Notes on 'The Sexual Question'	Adaner Usmani Why Some are Rich: What's Colonialism Got to Do with It?	Eric-John Russell Debord and the Historical Sterility of Kantian Aesthetics
	David Baronov Contradictory Internal Relations and the Concrete: A Phenomenological Exploration of the Ontological Premises of a Social Movement	Ritika Shrimali Marxism and the Agrarian Question in Contemporary India		Gabriel Piser De-Colonizing the Commons: Epistemologies of Marxist Opposition to the Extraction Industry	Karl Beitel The Debate over Public Deficits: Why the Orthodox Interpretations of the Nature of the Crisis are Wrong		Nicola Short Difference and Inequality in World Affairs: A Gramscian Analysis	Michael Skinner Militarism as a Province of Accumulation ( <b>withdrawn</b> )	Tara Atluri Pirates and Politics: A Digital Commons or Bill Gates' Wet Dream?
	Roxana Akhbari Marxism and Functional Explanation in the Social Sciences	Robert Bridi Labour Control in the Tobacco Agro-spaces: Migrant Agricultural Workers in South-Western Ontario		Oded Nir Totalization, Politics, Aesthetics: Towards a Global Cognitive Map	Carlo Fanelli Canadian Austerity: Nothing to Brag About		Stefan Kipfer City, Country, Hegemony: Antonio Gramsci's Spatial Historicism	Tariq Khan A Materialist Conception of the Post-Colonial State: Its Complexities and Challenges	Vincent Manzerolle On the Allure of Machinic Communication: From Mechanization to Monopolization
							Thorben Wieditz Territoriality and Psycho-physical Adaptation: Gramsci and Urban Research		

PLENARY: 5:30 – 7:00

ROOM 206

**Gender and Primitive Accumulation**

Sylvia Federici

Ananya Mukherjee-Reed

Nancy Hartsock

Johanna Brenner - Chair

DOWNTOWN SOCIAL: 8 pm

DETAILS TBA



**SUNDAY, MAY 13**

10:30– 12:00	<b>Legacies of the Frankfurt School</b>	<b>Spaces and Forms of Resistance</b>	<b>Egypt: Between Revolution and Reaction</b>	<b>Historical Materialism and the Challenge of Multiple Oppressions</b>	<b>Critical Theories of Land, Energy and the City</b>	<b>Controversies in Western Marxism</b>	<b>The Circuits of Labour and Capital</b>	<b>Cultural Politics</b>
	Paul Mazzocchi Chair and Discussant	Alan Sears Chair	James Cairns Chair	Jessica Parish Chair	Raju Das Chair	Sebastian Budgen Chair	Dhruv Jain Chair	Ken Hirschkop Chair
<b>SUN., MAY 13</b>	<p>Elliot Buckland Do Flowers Still Have Power?: Herbert Marcuse's 'Great Refusal' in an Age of Austerity</p> <p>Todd Hedrick Latent Class Conflict in the Frankfurt School</p>	<p>Clare O'Connor Standing Opportunities: The Contestation of Vari Hall</p> <p>Elise Danielle Thorburn Spatiality and the General Intellect: Re-Activating Workers' Bodies in the Assembly Form</p> <p>Kris Erickson Creating Resistance: Exploring the Spaces of Community Artists' Work</p> <p>Olive Mckeon Barricades: Form, History, Theory</p>	<p>Ahmed Shawki Editor, International Socialist Review</p> <p>Ali Mustafa Freelance Journalist, recently returned from Egypt</p> <p>Omar El-Shafei Doctoral Candidate in Paris and Author of Workers, Trade Unions and the State in Egypt (<b>withdrawn</b>)</p>	<p>David Camfield Preliminary Thoughts on Moving from Marx towards Anti-Racist Feminist Historical Materialism</p> <p>Rachel Gorman Social Theory in the Disabled Nation: Class and the Quagmire of Affect</p> <p>Sean Gill The Dead End of Nationalism: Revolutionary Violence, Passive Revolution, and the Cunning of Reason in Chatterjee and Fanon</p> <p>David K. Seitz 'Protect Wisconsin Families': Left Family Values in the 2011 Wisconsin Labour Protests</p>	<p>Emmanuele Leonardi For a Critique of Neoliberal Carbon Trading</p> <p>Jen Mills Financial Manipulation in the Pipeline: Energy Multinationals and the Ideology of Shareholder Value</p> <p>Max Ajl City as Utopia: A Critique</p>	<p>John Holst The Political Independence of the Working Class: Antonio Gramsci's Pedagogical Leitmotif (<b>withdrawn</b>)</p> <p>Mauro Buccheri Does Marxism Need a Darwinian Left to Reinvent Itself?</p> <p>Peter Thomas Contours of Contemporary Western Marxism</p>	<p>Carlos Bucio Borja The Ongoing Salvadoran Diaspora and its Impact on a National-Transnational Political Economy and the Functional Boundaries of a Nation State</p> <p>Chris Vance Political Recomposition and Precarity: Lessons from Interviews with Working-Class Strugglers in Toronto and San Salvador</p> <p>Evelyn E. Grez A Closer Look at the 'Canadian Family Farm': Migrant Farm Workers and their Families Fighting Back at the Margins</p> <p>Kim Abis Narratives of Heroism: Contradictions within Migrant Labour Organizing</p>	<p>Erik Wallenberg The Sound of Freedom: Creating Spaces of Power Through Music in the Early Civil Rights Movement</p> <p>Luiz Renato Martins To Whom and What It's For: The Autonomy of Art Today</p> <p>Matt Jones Difficult Spaces of Satire: Comedy and Islamophobia in the War on Terror</p> <p>Seehwa Cho Education of Resistance Against Global Capitalism</p>

Lunch  
12:00 –  
1:00

## LUNCH WITH THE EDITORS OF HISTORICAL MATERIALISM JOURNAL Room 209

<b>1:00 – 2:30</b>	<b>The Communist International New Translations III Race, Gender, Nation and Class: Translations and Transitions</b>	<b>Unsettling Historical Materialism and Sexuality</b>	<b>Neoliberal Development and Resistance in Africa</b>	<b>Marxism and Geographical Imagination IV: Marxism, the Commodity and the Theory of Capital Accumulation</b>	<b>INDIGENOUS POLITICS FORUM: Strategies and Contradictions in Indigenous Self-Governance</b>	<b>Primitive Accumulation: International Law and Uneven Development</b>	<b>Tragedy, History and Ideology</b>	<b>Marxist Aesthetics and Utopia</b>
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PLENARY: 2:45 – 4:15  
ROOM 206

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