

Seventh Annual

Radical Democracy

Conference

What is
to be
done?

The New School for Social Research
New York City

April 27-28, 2018

7th Annual Radical Democracy Conference Program

Day One: Friday, April 27th 2018

Breakfast and Registration // 8:45 am – 9:30 am | The Square, 9th floor

Opening Remarks // 9:30 am – 9:45 am | The Square, 9th floor

Session I // 9:45 am – 11:30 am

Panel 1 - Debates in Radical Democratic Theory: Sovereignty, State and Arche | Room 906

Democracy Against Arche by Louis Jargow (NSSR)

Radical and Pluralist Democracy: The Idea of the State in Hegemony and Socialist Strategy by Deren Ertas (NSSR)

The Incoherence of Non-Sovereign Democracy by Juho Turpeinen (University of Helsinki)

Discussant: Olga Bashkina (KU Leuven)

Panel 2 - Radical Social Change in Times of Global Capitalism | Room 1107

The Collective Revolutionary Subject: New Forms of Social Transformation by David Barkin and Alejandra Sánchez (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana)

A Reconstruction of Nancy Fraser's Approach to Global Justice by Marzouq Alnusf (Northwestern University)

Capitalist Metaphysics and the Production of Spatiotemporality by Stephanie Cheng (Concordia University)

Discussant: Matthew Binetti (NSSR)

Session II // 11:45 am - 1:30pm

Panel 3 - Sites of Resistance: Confrontations at the Margins of the Neoliberal Order | Room 1107

Demolishing Portugal's "Berlin Wall": The Portuguese Left Against Austerity Policies by Maria Ferreira and Pedro Fonseca (CAPP, Centre for Public Administration & Public Policies, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Universidade de Lisboa)

Radical Spaces and Neoliberalism in Greece: Between Emancipation and Unwitting Reproduction by Dimitris Soudias (Philipps-Universität Marburg)

Discussant: Scott B. Ritner (NSSR)

Panel 4 - Re-staging Radical Democracy: Worldlessness, Tragedy and the Repartitioning | Room 906

Perceiving Politics: The Partitioning of the Real in the Distribution of the Sensible by Amy Osika (NSSR)

Belief in the World Or: What is to be Done in Worldless Times? by Marcus Quent (University of the Arts, Berlin/ Visiting Student at The New School)

Democracy and Autonomy: A Theory of Tragedy in Castoriadis's Thought by María Cecilia Padilla (CONICET, IIGG, Universidad de Buenos Aires)

Discussant: Anastasia Kalk (NSSR)

Lunch // 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm | The Square, 9th floor.

What is to be Done? Panel with Invited Activists // 2:30 pm – 4:15pm | Room 1009

We Are Stardust by Alexis Ebers & Meg Doherty (Stardust Family United)

When Women Strike: Feminist Strategy and Political Praxis by Ximena Bustamante (International Women's Strike)

The Path Forward: Hyperlocal and Transnational by Chaumtoli Huq (Law @ the Margins)

Discussant: Adrian Totten (NSSR)

Session III // 4:30 pm – 6:15pm

Panel 5 - Radical Horizons: The Time of Democracy | Room 1107

Political Activism Under Emergency Rule in Turkey by Birgan Gokmenoglu (London School of Economics)

Rancière's Theory of the Event by Tristan Mantelhoffmann (CUNY Graduate Center)

The 'Event Horizon' in a Post-Democratic Age by Nick Reynolds (CUNY Graduate Center)

Discussant: Begoña Gerling (NSSR)

Panel 6 - Scaling Down Democracy: The Radical Possibilities of Local Institutions | Room 906

Beyond the Nation and the State: How Communalist Self-Government Redefines the Citizen and the Immigrant by Sixtine van Outryve d'Ydewalle, (Yale Law School / Université Catholique de Louvain)

Radical Democracy or Council Democracy? by James Muldoon (University of Exeter)

Discussant: Evan Bridgman-Fralin (NSSR)

Wine & Cheese // 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm | The Square, 9th floor

Keynote Address // 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Wolff Conference Room, 1103

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

A LIVING CRITIQUE OF DOMINATION

BY PROF. MARTIN BREAUGH

Martin Breough is an Associate Professor of Political Science at York University (Toronto). He is the author of *The Plebeian Experience: A Discontinuous History of Political Freedom* published in Paris in 2007, translated in 2013 at Columbia University Press and to Farsi in 2017 at Qoqnoos Publications (Teheran). He is also the author of several co-edited volumes, including *Thinking Radical Democracy: The Return to Politics in Post-war France*, published by Univ. of Toronto Press (2015), and the co-translator of Miguel Abensour's *Democracy Against the State: Marx and the Machiavellian Moment*, published by Polity Press (2011). He is currently working on a book-length project, tentatively titled *The Rule of the Few: On the Political Theory of Oligarchy*.



Day Two: Saturday, April 28th 2018

Breakfast // 8:45 am – 9:30 am | The Square, 9th floor

Session IV // 9:45 am – 11:30 am

Panel 7 - Resistance and Rebellion: Democracy from below and against the State | Room 902

Insurgent Democracy and Post-Identitarian Social Movements by Oliver Niedhoefer (Fernuniversität Hagen)

Land Conflict in Crimean Sevastopol: The Break Between National and Local Citizenship by Aleksandra Simonova (UC Berkeley)

Resistance and Gender: The Kurdish Women's Social Transformation Beyond State by Elif Genc (NSSR)

Discussant: Mariia Shynkarenko (NSSR)

Panel 8 - The Precarious Other: Re-thinking Difference | Room 910

Becoming Cyborg: Toward a Feminist Democratic Theory in the Digital Age by Hans Asenbaum (University of Westminster)

Understanding Judith Butler's Ontology of Precariousness As An Effective Solution To The 'Normative Lack' Of Radical Democracy Theories by Lucile Richard (Sciences Po Paris)

The Thin Red Line between Recognizing Difference and Othering People by Albert Denk (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität)

Discussant: Eli Nadeau (NSSR)

Session V // 11:45 am – 1:30 pm

Panel 9 - Transnational Radicalism: What Can China Tell Us? | Room 901

Radicalizing Social Movements From a Trans-national Perspective: Chinese Diaspora Activists and Liberal-Democratic Models of Activism by Mengyang Zhao (University of Pennsylvania)

China's Contemporary Maoism: How Anti-Democratic Centralism Informs Radical Democratic Aspirations by Yueran Zhang (Harvard University)

The Liberalism of Fear vs. The Authoritarian Nationalism of Fear: Political Emotions and Contemporary China by Simon Sihang Luo (Indiana University)

Discussant: Guobin Yang (University of Pennsylvania)

Panel 10 - Step into the cypher: (Non) Identity, Equality and Radical Democracy | Room 902

Queering the Political – Deleuze and Radical Democracy by Nicky Mühlhäußer (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Badiou, Rancière and Subjectivation: Opening (with) Equality and the Question of Identity by Pierre Parrouffe (University of Westminster)

The Hip Hop Cypher: A Post-Work Radical Democracy by Ediz Ozelkan (Columbia University)

Discussant: Setareh Shohadaei (NSSR)

Panel 11 - Toward an Institutional Turn in Radical Democracy? | Room 910

Radical Democracy in City Councils: Municipalism and the Transformation of Local Politics in the 21st Century by Jonathan Durand Folco (Saint Paul University)

Radically Democratic Economic Institutions by Simon Tremblay-Pepin (Saint Paul University)

Arendt and Radical Democracy: Thinking the Relationship Between Action and Institutions by Marianne Di Croce (University of Ottawa)

Discussant: Cecilia Padilla (CONICET, IGG, Universidad de Buenos Aires)

Lunch // 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm | The Square, 9th floor

Session VI // 2:30pm – 4:15 pm

Panel 12 - Specters of Marx in the Radical Democratic Tradition | Room 902

Radical Democracy as a Critique of Marxism by Martin Deleixhe (Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles)

Between Antagonism and Alienation – Radical Democracy under Conditions of Precarity by Sofia Helander (Uppsala University)

Does Radical Democracy Mean Revolution or Not? ‘Revolutionary’ Question in the Works of Lefort, Laclau, and Mouffe by Anastasia Kalk (NSSR)

Discussant: Mayra Cotta (NSSR)

Panel 13 - Reclaiming Populism? Tensions in Political Strategy on the Left | Room 910

Populism and Radical Democracy by Antoine Chollet (University of Lausanne)

“Home” Across Southern Populist Parties in Europe by Simona Guerra (University of Leicester) and Evangelos Fanoulis (Institute for European Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Limits and Necessity of Discursive Populist Strategy: The Case of Spain’s Podemos by Francisco Fortuño Bernier (CUNY Graduate Center)

Populism: Between Radical Democracy and Fantasy by Thomas de Barros (Sciences Po Paris)

Discussant: Tatiana Llaguno (NSSR)

Faculty Roundtable // 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Wolff Conference Room, 1103

Martin Breaugh (York University)

Andreas Kalyvas (NSSR)

Deva Woodly (NSSR)

Artemy Magun (European University at St. Petersburg)

Discussant: Tatiana Llaguno (NSSR)

Closing Reception // 6:30 pm | The Square, 9th floor

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