



LONDON CONFERENCE
IN CRITICAL THOUGHT

Birkbeck College
University of London
29th & 30th June, 2012

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The London Conference in Critical Thought (LCCT) began as many ideas do – in conversation with friends. In this case it was with new friends made at another conference where we all felt that the most interesting panels and papers always seemed to appear at the margins of the event and the margins of disciplinary boundaries more generally. From this we were inspired to find a means of developing and sustaining the sense of community we found on these margins. Central to this vision was an interdisciplinary, non-hierarchical, and accessible event which made a particular effort to embrace emergent thought and the participation of emergent academics. While the original call for papers was developed by a small group of committed volunteers, the organising collective soon grew with an enthusiastic response from those who proposed thematic streams and panels. In this way, both the organising collective and the subjects discussed at the conference emerged in a very organic process as academics identified with an event oriented toward a broad interpretation of critical thought.

In the spirit of accessibility and the facilitation of an emergent community of academics, we have kept the conference free and decided against the common practice of plenaries and invited speakers. Although the LCCT is not directly affiliated with any specific institution, it would not have been possible in its current form without the generous support of: the Birkbeck Institution for the Humanities, who have provided both financial and administrative support; the Birkbeck School of Law, who have provided financial support as well as the use of School facilities during the organisational process; Edinburgh University Press, who are launching the books of two of our organising collective on Friday evening; and Routledge, who, on the Saturday night will also be launching a book co-edited by one of our stream organisers. But most importantly, the conference has been possible due to the commitment of the organising collective itself – from writing the call for papers, to designing the program and coordinating volunteers. The LCCT is very much a reflection of the efforts and vision of the collective and conference participants.

Next year's LCCT has been agreed in principle to be hosted by the London Consortium – and we look forward to the conversations and friendships that will continue to develop in 2013.

Victoria Ridler and the LCCT Collective

FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH

9.00 – onwards REGISTRATION/INFORMATION

(Malet Street 152/153 - this room will be open for registration and information all day.)

9.30 – 11.00 Parallel Sessions 1

**TEXTUAL SPACE/SPATIAL TEXT I
TEXT AND SPACE (MS 416)**

Fire Escape / Washing Line
Edwina Attlee

The Language of Real Estate Boards
Peter SafrOnov

Towards a Spatial Ontology of the Maritime Subject
of Modernity
Jonathan Stafford

CRITICAL ART I (MS 417)

Rancière Against the Cuts! Activism as Aesthetic
Force
Steve Klee

Art, Professional Ethics and the Great Book of
Accounts
Theo Reeves-Evison

Notes Towards a Secret Service: Critical Art and
Employment Contracts
Sophie Hope

**CRITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS I
HUMAN RIGHTS BEYOND MARX (MS G16)**

The Proletariat and the right for 'the common'
Andreja Zevnik

The Modern Foundations of Critical Human Rights
Bob Cannon

On the Human Rights Question
Paul O'Connell

COMMON LIFE I

**QUESTIONING COMMUNITY: NEW ARTICULATIONS OF A
'COMMON' POLITICS (MS 151)**

The idea of the common
Leila Dawney

Community as a 'body without organs'. Post-sovereign
reformulations of democracy
Gundula Ludwig

From commons to commoning
Patrick Bresnihan

THE QUESTION OF THE ANIMAL I

**CONSUMPTION AND THE QUESTION OF THE ANIMAL
(MS 538)**

Cannibals and Apes: Revolution in the Republic
Dr. Richard Iveson

Wolf-biters and Over-Groomers: (Self-)Consumption
as Ethical Reciprocity
Kamillea Aghtan

Molar Ethics and Aesthetics
Karin Sellberg

**POST-STRUCTURALISM AND THE POLITICAL SUBJECT
(MS 151)**

Social Integration Through Recognition: Between
Normative Consent and Subjection
Kristina Lepold

Cultivating Sexuate Difference with Luce Irigaray's
Between East and West
Laura Roberts

'We will destroy all logical revolt!' Revolutionary
Failure and the Event: Rethinking Kathy Acker's
Politics
Emilia Borowska

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

(Coffee and tea will be provided in the registration/information room, MS 152/153)

FRIDAY JUNE 29TH – CONT.

11.30 – 13.00 Parallel Sessions 2

**SPATIAL TEXT/TEXTUAL SPACE II
TEXT AND SPACE (MS 416)**

Baudelaire and the Rhizomatic City
Octavia Bright

Rewriting the City, Reading Harry Beck's Tube Map
as a Form of Writing
Andrea Vesentini

NEW FOUCAULDIAN APPROACHES (MS 417)

Michel Foucault's theory of sovereignty in modern
political society
Attasit Sittidumrong

Healthcare as a Common Right: Biopolitics and the
privatisation of the NHS
Graham Matthews

Who is the subject of human rights practice?
Witnessing and its discontents
Michal Givoni

**CRITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS II
Human Rights and the Potential of Law (MS G16)**

What is radical in 'radical international law'?
Bill Bowring

The World Turned Upside Down? Socioeconomic
Rights and Counter-hegemony
Joe Wills

Critical human rights and liberal legality
Roger Merino Acuña

MAPPING THE CONCEPT (MS 541)

Formulating Systems of Affect: Developing a
methodology for interrogating and responding to the
dominant aesthetic
Tina Richardson

Capturing The Social Sciences: An Experiment on
Political Epistemology
Martin Savransky

Facing transpolitics – from image to operational
formula
Dan Öberg

Decolonizing Critical Theory
Julia Roth

**THE OBJECT: BETWEEN TIME AND TEMPORALITY I
ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT (MS 538)**

Happening Art: Anthropological approaches to the art
object
Sam Barton

Alarm Clocks, Awakening, and the Outsourcing of
Capitalist Time
Jacob Bard-Rosenberg

The Object(s) of Musical Experience: Potentials for
Cross-Disciplinary Dialogues
Sam Wilson

Fashion, Consumption, History
CALVIN HUI

**MARX AND MARXISM TODAY I
POLITICS (MS 151)**

Marxism and Democracy Today
Marco Vanzulli

Inter-State Relations: Furthering National Interests
Ozgur Yalcin

From Negative Freedom to Recognition: A Change in
the Concept of Reification,
Jonathan Lewis

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH - CONT.

14.00 – 15.00 Parallel Sessions 3

**THE OBJECT: BETWEEN TIME AND TEMPORALITY II
ROUNDTABLE: “SPECULATIVE REALISM/ OBJECT-
ORIENTED PHILOSOPHY AND THE CRITICALITY OF
CRITICAL THOUGHT” (MS 416)**

Joseph Noonan-Ganley

Chris Wong

Stanimir Panayotov (via video)

CRITICAL ART II (MS 541)

In Europe, Nobody Knows How to Scream Anymore
Paul Pieroni

Noise Repetition – The Political Potential in
Contemporary Music
Mads Led Behrend

**THE QUESTION OF THE ANIMAL II
ANIMAL LIFE: BEYOND GOOD AND EVIL (MS 417)**

A Marxist Response to ‘The Animal Question’?
Daniel van Strien

Deleuze and an Ethics of Suffering: Toward the Zone
of Indiscernibility of Human and Animal
Hyun Sook Oh

A Poetics of the Naughty
Tom Lee

**MARX AND MARXISM TODAY III
VISUALIZING CAPITAL (MS 538)**

Allegory, Commodity, and Death. Reading Capital
with Benjamin
Sami Khatib

On the Visual Dimension of Alienation: The Berlin
School (Hirdina, Heise, Trebess)
Leena Petersen

THINKING EGALITARIAN EMANCIPATION I (MS G16)

Participation, Cooperation, and Common Property:
Outlines of a Post-capitalist and Communitarian Idea
of (Global) Democracy
Stefano Salvia

Egalitarian Emancipation via Structural Non-
domination (or how to recover the structural critique
of domination)
Ana Azmanova

CRITIQUE OF CRITICAL THEORY I (MS 151)

The Eurocentrism of Critical Theory and Modernity as
Crisis
Jose-Manuel Barreto

The blackness of black studies
Dhanveer Singh Brar

15.00 – 15.30 Break

FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH – CONT.

15.30 – 17.00 Parallel Sessions (4)

**CRITICAL EDUCATION AND RADICAL PEDAGOGY I
THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF EDUCATION (MS 416)**

Evolution of welfare states 1960-1970: Birth of Education Society in Finland and West Germany
Matias Gardin

The Politics and Pedagogy of Debt: The New Poverty of Student Life
Gurnam Singh

The Tyranny of Structured-ness: Is the struggle for education restricted to institutional battlegrounds?
Soo Tian Lee

**ŽIŽEK AND THE POLITICAL I
ŽIŽEK AND VIOLENCE (MS 417)**

Anonymous Democracy – The Legacy of the French Revolution
Petr Agha

The Mapuche Hunger Strike and The Terrorism Act in Chile: Symptoms of a State and their anti-ethical dimensions
Dasten Julián Vejar

**DELEUZIAN THEORY IN PRACTICE I
PRACTICES (MS G16)**

Deleuze, Philosophy and the Missing Architecture,
Marko Jobst

What is Deleuze and Guattari's political theory, if there is any?
Charles Barthold

Who are our nomads today? Deleuze's Political Ontology and the Revolutionary Problematic
Craig Lundy

CRITIQUE OF CRITICAL THEORY II (MS 541)

Towards a theoretical foundation of human rights: An analysis from Decolonial thinking
Fernanda Frizzo Bragato

Critique of critique: On critical interventions
Elise Derroitte and Alain Loute

CRITICAL ART III (MS 538)

Killing Time Without Inuring Eternity
Amelia Groom

Ambiguous Materialities – objects and affects of resistance
Ida Marie Hede Bertelsen

Constructing Surrealism
Oisín Wall

**RADICAL POLITICAL RHETORIC I
THEORISING RADICAL RHETORIC (MS 151)**

Discourse or Dialogue? Habermas, the Bakhtin Circle and the Question of Concrete Utterances
John Roberts

The tactical polyvalence of leftism
Mark Kelly

Being Radical: The modernist grounds of radical political rhetoric
Dimitrios E. Akrivoulis

The Politics of Redescription and Democracy: Going beyond Rorty
Giuseppe Ballacci

COSMOPOLITANISM AND THE CITY (MS 540)

Reorient[ing] the politics of the state?: Cosmopolitanism and Multidirectionality in Teju Cole's *Open City*
Daniel O'Gorman

Paris, Paramount: Ernst Lubitsch and the Imaginary Open City
Rachel Kapelke-Dale

Cosmopolitanism and the Metropolis
Esra Mirze Santesso

Olympics: Cosmopolitan dialectics of the city and the state
Erdem Ertürk

18.00 – 21.00

BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION (FOYER OF B01, CORE)

SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH

10.00 – 11.30 Parallel Session (5);

10.00 – 14.00 Registration/Information (Clore G01)

TRANSDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO LAW AND CULTURE (MS G15) SOVEREIGNTY AT THE MARGINS I (MS 417)

Colonial Law and the Destruction of Tradition
Siraj Ahmed

Fanon, Violence and the Post-colonials
Saroj Giri

Oury Jalloh and the Colonial Scene: Law as
Reminder
Eddie Bruce-Jones

The Schmittian Deconstruction of Hobbes' Leviathan
Georgios Kolias

Walter Benjamin's Monadology and the
Fragmentation of Sovereignty: A Response to Carl
Schmitt
Paula Schwebel

Hobbes, Foucault and the Shadow of Sovereignty
Osman Nemli

**THE QUESTION OF THE ANIMAL III
ANIMALS IN DOMESTIC AND URBAN SPACE (MS 451)**

The Panoramic Animal: Authenticity and Living
Exhibitions
Aaron Santesso

Art from the Dead: the Moral and Ethical
Transformation of the Animal Pet into Cultural
Artifact
Angela Bartram

Animal-Life in the London Zoo: Architecture,
Consumption and Display
Lucia Vodanovic

**MARX AND MARXISM TODAY II
DIALECTICS(CLORE 102)**

Max Horkheimer's Open Marxism Retrieved. A
Defence of His Dialectics
Vasillis Grollios

Marx, Hegel and the 'Realisation of Philosophy' in the
Work of Guy Debord and the Situationist International
Tom Bunyard,

Communism and Consumerism: A New Perspective
Ishay Landa

**THINKING EGALITARIAN EMANCIPATION II
EMANCIPATORY PRACTICES (Clore 101)**

Taking Power or Re-Making Power?: New political
cultures and strategies of opposition in the Americas
and Beyond
John Foran

The failure of the post-1968 consensus
Kevin Gray

Abstract of Catalyzing Dissent: Irreversible Noise and
Computational Immanence
Inigo Wilkens & Andrew Osborne

**CRITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS III
THINKING BEYOND THE HUMAN OF RIGHTS (Clore
103)**

Liberal Pragmatism, the Marxian Critique of Human
Rights and the Political Paradox
Andrew Schaap

Paintballs Against Lynchers – The Israeli media's
coverage of the Gaza Freedom Flotilla
Itay Eisinger

A Trojan Horse? The Pirate and the constitution of the
in/human at the limits of the international
Roberto Vilchez Yamato

**DELEUZIAN THEORY IN PRACTICE II
CORPOREALITY (MS 415)**

Humoural Assemblages and the Praxis of Corporeal
Confluence - *Anna Chromik*

Deleuze and Alcoholism - *Aidan Tynan*

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break – Coffee and Tea provided in room G01 Clore



SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH – CONT.

12.00 – 13.30 Parallel Session (6)

**CRITICAL EDUCATION AND RADICAL PEDAGOGY II
CRITICAL THEORY AND RADICAL PEDAGOGY (MS G15)**

Critical Education and the Creation of Situations: From Adorno's Critique of *Halbbildung* towards a Situationist Pedagogical Praxis
David Christopher Stoop

Understanding Post-Situationist Struggles in Education: A Comparative Analysis of the Production of Bio-Political Utopias and Revolutionary Subjectivities Then and Now
Kasper Opstrup

Walter Benjamin and Critical Pedagogy: the Limits of Liberalism and the Refunctioning of Pedagogy
Matthew Charles

**COMMON LIFE II
ON THE PRACTICAL AND EMBODIED; RADICAL PERSPECTIVES ON
THE PRODUCTION AND EXPERIENCE OF COMMUNITY.**

We bow our heads in deep mourning?: Genocide remembrance amongst global political communities
Tracey Skillington

Social Media, Organisational Cybernetics and Non-hierarchical Community Organisation
Thomas Swann

On Martin Luther King day...
Adam Gearey

**SPATIAL TEXT III
SPATIAL TEXT (TEXT)(CLORE 101)**

'To' in Contemporary Poetry
Johanna Hateley

Textual Entrances and Crossed Thresholds
Hannah Gregory

**CRITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS IV
UNWORKING DISEMBODIED HUMAN RIGHTS (CLORE 103)**

Right of resistance and human rights inactivism: The mutilated body of female genital cutting
Elisabetta Bertolino

Narratives of Blood and the Killjoy Sister: Queering Human Rights' Politics in Contemporary Argentina
Cecilia Sosa

**MARX AND MARXISM TODAY IV
ABSTRACTION AND VALUE (MS 415)**

Real Abstraction and the Marxism of Alfred Sohn-Rethel
Simon Choat

Failed Abstraction – A Critique of Uno Kōzō's reading of Marx's theory of the value form
Elena Louisa Lange

SOVEREIGNTY AT THE MARGINS II (MS 417)

On the Unconditional Heteronomy of the Sovereign
Mauro Senatore

Securitization through Sovereignty: Anti-Roma Violence in the Nation and Supranation
Erin McElroy

Waning Sovereignty's New Walls: Contested Mexican American Identity Politics in Ethnic Studies in Arizona
Perveen Ali and Nicolas Blanc

**RADICAL POLITICAL RHETORIC II
CASE STUDIES AND ENGAGEMENTS (CLORE 102)**

The not reactive rhetoric of emergent social movements
Alicia Dominguez Garnelo and Rommy Morales Olivares

Not Another Twitter Revolution: Social Media and the Radical Politics of Refusal
Zinaida Feldman

The role of ethics for radical political discourse
Anat Matar

This Silence that Is Not One: Silence as a Tactic in Politics
Sofia H. Hadjisavidou

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break



SATURDAY JUNE 30TH – CONT.

14.30 – 16.00 Parallel Sessions (7)

**CRITICAL EDUCATION AND RADICAL PEDAGOGY III
CRITICAL PEDAGOGY NOW (MS G15)**

Paulo Freire's Educational Progressivism and Its Contemporary Significance
Jones Irwin

Critical pedagogy, Public Sociology and Student Activism
Joyce Canaan

COMMON LIFE III

DREAMS OF THE COMMON; OPENINGS, POSSIBILITIES AND CONCERNS (MS 451)

A communality-to-come: Deconstructive politics and community
Daniel Matthews

Pirates and politics: A digital commons or Bill Gates's wet dream?
Tara Atluri

An uncommon commons: Radicalising the radical imagination as a response to new enclosures
Naomi Millner

Reclaim the commons: Occupy everything
Sophie Ball

**SPATIAL TEXT/TEXTUAL SPACE IV
SPATIAL TEXT (CLORE 101)**

Passions and Agonies of Critical Distance; the All too Exemplary Case of Maurice Blanchot
Ivan Callus

Photography, Violence and Sovereign Indifference in Benjamin, Agamben and Barthes
Saul Anton

Critical Distance in the Aesthetics and Politics of Simon Critchley
James Corby

**DELEUZIAN THEORY IN PRACTICE III
INCORPOREALITY (MS 415)**

The Theory of Ideas: Kant and Deleuze
Daniela Voss

Tradition as Repetition: A Deleuzian Perspective on Christian Tradition and Practice
Kristien Justaert

Deleuze and Guattari: Creative versus Utopian Thinking
Lee Watkins

**THE OBJECT: BETWEEN TIME AND TEMPORALITY III
TEMPORALITIES AS STRATEGY (CLORE 102)**

Preservation, Restoration and the Politics of the English Constitution in the 19th Century.
Reuben Bard-Rosenberg

Notes for an argument about Deleuze: postcolonial thought, temporality, transdisciplinarity
Matt Mahon

The Experiential Time of Pre-legality
William E Conklin

**ŽIŽEK AND THE POLITICAL II
THEORETICAL INTERVENTIONS (CLORE 103)**

The toilet as the Žižekian vase: On the implications of the Lacanian concept of cause to the critique of political economy
Gabriel Tupinambá

Rethinking the political: A genealogy of the "antagonism" in Carl Schmitt through the lens of Laclau-Mouffe-Žižek
Ricardo Camargo

Class Struggle and New Forms of Apartheid: What does sexual difference tell us about urban slums?
Chris McMillan

18.00 – 21.00

BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION (FOYER OF B01, CLORE)

FRIDAY 29TH JUNE

TIME /ROOM	MS 416	MS 417	MS G16	MS 541	MS 538	MS 151	MS 540
9:30-11:00	SPATIAL TEXT I	CRITICAL ART I	HUMAN RIGHTS I	COMMON LIFE I	THE ANIMAL I	POST-STRUCTURAL SUBJECT	
11:00-10:30	BREAK (COFFEE AND TEA PROVIDED, MA 152/153)						
11:30-13:00	SPATIAL TEXT II	FOUCAULT	HUMAN RIGHTS II	MAPPING THE CONCEPT	THE OBJECT I	MARX I	
13:00-14:00	LUNCH						
14:00-15:00	THE OBJECT II	THE ANIMAL II	EMANCIPATION I	CRITICAL ART II	MARX II	CRITIQUE OF THEORY I	
15:00-15:30	BREAK						
15:30-17:00	EDUCATION I	ŽIŽEK I	DELEUZIAN THEORY I	CRITIQUE OF THEORY II	CRITICAL ART III	RHETORIC I	COSMOPOLITANISM I

**EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY PRESS BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION
18.00 – 21.00 FOYER OF B01 CLORE**

***HISTORY AND BECOMING*, with author Craig Lundy**

ŽIŽEK AND COMMUNIST STRATEGY, with author Chris McMillan

SATURDAY 30TH JUNE

TIME /ROOM	MS G15	MS 451	CLORE 101	MS 415	MS 417	CLORE 102	CLORE 103
10:00-11:30	LAW I	THE ANIMAL III	EMANCIPATION II	DELEUZIAN THEORY II	SOVEREIGNTY I	MARX III	HUMANS RIGHTS III
11:30-12:00	BREAK (COFFEE AND TEA PROVIDED, CLORE G01)						
12:00-13:30	EDUCATION II	COMMON LIFE II	SPATIAL TEXT III	MARX IV	SOVEREIGNTY II	RHETORIC II	HUMAN RIGHTS IV
13:30-14:30	LUNCH						
14:30-16:00	EDUCATION III	COMMON LIFE III	SPATIAL TEXT IV	DELEUZIAN THEORY III		THE OBJECT III	ŽIŽEK II

**ROUTLEDGE BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION
18.00 – 21.00 FOYER OF B01 CLORE**

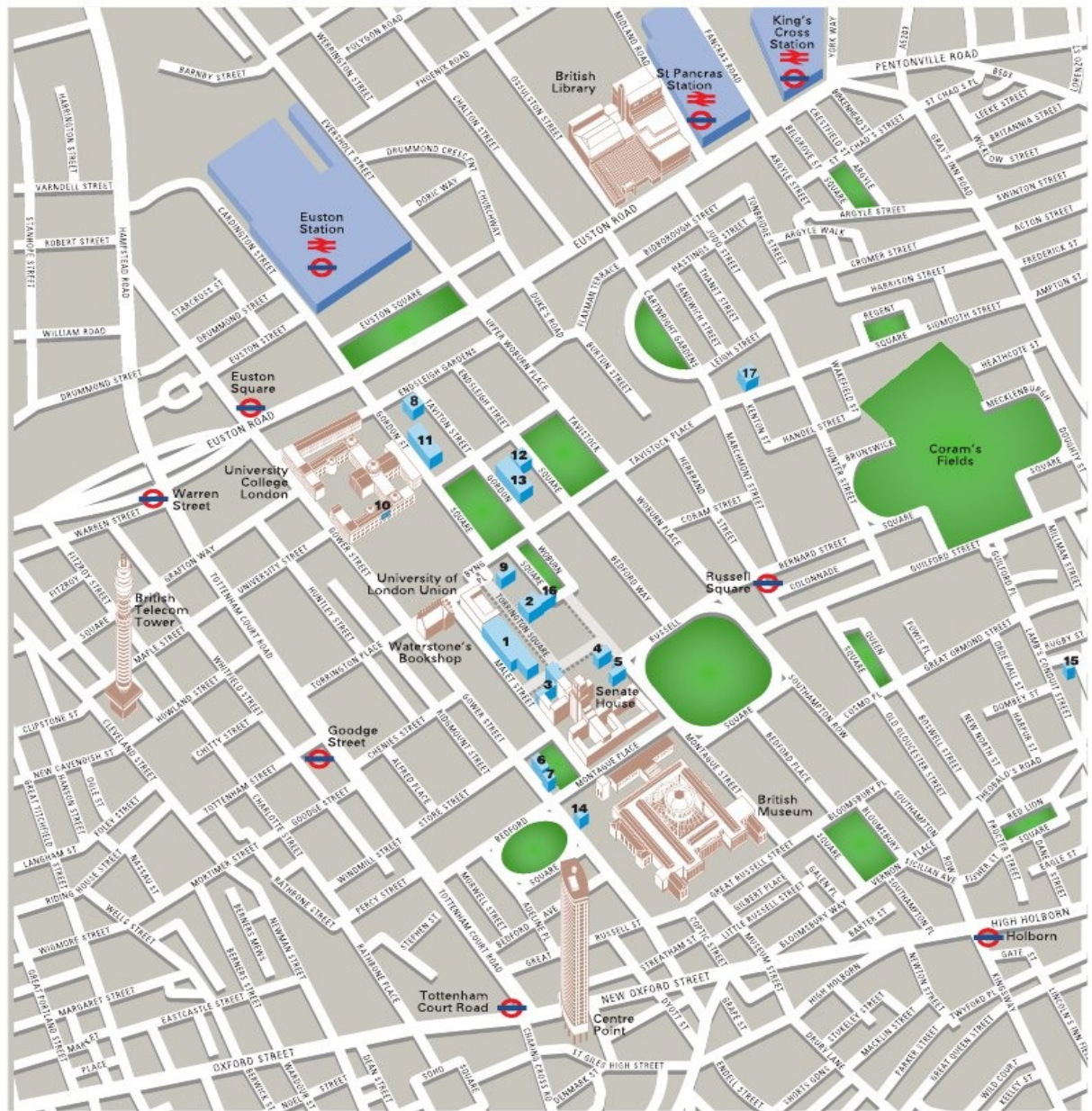
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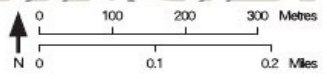
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| Stations (tube) | 3 Senate House (North Block) | 10 South Wing UCL (access via Gower Street) | 17 Egmont House |
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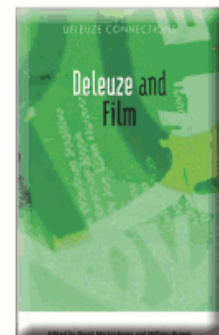
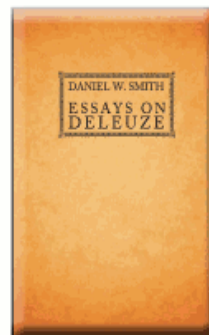
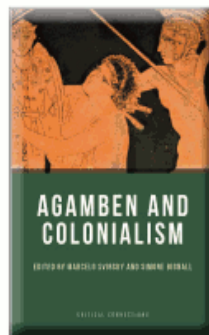
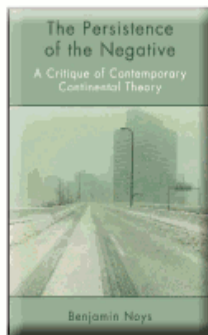
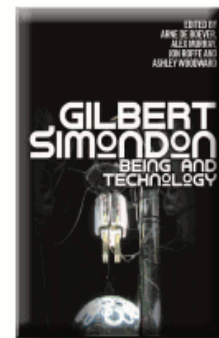
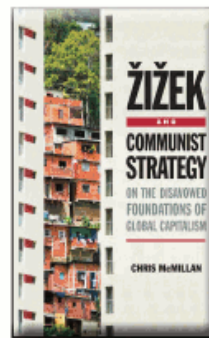
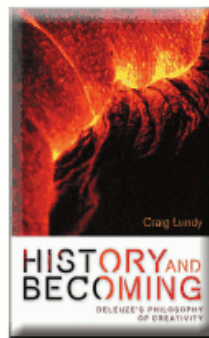
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- ✦ Registration, information and publishers books stands can be found in 152/153 MS on Friday, and G01 Clore on Saturday.
- ✦ Online versions of BBK maps can be found here: <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/maps>

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History and Becoming by Craig Lundy and
Žižek and Communist Strategy by Chris McMillan

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