

14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL THEORY CONSORTIUM

**Reconstructing Social Theory, History and Practice**

Cambridge, June 17-19, 2015

**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015**

10:00-11:30	Session 1	<b>Social Theory and the History of Social Thought</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 Joel Crombez	The Radically Uncertain Subject: Psychoanalysis and the Method of Theory
		2 James Addicott	Maintaining Binaries in a Network Age
		3 Daniel Fairbrother	Niche construction theory for social theorists: evol. argument for historicity of social explanation
	Session 2	<b>Theorizing Beyond Boundaries</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre B</b>	1 Roxanne Burke	Race in Modernity: The Dialectic of Possession and Dispossession
		2 Jasmine Wallace	Border Thinking Power: Reconstructing Genealogy Beyond the Border
		3 Sakin Erin	The Dialectic of Settlers and Aliens: Understanding the Perception of Islam in the United States
		4 Arya Priya	It is Time to Revisit the Past: Exploring Significance of Theory Building & Meta-Narratives in Sociology
	Session 3	<b>Interpretation and Critique in Social Theory</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre C</b>	1 Eraldo Souza dos Santos	Critical models and normative priorities – The Crypto-normativity Contest in the Critical Theory
		2 Eric Sons	Post social Reconstruction by a Grounded Theory of Sculpting
		3 Roderick Condon	Suggestions for a Reconstruction of Habermas' Colonization Thesis from Cognitive Social Theory
11:45-1:15	Session 1	<b>Social Theory in the Neoliberal Age</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 Jaanika Erne	On Alternative(s) to Neoliberal Globalization
		2 Steven Panageotou	Nobody can hear you. Nobody cares about you' Understanding Legislative Process via House of Cards
		3 Sam Han	Between Democracy and Civility: Dialogue, Media and the "new" Cultural Sociology
	Session 2	<b>Social Theory and Transgression</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre B</b>	1 Kyle Letteney	Reconceptualizing Criminality through Depersonalized Superego: Marcuse & Repressive Civilizations
		2 Yuki Nakamura	A Reformulation of Nonautonomous and Autonomous Evil
		3 Heidi Rademacher	Reconstructing Theories of Global Interaction: Transn. Flows & Cultural Ideologies, Policy, & Praxis

11:45-1:15	Session 3	<b>International and Alternative Perspectives in Social Theory</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre C</b>	1 Rosie Barron	Advocating with ambivalence: using alternative stories to speak about the 'alternative'
		2 Katy Harsant	Reconstructing Histories of the United Nations
		3 Zonghai Chen	Reconstruction of China Political Aspirations and Its Knowing-and-Doing Modes
<b>1:30-2:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
2:30-2:45	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	<i>Lybeck/Dahms</i>	Welcome
2:45-3:45	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Harry F. Dahms</i>	<b>Reconstructing the Artifice: Social Theory between Modern Society and the Logic of Capital</b>
4:00-5:45	Session 1	<b>Social Theory between Deconstruction and Reconstruction</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 Dave Elder-Vass	Reconstructing Social Construction
		2 Colm J. Kelly	After Deconstruction: Derrida and Social Theory
		3 Niamh Mulcahy	Reconstructing Real Consequences From Consumer Credit Risk Models
	Session 2	<b>Modes of Theorizing</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre B</b>	1 Nob Doran	Beyond Phenomenological Anti-sociologies: Foucault's "Care of his Self" as Standpoint Sociology
		2 Konstantinos Vrettos	Reconstructing Social Theory through Institutions and Cognition
		3 Kulsum Shaikh	Misogyny in Islam: How Popular Representations Portray Gender Inequality as a Face of Islam...
	Session 3	<b>Social Theory and the Persistence of Hierarchies and Inequality</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre C</b>	1 Rafał Wierzchoślawski	Milieu Analysis and the Experts Studies
		2 Ryne Clos	Deconstruction, Peace Building and Social Justice
		3 Morteza Hashemi	Revision of Ulrich Beck's Risk Society after Charlie Hebdo
5:45-6:45	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Tony Smith</i>	<b>The Political Economy of Debt and the Present Moment of World History</b>

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015**

9:00-10:30	Session 1	<b>Reconstructing Social Theory and Social Inquiry</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 Justin Cruickshank	Reconstruction and the Problem of Dialogue
		2 Stephen Kemp	Reconstructing Social Inquiry: Moving Beyond the Objective/Subjective Division
		3 Martin Savransky	The Care of Knowledge: Social Theory and Ethical Reconstruction

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9:00-10:30	Session 2	<b>Identity and History</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre B</b>	1 Rajesh Misra	Interjection of 'History' in Narratives of Political Struggles vis-à-vis the State
		2 Behrooz Moazami	Can We Reconstruct Identities?
		3 Tony O'Connor	Historicity, Liminality and the Constitution of the Public Sphere
	Session 3	<b>Returning to the Sources of Social Critique</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre C</b>	1 John Abromeit	Reconsidering the Critical Historicism of the Early Max Horkheimer
		2 Andrew Buchwalter	Rational Reconstruction in Hegel's Social Theory
		3 Tobias Schlechtriemen	Reconstructing the Founding Figures of Sociology
10:45-12:15	Session 1	<b>Social Theory and the Disciplines</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 John Holmwood	Economics and Sociology as mutually constituted disciplines; a problem in reconstruction
		2 Véronique Mottier	Disciplining and Un-Disciplining Feminist Theory
		3 Eric Royal Lybeck	The Myth of Natural (Social) Science: Reconstructing the Origins of Sociology in Law
	Session 2	<b>With Sociology, Beyond Sociology</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre B</b>	1 Zohreh Bayatrizi	Committing Sociology in a Fragmented World
		2 Natalie Byfield	Lyrical Sociology: A New Turn in the Field? A Third Way Beyond the Meta-Narratives in Sociology?
		3 Pedro Martins De Menezes	Sociologist and the Labyrinth: what happens when objects of study become analytical perspectives?
	Session 3	<b>Social Theory, Science, and Knowledge</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre C</b>	1 A. Akintunde & A. O. Omobowale	E-waste Merchandise and the Reconstruction of the Throwaway Society Theory
		2 Gennaro Ascione	Reconstructing the Global: History of Science and the Sociological Imagination
		3 Vijay Kumar Mehra	Idea, Matter, and Society. A synthesis of physics & social science
12:15-1:15	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Bhambra, Gurminder</i>	<b>Theory for a Global Age: Postcolonial and Decolonial Reconstructions</b>
<b>1:15-2:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
2:30-4:00	Session 1	<b>Social Theory and Philosophy</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 Daniel Chernilo	The idea of philosophical sociology
		2 Matteo Bortolini & Martina Visentir	"Whoever goes in search of humans will find acrobats." Reconstructing Theory of Practice Beyond Bourdieu
		3 Juan-Pablo Rodriguez	Missing the social: Rancière and the reconstruction of critique beyond the logic of inversion

2:30-4:00	Session 2	<b>Critique: Limits and Priorities</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre B</b>	1 Christian Garland	Flexible Subjects: Neoliberal Culture, Precarity and Social Reproduction
		2 Daniel Krier	Reconstructing Economic Theologies of Capitalism: Agamben and Weber
		3 Raymond Aaron Younis	On the Limits, Horizons and Possibilities of Critique (On Reconstruction)
	Session 3	<b>Capitalism between Alienation, Bureaucracy, and the World System</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre C</b>	1 Matthew Flynn	Bureaucratic Capitalism and the Immigration Detention Complex
		2 Chun Felix Huang	World System, State, and Japan's Modern History--Karatani, Wallerstein, and Reconstruction of Marxism
		3 Sarah Demart	Academia and "postcolonial debate" -- social construction of Belgian research on Congo and Congolese
	Session 4	<b>The Future of Critical Theory -- A Discussion</b>	
	<b>TBA</b>	1 James Block	2 Harry F. Dahms
		4 Lauren Langman	3 Kieran Durkin
			5 Michael Thompson
4:15-5:45	Plenary Panel	<b>Black Reconstruction: Thinking through DuBois for our Contemporary Times</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 Kehinde Andrews	Black reconstruction in Britain: The centrality of Black agency in reconstructing historical narratives
	<i>Chair: G. Bhambra</i>	2 Les Back	W.E.B. Du Bois and De-Segregating the Sociological Imagination
		3 Alana Lentin	Thinking blackly about antiracism and the white left after Charlie Hebdo
6:00-7:00	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Lois McNay</i>	<b>Feminism as Critique</b>

## FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015

9:00-10:30	Session 1	<b>Theorizing the Past and Present Role of the State . . . and its Future</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 Viviane Brachet-Márquez	The Reconstruction of State Formation as State and Society Formation
		2 E. Stina Lyon	Theoretical Reconstruction for Welfare State Democracy: "Third Way" Sociology as the Art of the Possible.
		3 William Outhwaite	Reconstructive Science and the European Constitution
	Session 2	<b>Humans, Hierarchies, Humanism</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre B</b>	1 Francois Debrix	Dismantling Bodies, Severing Heads: Deconstruction Hors Texte and the Question of Humanity
		2 Kieran Durkin	Reclaiming Humanism: Radical Humanism and the Dialectical Supersession of the Anti-Humanist Paradigm
		3 Brian C. J. Singer	Michel Freitag: The Last Hierarchical Thinker?

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9:00-10:30	Session 3	<b>Mediation, Reconstruction, and Ontology</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre C</b>	1 Kevin Amidon 2 Stephen Shirlaw 3 Robbie Voss	Reconstructing the Risk-Pooled Subject: Politics after the Vanishing Sacrifice Three micro-dynamics of sociocultural life: a hypothesis for bridge building & reconstruction in social theory Concerning the Status of History in New Ontological Realism
10:45-12:15	Session 1	<b>Critique in Rousseau to Marcuse</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 Jim Block 2 Lauren Langman 3 Michael Thompson	Rousseau and History as the Unfolding of Eros Domination and Subjectivity: From One Dimensional Man to Multi Dimensional Humanity Creating Post-Liberal Man: Rousseau's Contribution to Critical Theory
	Session 2	<b>The Persistence of Critique in Social Theory</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre B</b>	1 Charlie Masquelier 2 Simon Susen 3 Frank Welz	Unity in diversity: Narrating critique and resistance in a neoliberal age Critical Theory and Time: Towards a New Historiography? The Matter of Critique: From Deconstruction to Reconstruction
	Session 3	<b>Colonialism and Resistance</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre C</b>	1 Athanasia Chalari 2 Clive Gabay 3 Jack Palmer	Reconsidering Resistance: Mediating between Resistance and Internal Conversation about resistance Recovering a decolonial genealogy: The Anarchism of Gustav Landauer (1870-1919) "Connected Sociologies", Colonialism and Genocide
12:15-1:15	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Timothy Luke</i>	Swirling Skies, Sunk in the Seas, Stirring Soils, Set in the Stones: Reconstructing Social Theory around the Anthropocene?
<b>1:15-2:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
2:30-4:00	Session 1	<b>Author-Meets-Critics: Patrick Baert's The Existentialist Moment: The Rise of Sartre as a Public Intellectual (August 2015)</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	1 Matteo Bortolini 3 Simon Susen	2 David Inglis 4 Stephen Turner
	Session 2	<b>Environment and Capitalism: Life and Death</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre B</b>	1 Stan Knapp 2 Sean Dunne 3 Alex Stoner	Weber & Levinas on Modernity & Suffering: Reconstr. Social Theory via Exploring Temporality of Rationality Deconstructing Natural Death: Reconstructing Death as a Socioecological Outcome Toward Immanent Crit. of Cont. Environmentalism: Reconstr. Theory & Practice in Age of Helplessness

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2:30-4:00	Session 3	<b>Modern Societies between Luhmann and Complexity Theory</b>	
	<b>Lecture Theatre C</b>	1 Ralf Rogowski	Law in the social theory of Niklas Luhmann
		2 John Rundell	Multiple modernities or modernities in tension? Theorising the complexity of modern societies
		3 Kosuke Sakai	Luhmann, Sociological semantic analysis, and historical study of the welfare state
4:15-5:15	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Sarah Franklin</i>	<b>The Academy as a Means of Reproduction</b>
5:15-6:15	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Stephen Turner</i>	<b>The Method of Antinomies: Weber, Mouffe, and others</b>
6:15-7:00	<b>Lecture Theatre A</b>	<b>Closing Discussion</b>	