

International Social Theory Consortium  
15th Annual Meeting:  
CAPITALISM, CULTURE  
AND CRITIQUE



Iowa State University, Ames IA,  
June 9-10, 2016

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**Summary Program**

**Thursday, June 9**

- 8:00-8:30      **Registration**
- 8:30-10:00    **Morning Sessions**  
    Session 1: Postmodernity and Culture  
    Session 2: Politics and Culture  
    Session 3: Capitalism and Culture
- 10:00-10:15   **Morning Coffee and Tea Break**
- 10:15-12:00   **Plenary Session: American Character**
- 12:00-1:00    **Lunch** (catered by The Café)
- 1:00-1:10     **Welcome from Beate Schmittmann and Chet Britt**
- 1:10-2:05     **Plenary Session: Capitalism, Culture, Critique**
- 2:15-3:45     **First Afternoon Sessions**  
    Session 4: Marxism, Culture and Critique    Session 5: Ideology and Alienation
- 3:45-4:00     **Afternoon Coffee and Tea Break**
- 4:00-5:30     **Second Afternoon Sessions**  
    Session 6: Frankfurt School Revisited  
    Session 7: Environment and Bio-Politics
- 5:45-7:00     **Plenary Session: The Critique of Capitalism** (T Smith & DN Smith) 7:30  
    **Dinner** at Local Restaurants

**Friday, June 10**

- 8:30-10:00    **Morning Sessions**  
    Session 8: Culture as Commodity    Session 9: Democracy and the Political
- 10:00-10:15   **Morning Coffee and Tea Break**
- 10:15- 11:45   **Plenary Panel: Social Theory Settings**
- 11:45-12:30   **Lunch** (catered by The Café)
- 12:30-2:00    **Plenary Panel: Saving Critical Theory**
- 2:15-4:00     **Afternoon Sessions**  
    Session 10: Capitalism and New Inequalities  
    Session 11: Critical Theory: Extensions and Reconstructions
- 4:00-4:15     **Afternoon Coffee and Tea Break**
- 4:15-5:15     **Plenary Panel: The Recognition Paradigm in Critical Theory**
- 5:30-6:45     **Plenary Panel: The 2016 Election**
- 6:45-7:00     **Closing Remarks** (Dahms and Krier)
- 7:00           **Dinner** at Local Restaurants

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8:30-10:00    **Morning Sessions**

*Session 1: Postmodernity and Culture* – Morrill 1030

1. "Durkheim and Critical Theory." Chris Altamura, State University of New York – Cortland
2. "Women in Society." Sabrina Batalden, Bethany Lutheran College
3. "Displacement as Disposal: Urban Gentrification and Marginalization in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Charles Walton, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

*Session 2: Politics and Culture* – Morrill 2030

1. "The Morality of Misery." Tony A. Feldmann, University of Kansas
2. "Deliberative Democracy and Global Crisis: Can Democracy Confront the Crisis of Capitalism?" AJ Knowles, University of Tennessee - Knoxville
3. "Education into Politics: Rancière's Reconfiguration of Schiller's Aesthetic Program." Devin Lefebvre, York University, Canada

*Session 3: Capitalism and Culture* – Morrill 2019

1. "Logic of Capital, Rationality, and Global Capitalism: Toward a Renewed Synthesis of Marx and Weber." Nikhilendu Deb, University of Tennessee – Knoxville
2. "Entrepreneurs at intersections of opportunity, structure, and agency: Sociological interpretations and meaning-making in the marketplace." Emily Medley, University of Tennessee – Knoxville
3. "Cultures of Consumption in China and America." Danqing Yu, Iowa State University

10:00-10:15    **Coffee and Tea Break** – Morrill 2030

10:15-12:00    **Plenary Session: American Character** – Morrill 2019

Lauren Langman, Loyola University, Chicago, and George Lundskow, Grand Valley State University

12:00-1:00    **Lunch** (Panera Bread) – Morrill 2030

1:00-1:15      **Welcome** from Beate Schmittmann, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Chet Britt, Chair of the Department of Sociology, Iowa State University, Morrill 2019

1:15-2:00      **Plenary Session: *Capitalism, Culture, Critique*** – Morrill 2019

Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee – Knoxville and Dan Krier, Iowa State University

2:15-3:45      **First Afternoon Sessions**

*Session 4: **Marxism, Culture and Critique*** – Morrill 2030

1. "Critical Theory and the Critique of Political Economy." Patrick Murray, Creighton University
2. "On an Epistemological Rupture between Capital and the Grundrisse." Kaveh Boveiri, Université de Montréal
3. "Late Marx and the Conception of 'Accumulation of Capital.'" Paul Zarembka, SUNY at Buffalo

*Session 5: **Ideology and Alienation*** – Morrill 2019

1. "Ideological Contention Theory: A Gramscian-Based Approach to Understanding Social Movement Organizations and the Political Mobilization of Ideas." Robert F. Carley, Wright State University
2. "Alienation, Depression, Techniques of Self-Management." Adam Dylan Hefty, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University, Saudi Arabia
3. "The Corporate Upper Class and its Ideology: Core Coalitions, Class Ideology and Class Factions." Fred Schiff, University of Houston

3:45-4:00      **Coffee and Tea Break** – Morrill 2030

4:00-5:30      **Second Afternoon Sessions**

*Session 6: **Frankfurt School Revisited*** – Morrill 2019

1. "Benjamin, Fuchs and Critical Theory." Kevin S. Amidon, Iowa State University
2. "The Culture Industry Revisited." Christian Lotz, Michigan State University
3. "Skulls of the Slain: The Culture Industry Thesis Reconstructed and Defended." Michael J. Thompson, William Patterson University

*Session 7: Capitalism, Bio-Politics and Commodities – Morrill 2030*

1. "Toward a Theory of Culturally Maladaptive Beliefs: The Persistence of Anti-Environmentalism in the Anthropocene Age." Thomas J. Burns, University of Oklahoma
2. "The Corporate Colonization of the Mouth and the Diseased Body as Instances of Biopower: Four Fields of Study for Further Research." Claudio Colaguori, York University, Canada
3. "Theory of Culture as Critique: Meaning, Form and Practice in Capitalist Modernity." Reha Kadakal, California State University, Channel Islands

5:45-7:00      **Plenary Session: *Two Critiques of Capitalism* – Morrill 2019**

1. "Working Class Ambivalence: Fromm, Benjamin, the Frankfurt School and Beyond." David N. Smith, University of Kansas
2. "Political Economy (and the Critique Thereof) After Quantitative Easing: The Present 'WTF?' Moment of Capital." Tony Smith, Iowa State University

7:30              **Dinner @ Local Restaurants**

**Friday, June 10**

8:30-10:00      **Morning Sessions**

*Session 8: Culture as Commodity and the Critique of Capital – Morrill 1030*

1. "Neoliberalism, Knowledge-Based Economy and Metaphorization of the Entrepreneur to the Subject of Creativity." Tomas Marttila, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Germany
2. "Marxian commodity theory; does it apply in an electronic memory and Information Age?" Noel Packard, Vallejo, CA
3. "Economic Spectacles and Capitalist Development." William J. Swart, Augustana University, and Dan Krier, Iowa State University

*Session 9: Democracy and the Political – Morrill 2019*

1. "The Sense of Self and the Evolution of Democratic Societies." Jerome Braun, Chicago, IL
2. "No One Gets Out of Here Alive." John L. Meeks, American Theological Library Association
3. "Mediating Public Engagement: Corporations and the Unraveling of the Democratic Citizenry." Steven Panageotou, University of Tennessee – Knoxville

10:00-10:15      **Coffee and Tea Break – Morrill 2030**

10:15-11:45     **Plenary Panel: *Social Theory Settings*** – Morrill 2019  
Organizer: Stephen Turner, University of South Florida

Robert Antonio, University of Kansas  
James Block, DePaul University,  
Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee-Knoxville,  
Eugene Halton, University of Notre Dame  
Lawrence Nichols, West Virginia University

11:45-12:30     **Lunch** (The Café) – Morrill 2030

12:30-2:00     **Plenary Panel: *Saving Critical Theory: Rethinking its Role in a Transformative Paradigm*** – Morrill 2019

James Block, DePaul University  
Robert Carley, Wright State University  
Arnold Farr, University of Kentucky  
Neil McLaughlin, McMaster University  
Michael J. Thompson, William Patterson University  
Mark P. Worrell, State University of New York – Cortland

2:15-4:00       **Afternoon Sessions**

*Session 10: **Capitalism and New Inequalities*** – Morrill 2019

1. “Derrida and the Dilemma of Diversity.” Fred Evans, Duquesne University
2. “Contributions in Mexico for a Critical Theory of the Americas.” Stefan Gandler, Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, Mexico
3. “The Degradation and Exploitation of Youth.” George Lundskow, Grand Valley State University
4. “Placing Space in Gender and the Economy: Feminist Theorization and Practice of Household Economies.” Ann M. Oberhauser, Iowa State University

*Session 11: **Critical Theory: Extensions and Reconstructions*** – Morrill 1030

1. “The Other Side of Critical Theory.” Joel Crombez, University of Tennessee – Knoxville
2. “Posthumanity on Display: Rethinking the Relationship between Human Bodies and Cultural Objects at the 9/11 Memorial Museum at Ground Zero.” François Debrix, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
3. “The Fromm-Marcuse Debate Revisited: A Sociology of Knowledge Perspective.” Neil McLaughlin, McMaster University
4. “Sociogeny, Durkheim and Critical Theory.” Mark P. Worrell, State University of New York – Cortland

4:00-4:15       **Coffee and Tea Break** – Morrill 2030

4:15-5:30      **Plenary Panel: *The Recognition Paradigm in Critical Theory*** – Morrill 2019  
Presider: Michael J. Thompson, William Patterson University

Robert Antonio, University of Kansas  
Jim Block, DePaul University  
Arnold Farr, University of Kentucky  
Volker Schmitz, Indiana University - Bloomington

5:30-7:00      **Plenary Panel: *The 2016 Election*** – Morrill 2019  
Presider: Dan Krier, Iowa State University

Robert Antonio, University of Kansas  
Arnold L. Farr, University of Kentucky  
Abdi Kusow, Iowa State University  
Lauren Langman, Loyola University, Chicago  
David Peterson, Iowa State University  
Stephen Turner, University of South Florida

7:00-7:15      **Closing Remarks** – Morrill 2019  
Harry F. Dahms and Dan Krier

7:30            **Dinner @ Local Restaurants**

### **Co-Sponsors**

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