

## **New Radical Subjectivities: Re-thinking Agency for the 21st Century**

Friday 19 September 2008

- 9.15am      **Registration**
- 9.50am      Welcome address
- 10.00am     **Keynote Speaker: Prof. Peter Hallward (Middlesex University)**  
"What is Political Will?"
- 11.00am     Coffee
- 11.20am     **Parallel Sessions 1**  
**Panel 1A: Lacanian and Post-Lacanian Thought**  
**Chair - Luca Bosetti**  
Thomas Lynch (University of Nottingham): 'Subjects of Desire: Exploring Lacanian Responses to Foucauldian Issues'  
Adity Singh (University of Nottingham): 'The Subject of the Wager: Politics and the Undecidable in Alain Badiou's philosophy'  
Dr. Jonathan Coope (University of Southampton): 'How might radical ecology inform our rethinking of subjectivity and agency in the 21st century?'
- Panel 1B: Rethinking Marxist Constructions of the Social**  
**Chair - Alexander Dunst**  
Francesca Manning (CUNY Graduate Center, USA): 'Capitalist, anti-Capitalist, post-capitalist Subjectivation'  
Marina Vishmidt (Jan van Eyck Academie, The Netherlands): 'To Die and Leave Silk for Capital': Abstract Labour, Art and Reproduction'  
Emily Rosamond (Simon Fraser University, Canada): 'The Art of Relation: Toward an Ecological Definition of Agency'
- 12.50pm     **Lunch**
- 1.45pm      **Parallel Sessions 2**  
**Panel 2A: The Human and Non-Human in Actor-Network Theory**  
**Chair - Dr Neal Curtis**  
Maria Poulaki (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands): 'When differences become unimportant: *Casshern* and the non-reflexive human subject'  
Eva Giraud (University of Nottingham): 'Dispersed Agency and Social Networks: Donna Haraway, Zapatista Communities and Post-modern Politics'

Sebastian Sierra Barra (Frankfurt Graduate School for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Germany): 'Re-thinking the Construction of the Social'

**Panel 2B: Rethinking Radical Politics and Race**

**Chair - Matthew Mead**

Dr. John D. Márquez (Northwestern University, USA): 'Race Beyond Ethnicity and Beyond Black vs. Brown'

Sharifa T. Wright (York University, Canada): 'Problematizing Newness: Learning Lessons from Radical Subjectivity in the Caribbean'

Ben Pitcher (Middlesex, South Bank and University of East London, UK): 'Rethinking Poststructuralist Hegemony'

3.15pm Coffee

3.30pm **Parallel Sessions 3**

**Panel 3A: Mediating Between Subjects and Collectivities**

**Chair - Caroline Edwards**

Craig Hammond (Lancaster University, UK): 'Gazing beyond the Relativity-Void: Trace, Memory and Cinematic Metaphors of 'Not-Yet' - Towards a Blochian theory of Meromorphic Reception.'

Karen Walker (York University, Canada): 'The De-individualized Subject and Political Agency'

Oli Harrison (University of Nottingham): 'Laclau, Revolutionary Subjectivity, Populism'

**Panel 3B: Temporality and the Political Subject**

**Chair - Éireann Lorsung**

Kate Highman (University of York, Canada): 'Spectres of the Author in J.M. Coetzee's *Diary of A Bad Year*'

Adam Kelly (University College Dublin, Ireland) "'Who is Responsible?'" - Re-Politicising the Subject in Dana Spiotta's *Eat the Document*'

Dr. Rebecca Bramall (University of Brighton, UK): 'Memory and Radical Subjectivity'

5.00pm **Round Table Discussion**

**Chair - Dr. Colin Wright**

**Panelists:** Prof. Peter Hallward (Middlesex University)

Prof. Simon Tormey (University of Nottingham)

Prof. Couze Venn (Nottingham Trent University)

Dr. John Cromby (Loughborough University)

6.00pm Closing Remarks