



**You are invited to:**

# **Kontrapunkt II**

**A Symposium on Critical Social Theory in the tradition of  
Theodor W. Adorno & Max Horkheimer**

**“Towards an Adequate Concept of Our  
Historical Moment”**

**Thursday, March 13, 2025 7:00 PM-10:00 PM**

***Room Zurich B: Gather at 6:30 to share food/drink***

- **“Political Economy of Our Moment: The Continuing Centrality of Capital/Capitalism.”** *Tony Smith, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Iowa State University*
- **“Political Sociology of Our Moment: States of Exception, Regression, Charismatic Theology, Totalitarianism.”** *Dan Krier, Department of Sociology, Iowa State University*
- **“Dark Totality: Why the Need to Reconcile Categories Employed and Realities Discerned Has Never Been Greater.”** *Harry Dahms, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville*

**Friday, March 14, 2025 7:00 PM-10:00 PM**

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- **“Lekta, Phantasia, and Mediation as a Guiding Principle to Apprehend Collective Life (Research Notes from a Critical Ontology of the Present).” *Reka Kadakal, Department of Sociology, California State University – Channel Islands***
- **“Disavowal.” *Alexander Stoner, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northern Michigan University***
- **“What Sheldon Wolin Did Not Foresee: Inverted Totalitarianism +/- Fascism.” *Stelios Panageotou, Department of Political Economy, College of Idaho***
- **“Proposal for the Establishment of an Institute for Critical Theory.” *Joel Crombez, Department of Sociology, Kennesaw State University***

**Kontrapunkt is envisioned as a *symposium*, an informal gathering of students and scholars, dedicated to the ongoing development of a critical theory of society. The spirit of Kontrapunkt is *educative and developmental*: we gather to learn from each other, to grow in our understanding of critical social theory, and to face our moment in history with clearer vision. All who wish to participate in the spirit of the symposium are welcome.**

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