

NAVIGATING THE EMERGING NEW WORLD

Social Dynamics between Human Rights and Digitalized Power



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THURSDAY

9:00-9:30

Welcome

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Session One: Marxism, Classes, Populations

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Chair: Harry F. Dahms

William Outhwaite

Internal Emigration Revisited

Daniel Fanta

Some Issues of Logical Quantification in Parsons' Reconstruction of Marx's Class Theory

Arthur Bueno

The Standpoint of the Proletariat Today

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Session Two: Democracy and Digital Technology

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Chair: Ilaria Riccioni

Christopher Schlembach

Thou, Algorithm! On the Structure of Mediatized Social Action

Anthony J. Knowles

Automation as Social Domination? Toward a Critical Theory of Automation

Reiss Kruger

Mind, Self, and the Internet: The Role of Mead in a Digital Age

Yikun Zhao

The Expert of Self-Betterment: Cultural Re-embedding in the Commercial Market

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11:30-1:15 Session Three: Frontiers of Political Theory

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Chair: Krešimir Žažar

Onofrio Romano Where Has the End of History Gone? The Western Social Model in the Mirror of War
Kerry L. Hunter Resurrecting Locke for the Twenty-First Century
Jim Block Water in the Wilderness: Finding the Path
Thomas Bechtold From Tactics of Public Opinion to Strategies of The Political: Graft, Rackets, Blackmail

11:30-1:15 Session Four: Critical Theory Past and Present

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Chair: Christopher Schlembach

David Smith Critical Theory in the '20s
Robert Garot Hope in Knowing Our Past: Exploring the Relevance of Graeber and Wengrow's *The Dawn of Everything for a Sustainable Future*
Daniel Krier Capitalism's Ugly Sublime, Psychoanalysis, and Critical Social Theory
Reha Kadakal "With What Must Social Theory Begin?" An Outline of Critical Ontology of the Present

1:15-1:30 Coffee Break

1:30-2:30 Session Five: KEYNOTE

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Chair: Harry F. Dahms

**Antonio, Robert Capitalism, Climate, & the Earth System:
A "Safe Operating Space" or Catastrophic "Hothouse Pathway"**

2:45-4:15 Session Six: Documentary Viewing and Discussion

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Chair: Krešimir Žažar

Garry Potter 2023: What must be done?

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9:00-10:45 Session Seven: Democracy Under Threat

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Chair: Harry F. Dahms

Eugene Halton	Machina Mundi
Ilaria Riccioni	Democracy and Communication: Theoretical Issues from Everyday Life
Charles Gattone	From Democracy to Dictatorship: Understanding Societal Trends in the 21st Century
Krešimir Žažar	Conspiracy Theories and Democracy – Will They Terminate or Facilitate It?

9:00-10:45 Session Eight: Human Rights

Zoom link: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/98089463649>

Chair: Christopher Schlembach

Jonathan ven Egesi	X-Raying Human Rights In Contemporary Nigerian Society
Vivek Khanna and Prabhjot Dutta Khanna	Human Rights in an Age of Digital Power
Rafal P. Wierzchoslawski	Human Dignity and National Identity in Times of New Tribalism
Cigdem Manap	Refugee as Stranger: An Analysis of Refugees' Situation in Turkey

9:00-10:45 Session Nine: The Reactionary Right/Political Violence/Authoritarianism

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Chair: Daniel Krier

Claude Barbre	Cerberus Unbound: Social Media and the Psychological Underpinning of Vigilantism
J. I. (Hans) Bakker	The Lure of the Man on Horseback: Patriarchy, Patrimonialisms, and Representative Democracies as Fragile Mutations
Christian Schlaerth	The Free Market Bites Back: A Case for Combatting Alt-Right Radicalism
Pam Rooks	Backfilling the iron cage: Radical anti-modernism, militant antisemitism, and Gerald B. Winrod, the "Jayhawk Nazi" of Kansas

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

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11:00-1:00 Session Ten: Empirical Studies of Politics and Political Process

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Chair: Krešimir Žažar

Mamta Chandrashekar	An Analysis of Political Awareness among the Faculty Members of Different Colleges In Indore (India)
Sean Dunne	Portsmouth Politics as Praxis: Applying Theory as Mayor of Portsmouth, Ohio
Dayoung (Grace) Lee	Consolidating a Fractured Diaspora: Collective Action and Shared Priorities in the New York Haitian-American Diasporic Community
Pauline Fu	On 1950s China and the Question of Capitalism
Apratyasita Tripathy	Religious Conversion and Kandhamal Riots

11:00-1:00 Session Eleven: Social Movements and Positive Change

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Lauren Langman	The Clash of Social Movements
Jeffrey Halley	Discussing Avant-garde Art & Non-Repeatability, Theorizing Sociality through Brown's "The Course of Activity"
Mu-Jeong Kho	Thorstein Veblen on Radical Turn: Can the Crisis Truly Act as a Trigger for Self-Organising a New Resilient Systems of Digital Platform?
Stephanie Gibb-Clark	Living beyond Governance in the Posthuman Convergence: Anarcha-feminist Insights on Moving Outside the Limits of the Schizo-Society
Jeremiah Morelock & Felipe Ziotti Narita	Performance and surveillance in the society of the selfie

11:00-1:00 Session Twelve: Artificial Intelligence, Technology, The Future

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Romina Gurashi	Social Sustainability in the City Context: Is Smartness a Propulsive Condition?
Melissa Sessa	How Smartness Affects Society. A Critical Discourse about Smart Society
Patrizia Sergio	Social Relationality in the Digital Age: Diffracting the Politics & Semiotics of Techno-Social Routines
Benjamin Gregg	Technologies Independent of Political Will: The Future Danger of AI, Anticipated in Marx's Late Theory
Joel Crombez	Why Positive Thought Must Be Negated in the Analytic Session: Negative Dialectic as Therapeutic Technique

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1:15-2:15 Session Thirteen: KEYNOTE

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Chair: Ilaria Riccioni

Adele Bianco **The Sixth Continent: Space Exploration and Exploitation and the Role of New Technologies**

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9:00-10:45 Session Fourteen: The Ontology of the Social

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Chair: Christopher Schlembach

Kent Palmer	Emergence of Primordial Sociality
Ilaria Iannuzzi	Analyzing Smart Community. A New Social Order?
Daniel Chernilo	The Jews killed Moses. Sigmund Freud, Jewish Identity and Antisemitism
Harry F. Dahms	Planetary Sociology: Detecting the Social

9:00-10:45 Session Fifteen: The Great Reset/Post Pandemic Society

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Chair: Daniel Krier

Stelios Panageotou	Caught in a Bind: The State, The Great Reset, and the Tyranny of the Present
Emanuela Susca	The Theory of the "Great Reset": Myths, Prophecies and Reality
Massimiliano Ruzzeddu	Covid Pandemic and Anti-vaccination Actors: Between Rationality and Recognition Need
Felix Huang	The Internet Democracy, Post-structuralism and Marxism in the Mass Society -- a Critique of Poster's Mode of Information

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-1:00 Session Sixteen: KEYNOTE AND CONCLUDING DISCUSSION

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Tony Smith **The Role of (Quasi) Money in Socialism**
Stephen Turner **Curation: The Digital World of Manipulated Experience**