

TORONTO HISTORICAL MATERIALISM CONFERENCE

MAY 11 – MAY 13, 2012

YORK UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, MAY 11

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| <p>9:30 – 11:00</p> <p>FRI., MAY 11</p> | <p>Soviet Activity Theory: From L.S. Vygotsky to E.V. Ilyenkov</p> <p>Sebastian Budgen Chair</p> <p>Evgeni V. Pavlov The Ghost of Alexander Bogdanov: Evald Ilyenkov on Lenin's Dialectics</p> <p>Siyaves Azeri Conceptual Cognitive Organs: Towards a Historical Materialist Theory of Scientific Knowledge</p> <p>Alex Levant E.V. Ilyenkov</p> | <p>Theorizing Forms of Movement</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Ali Behran Ozelik Intra-State Contradictions in Turkey and their Implications for the Popular Struggles: Poulantzas Revisited</p> <p>Chowra Marakemi Spaces of Secrecy and Spaces of Resistance: At the Heart of the Iranian Revolution</p> <p>Davide Bradanani Saving Neoliberalism? Tranformismo and the Italian Working Class</p> | <p>The Theory and Practice of the Occupy Movement I</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>A.J. Patrick Liszkiewicz Occupy Your Browser</p> <p>Chris Samuel Adorno at the Limits of Bourdieu: Occupy Wall Street, the Political Field and the Non-identical</p> <p>Todd Chretien Occupy and the Tactics of General Strikes of 1934, 1946, 2011: An Historical Assessment of our Understanding</p> | <p>From Technology to Sensibility: Thinking Spaces of Resistance with Herbert Marcuse</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Daniel Ross Technology, Necessity and History</p> <p>James McMahon Aesthetics, Technology and Democracy: An Analysis of Marcuse's Concept of the New Sensibility</p> <p>Caleb Basnett On the Aesthetic Dimension: Politics and the Transformation of Sensibility</p> | <p>Finance, Crisis and Austerity in Europe</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Christoph Hermann The End of Social Europe?</p> <p>Nikolai Huke Multi-Scalar Strategies of Capital Fractions Face Uni-Scalar Resistance</p> <p>Mathis Heinrich The Transformation of the European Financial Sphere</p> | <p>Reframing Historical Materialism and the Power and Place of Indigenous Women in Social Transformation</p> <p>Deb Simmons Chair</p> <p>Columpa Bobb</p> <p>Lee Maracle</p> <p>Rainey Gaywish</p> | <p>Capitalism, Imperialism and/in South Asia</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Syedazem Azem Pakistan's State: a Marxist Approach</p> <p>Sara Abraham The Maoist Constitution in Nepal: 'A Continuous Revolution' on the Altar of Constitutionalism</p> <p>Aparna Sundar The State of Democracy in 'the World's Largest Democracy': Hollowed-out Form or Emancipatory Project?</p> <p>Noaman Ali Gulf Imperialism and Pakistan</p> | | |

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| <p>11:15 – 12:45</p> <p>FRI., MAY 11</p> | <p>Marx from the Perspective of 20th Century European Philosophy</p> <p>Lila Wakeman Chair</p> <p>Mladjo Ivanovic Moral Failure and Cognitive Errors: Reflections from the Standpoint of Critical Theory</p> <p>Matthew Johnson Technological Enframing as Origin of the Commodity-form: Marx vs Heidegger</p> <p>Shannon Burns Proctor Social Theory without Promise: Taking Measure of Marx with Jean-Luc Nancy</p> <p>Igor Shoikhedbrod Civil Society and the Democratic Battle Ground: A Critical Survey of Hegel, Marx and Gramsci</p> | <p>Marxism and Geographical Imagination I: Marxism, Law and Rights</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Rebecca Schein Occupy Wall Street and 'the Right to the City'</p> <p>Laam Hae & Reecia Orzeck Uncovering the Structure of Legal Geography</p> <p>Bernd Belina Spaces of Criminalization: Policing Race and Class through Space in the Neoliberal City</p> | <p>Global Perspectives on Restructuring and Resistance</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Chris Bailey The Neoliberal Condition: Public Sector Restructuring and Labour Responses in North America</p> <p>Jonah Birch Capitalist Restructuring, Welfare State Reform and Working-Class Support for the Neo-Radical Right in Europe</p> <p>Simon Sottas Analyzing Resistance Movements in the Global South: Insights from the Southern Philippines</p> | | <p>Marxism and Feminism: Revisiting and Extending the Dialogue I</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Abigail Bakan Marxism vs Feminism?: Rethinking the Divide</p> <p>Johanna Brenner 'The Uses of the Erotic': Caring Labour, Hetero-normativity and Capitalism</p> <p>Sandra Rein Looking Back to See Ahead: Marx, Gender and What it Means to be Free</p> <p>Adrienne Roberts Re-Centering Corporate Power in the Governance of Gender and Class: Extending the Dialogue between Marxist and Feminist International Political Economy</p> | <p>Living Under Capital's Fetishistic Politics: Ideology, the Subject and the Law</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>James Manos The Fetish of Punishment: The Legal Disavowal of Race in the Liberal State</p> <p>Joe Weiss The Centre Cannot Hold: The Reproduction of Subjectivity and the Turnover-time of Ideology</p> <p>Will Meyrowitz This is not what democracy looks like: Puncturing the Surface of Politics</p> | <p>ROUNDTABLE: The Year of the Lockout: Understanding the Austerity Offensive and the Fightback</p> <p>Alan Sears Chair</p> <p>David Camfield Kendra Coulter Stephanie Ross Carlo Fanelli Herman Rosenfeld Janet Dassinger Steven Tufts Winnie Ng</p> | <p>Labour, Machinery and Marx's Capital</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Davide Bradanini Critique of Capital or Critique of Labour</p> <p>Jean-Paul Szymanski The Mysterious Appearance of Capitalist Machinery</p> <p>Kaveh Boveiri Mirror or Mirage: That is the Question. But is it?</p> | <p>Latin America and Struggles from Below</p> <p>Todd Gordon Chair</p> <p>Jeff Webber The Dialectics of the Honduran Resistance</p> <p>Carlos Torchia & Manuel Larrabure 'Our future is not for sale': the Chilean Student Movement and the Birth of a New Radical Left</p> <p>Maria Alicia Vetter Luis Emilio Recabarren: Leader and Educator of the Chilean Working Class</p> |
| <p>Lunch: 12:45 – 2:00</p> | <p>BOOK LAUNCH: <i>No Local</i>, Greg Sharzer Room TBA</p> | | | | | | | | |

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| <p>2:00 – 3:30</p> <p>FRI., MAY 11</p> | <p>Hegel or Spinoza: the Tendencies of Pierre Macherey</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Thomas Carmichael Althusser and Macherey: Genealogies of Aleatory Materialism</p> <p>Jason Read A Spinozist Dialectic?</p> <p>Susan Ruddick Singular Things: Macherey's Spinoza and the Problem of Composition in a Post-Human World</p> <p>Ted Stolze Between Reality and Utopia: A Struggle of Political Tendencies</p> | <p>Theorizing Resistance Practices</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Aziz Choudry Research for Resistance: Learning from Activist Research Practice</p> <p>Johanna Black & Nashwa Salem Space Naming and Name Tracing: The Marginality of Imagined 'Space' in a Toronto Priority Neighbourhood</p> <p>Gary Kinsman Occupy Everywhere and Cracking Capitalism: Global Circulations of Struggle and Autonomist Marxism</p> <p>Ian Hussey On Method: Political Activist Ethnography</p> | <p>Work and Labour</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Mike McCarthy Turning Labor into Capital: The Politics of Union Pension Fund Investment in America, 1945-1985</p> <p>James Avis Post-Fordist Illusions: One More Time</p> <p>Sean Patterson Non-Conventional Workers' Organizations</p> <p>Peter Brogan Schooling and the Structural Crisis of Capitalism: Teacher Activists and the Urban Battleground</p> | <p>Class and Literature</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Cristina D'Amico 'Something New is Needed': Charity in Brecht's Threepenny Opera and Saint Joan of the Stockyards</p> <p>Sam Friedman What is the 'Working Class'?</p> <p>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</p> | <p>BOOK SESSION: <i>The American Road to Capitalism</i></p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Charles Post Author</p> <p>Harriet Friedmann Commentary</p> <p>David McNally Commentary</p> | <p>Primitive Accumulation, Environmental Destruction and Resistance in Indigenous Lands I</p> <p>Peter Kulchyski Chair</p> <p>Andrew Curley & Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz Navigating Contradictions in the Navajo Nation: A Marxist Perspective</p> <p>Emilie Cameron Scaling Climate Politics: Indigenous Peoples and the Limits of the Local</p> <p>Deborah Simmons Reclaiming Knowledge: Colonialism, Traditional Knowledge and Resistance in Denendeh (NWT)</p> | <p>The Arab Revolt: Neoliberalism, the Left and the Reaction</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Malek Abisaab Neo-Liberalism, Islamism and the Dilemma of the Arab Left, 1970-2012</p> <p>Faid Hammoud The Arab Spring and the Counter-Revolution</p> <p>Alessandro Olsaretti The Intellectual Function in Late-Developing Countries: Re-reading Gramsci in Light of the Arab Revolts</p> | <p>The State of/and Security and Insecurity</p> <p>Sara Carpenter Chair</p> <p>Jamie Magnusson Biocapitalism, Financialization, and the War Economy</p> <p>Alex Means Schooling in the Neoliberal City</p> <p>Sheila Gruner Political Ecologies of Northern Landscapes in the Age of Security</p> | <p>Radicalizing the Crisis</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Antoine Dolerocca 'New Mercantilism' or 'Commons'</p> <p>Melih Yesilbag Planning out Capitalism?</p> <p>Gokhan Terzioglu A Historical Perspective on Crisis</p> |
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| 3:45 – 5:15 FRI., MAY 11 | Benjamin Now! TBA Chair 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 | Allan Sekula and Critical Realism in the Visual Arts TBA Chair Steven Edwards Allan Sekula's Critical Realism: A mise-en-scene Gail Day <i>The Lottery of the Sea, Transitivity and Totality</i> (Presenters will screen clips from Allan Sekula's Lottery of the Sea) | ROUNDTABLE: Within and Against Contemporary Capitalism: Space and the Urban Today Stefan Kipfer Chair Kanishka Goonewardena Shubhra Gururani Laam Hae Karen Bridget Murray Parastou Saberi Vannina Sztainbok | Currents of Rebellion and Resistance Sebastian Budgen Chair 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 | Gender, Unfree Labour and Racialized Practices TBA Chair 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 | Primitive Accumulation, Environmental Destruction and Resistance in Indigenous Lands II Peter Kulchyski Chair 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 | Philosophical Perspectives on Marx's Grundrisse Lila Wakeman Chair 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 | Radical Histories and Party Politics Charlie Post Chair 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' | 'Post-Neoliberalism' and the Contradictions of the Current Political Conjuncture in Latin America and Beyond TBA Chair 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 |
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PLENARY: 5:30 – 7:00

ROOM TBA

Indigenous Struggles and Politics

Lee Maracle

Art Manuel

Russell Diabo

Peter Kulchyski, Chair

RECEPTION, 7:30 – 9:00

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE DINING ROOM

SATURDAY, MAY 12

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| <p>9:30 – 11:00</p> <p>SAT., MAY 12</p> | <p>The Democratic Road to Socialism and Authoritarian Statism: Rethinking Poulantzas</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Patrick Legay Ethics on the Road to Socialism</p> <p>Matthew Morgan Closure or Renewal? The Intensification of Austerity and the Disciplining of Resistance in America</p> <p>Manuel Larrabure A 'Democratic Road to Socialism' or a Socialist Road to Democracy?: Poulantzas and Latin America's 'Pink Tide'</p> <p>Etienne Schneider & Sune Sandbeck The European Debt Crisis: Exploring the Contradictions of Authoritarian Statism in the EU</p> | <p>Neoliberalism, Inequality and Dispossession in the Americas</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Camille Chalmers 'Reconstruction' in Haiti: Self- determination or Re-colonization?</p> <p>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</p> <p>Emiliano Diaz Carnero Violence, Dispossession and Resistance in Rural Mexico</p> | <p>Theory and Practice of the Occupy Movement II</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Andrew K. Thompson 'Occupation' Between Conquest and Liberation</p> <p>James Clark From 'End the occupation' to 'Occupy everywhere': Anti-imperialism, the Arab Spring and the Occupy Movement</p> <p>Ronald Schwartz & Alan Fisher Re-deconstructing the Capitalist Narratives of Decline: The Occupy Movement in Focus</p> | <p>Popular Struggle in the News</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>James Cairns & Susan Ferguson Repressive Tolerance and Public Discourse on Israel-Palestine</p> <p>Isabel MacDonald Silencing History: The Haitian Revolution and the Western Media</p> <p>Dru Oja Jay Analyzing News Coverage of the Lead-up to the Bombing in Libya</p> | <p>The Communist International New Translations I Organizing Globally: Translating the Comintern</p> <p>Sebastian Budgen Chair</p> <p>Daria Dyakonova The Origins of the Communist Party of Canada in Quebec</p> <p>Paul Kellogg Lost in Translation: Explaining the Tragedy of Germany's 1921 'March Action'</p> <p>Frederic Cyr Re-evaluating Paul Levi's Role: Between the KPD and the Comintern Experience</p> <p>John Riddell The Comintern in 1922: The Periphery Pushes Back</p> | <p>The Movement for Six Nations Land Defense: Past, Present and Future</p> <p>Debbie Simmons Chair</p> <p>Chief Blake Bomberry Cayuga Nation</p> <p>Sub-Chief Leroy (Jock) Hill Cayuga Nation</p> <p>Tom Keefer Editor, Upping the Anti</p> | <p>Imperialism and Racial Capitalism</p> <p>Jayeeta Sharma Chair</p> <p>Manu Vimalassery The Limits of Expansion: Lakotas and Railroad Colonialism</p> <p>Sujani Reddy Nursing Globalization: The Rockefeller Foundation, Global Biomedicine, and the Limits of Decolonization and Desegregation</p> <p>Zach Sell Slavery beyond Slavery: Race, British Imperialism and American Plantation Overseers in Colonial India, 1839-49</p> | <p>Class and Gender: Some Reconsiderations</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>David K. Seitz 'Protect Wisconsin Families': Left Family Values in the 2011 Wisconsin Labour Protests</p> <p>Karen Pearlston Spaces of Power: Coverture, Legal History and Patriarchal Continuity</p> <p>Robin Goodman Gendered Time: Feminist Theory and the Critique of Class</p> | |

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| <p>11:15 – 12:45</p> <p>SAT., MAY 12</p> | <p>Forms of Alienation</p> <p>Bertell Ollmann Chair</p> <p>Patrick Murray Instrumental Reason as a Shadow Form of Capital</p> <p>Sean Sayers Marx's Concept of Alienation in the Light of Hegel's Philosophy</p> <p>Mehmet Tabak Alienation in Marx's Theory of Revolution</p> | <p>Marxism and Geographical Imagination II: Geography and Marxist Philosophical Considerations</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Justin Paulson Uneven Reification and the Spaces of Capital</p> <p>Mizhar M. Mikati The Geography of Dialectics: Method, Metabolism and Praxis</p> <p>Steven Tufts Autonomous Labour Geography: An Inevitable 'Fuzzy Middle'</p> | <p>Mass Radicalism and the Occupy Movement: A Transition Debate</p> <p>Herman Rosenfeld Chair/Discussant</p> <p>Jordy Cummings Be Unrealistic, Demand the Possible: Towards a 21st Century Transition</p> <p>Stephen D'Arcy The 'Political Form at Last Discovered'? Anti-Capitalist Transition from the Paris Commune to the Occupy Movement</p> <p>Michael Romandel The Revolutionary Vanguard and the Transition to Socialism: The Political Value of Ranciere's Critique</p> | <p>Debt, Displacement and Dispossession in the 21st Century</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Paul Kellogg Fall of the House of Euro: German Capitalism and the Long Search for a 'Spatial Fix'</p> <p>Susanne Soederberg Rethinking Risk, Money and Debt: Temporal and Spatial Dimensions of Displacement, Development and Dispossession in Mexico</p> <p>Jesse Hembruff Within and Without: The Spatial Configurations of Greek Capitalism</p> | <p>Culture, Capital, Resistance</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>John McCullough The Meanings of Occupy Los Angeles</p> <p>Scott Forsyth Culture and the Canadian New Left in the 1960s</p> <p>Tanner Mirrlees Cultural Marxism for the Right: The Web and Hegemony</p> | <p>Indigenous Nationhood, Land and the State</p> <p>Deborah Simmons Chair</p> <p>Shiri Pasternak A 'Native Spring': Crisis, Uprising and the Geography of Accumulation in Canada</p> <p>Corvin Russell Decolonizing Solidarity, Challenging Colonial Ignorance: What does Anti-colonial Practice look like in Canada?</p> <p>Peter Kulchyski Forms of Resistance: Theorizing Indigenous Opposition to Capitalist Totalization</p> <p>Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz Birth of the International Indigenous Movement, 1973-1983</p> | <p>Crisis Theories: Structure, Agency and Resistance</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Karl Beitel Discussant</p> <p>Alan Nasser Crisis Theories: Structure, Agency and the Imperative of Resistance</p> <p>Ken Kawashima Kozo Uno's Crisis Theory</p> | <p>Banking, Finance and the State</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Ellen Russell Should the Private Sector Control Banks?</p> <p>Tom Malleson The Credit Union or the State Bank: Which Way Forward to Democratize Finance?</p> <p>Geoffrey McCormack Canadian Banking: A Source of Economic Stability?</p> | <p>Beyond Capital in Latin America?</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Jason Farbman The Enduring Legacies of Neoliberalism</p> <p>Manuel Larrabure Emancipatory Strategy and the 'Bolivarian Revolution': The Case of Venezuela's Socialist Production Units</p> <p>Thomas Ponniah The Conceptual Revolution in Venezuela</p> |
| <p>Lunch: 12:45 – 2:00</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZING ON CAMPUS Room TBA</p> | | | | | | | | |

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

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

**PLENARY: 5:30 – 7:00
ROOM TBA**

Gender and Primitive Accumulation

**Sylvia Federici
Ananya Mukherjee-Reed
Nancy Hartsock**

**DOWNTOWN SOCIAL: 8 pm
DETAILS TBA**

SUNDAY, MAY 13

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| <p>10:30 – 12:00</p> <p>SUN., MAY 13</p> | <p>Legacies of the Frankfurt School</p> <p>Paul Mazzocchi Chair and Discussant</p> <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>Spaces and Forms of Resistance</p> <p>TBA Chair</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 Mckean Barricades: Form, History, Theory</p> | <p>The Circuits of Labour and Capital</p> <p>Dhruv Jain Chair</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>Historical Materialism and the Challenge of Multiple Oppressions</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>David Camfield Preliminary Thoughts on Moving from Marx towards Anti-Racist Feminist Historical Materialism</p> <p>Heather A. Brown Marx v Engels: Marx's Notes on Henry Sumner Maine's Lectures on the Early History of Institutions</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>Cultural Politics</p> <p>TBA Chair</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> | <p>Land, Food, Energy and Primitive Accumulation</p> <p>TBA Chair</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 Aji City as Utopia: A Critique</p> | <p>Controversies in Western Marxism</p> <p>Sebastian Budgen Chair</p> <p>John Holst The Political Independence of the Working Class: Antonio Gramsci's Pedagogical Leitmotif</p> <p>Mauro Buccheri Does Marxism Need a Darwinian Left to Reinvent Itself?</p> <p>Peter Thomas Contours of Contemporary Western Marxism</p> | <p>Egypt: Between Revolution and Reaction</p> <p>TBA Chair</p> <p>Ahmed Shawki Editor, <i>International Socialist Review</i></p> <p>Ali Mustafa Freelance Journalist, recently returned from Egypt</p> <p>Omar El-Shafei Doctoral Candidate in Paris and Author of <i>Workers, Trade Unions and the State in Egypt</i></p> | |
| <p>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</p> | <p>LUNCH WITH THE EDITORS OF HISTORICAL MATERIALISM JOURNAL Room TBA</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>1:00 –</p> | <p>The Communist International New</p> | <p>Unsettling Historical Materialism and</p> | <p>Marxism and Geographical</p> | <p>Marxist Aesthetics and Utopia</p> | <p>Neoliberal Development and</p> | <p>Strategies and Contradictions in</p> | <p>Primitive Accumulation:</p> | <p>Tragedy, History and Ideology</p> | |

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| 2:30 SUN., MAY 13 | Translations III Race, Gender, Nation and Class: Translations and Transitions | Sexuality | Imagination IV: Marxism, the Commodity and the Theory of Capital Accumulation | | Resistance in Africa | Indigenous Self- Governance | International Law and Uneven Development | |
| | TBA Chair Abigail Bakan Exploitation, Oppression and Alienation: Reading the Fourth Congress Himani Bannerji Women's Experiences in the Pre-independence (1947) Communist Party of India: Reflections on Some Memoirs Jacob Zumoff The Black Revolutionary Movement and the US Communist Party Rianne Subijanto Islamism and Marxism: Ferment of Conflict During the Time of Alliance | TBA Chair Gary Kinsman Homonormativity and Homonationalism: Where is Class and Class Struggle in all of This? Natalie Kouri-Towe Homonationalism and the Politics of Transnational Queer Activism in Toronto's Pride Parade Scott Morgenson Sexualization, Settler Colonialism, Queer Critique | TBA Chair Kevin R. Cox Marxism and Theorizing the City Raju Das The Status of Class Struggle in Marx's Theory of Accumulation Michael Reno The Commodity-form and the Empty Space of Nature Greg Albo Capitalist Instability, Economic Policy and the State | TBA Chair Norman Arthur Fischer Marxist Aesthetic Defenses of Civil Liberties from the Popular Front to 9/11 Peter Janos Galambos Towards a Theory of Utopian Literature as Critique Travis English A Model for the Creation of a New World: The Afterlife of Vladimir Tatlin's Monument to the Third International in the Avant- Garde Imaginary | | Elleni Centime Zaleke Chair/Discussant Alex Caramento & Chris Webb The Implausibility of a Developmental State: The Minerals-Energy Complex and So-called Black Economic Empowerment in Post-Apartheid South Africa Graeme Reniers The Search for New Modes of Resistance: Struggling Under 'Good Governance' in Uganda | Peter Kulchyski Chair Rauna Kuokkanen From Indigenous Economies to Market- based Self-Governance: A Feminist Political Economy Analysis Alice Legat & Rita Wetrade The Predicament of Self- Governance: Negotiating Traditions Brock Pitawanikwat Language Revitalization as Self-determination | TBA Chair/Discussant Mark Neocleous International Law as Primitive Accumulation: Or the Secret of Systematic Colonization Marcus Taylor Between Frontiers of Capital and Margins of Labour: The Uneven Development of Peripheral Livelihoods in South Asia |

**PLENARY: 2:45 – 4:15
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