LONDON CONFERENCE IN CRITICAL THOUGHT
PROGRAMME
24th & 25th June 2016 Birkbeck, University of London
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Conference Streams

The Affective Life of Austerity, Precarity and Vulnerability
Stream Organisers: Jacqui Gibbs, Billy Holzberg, Aura Lehtonen

Contagious Terms: Critical Inquiry into the Transmission and Effects of Language across Disciplines
Stream Organisers: Sara Constantino, Emmett Zeifman

Data as Things: Dis/assembling the Stuff of Data and Data’s Coming to Matter
Stream Organisers: Claudia Aradau, Rocco Bellanova, Gloria González Fuster

The Event
Stream Organisers: Ben Dalton, Jacob Bittner

Inside/Outside
Stream Organiser: Andrea Vesentini

The Micro-Politics of Desire: Connecting Institutional Psychotherapy, Schizoanalysis, and Anti-Psychiatry

Stream Organiser: Edward Thornton, Eric Harper, Tom Waterton

Objects of Memory and Rituals of Memorialisation as Fields of Struggle
Stream Organisers: Federica Rossi, Kanika Sharma, Ozan Kamiloglu

Passionate Work
Stream Organisers: Murray Robertson, Martin Young

Publishing Critical Thought: Media, Infrastructure, Content
Stream Organiser: Matt Mahon

Reclaiming subjectivity? subject(s) after the Death of the Subject
Stream Organiser: Sara Raimondi

Recuperation
Stream Organiser: Andrea Liu

Virtual Raciality / Race IRL: Critical Approaches to the Concept of Race in the Digital Age
Stream Organiser: Christine Goding

Overview
Friday 24th June
Location: Birkbeck Main Building, Malet Street (MAL)
Registration - 9:00 – 9:30  
CLO (Clore Management Centre) Basement Foyer

Parallel Sessions 1 – 9:30 – 11:00

MAL 629 – Event 1  
MAL 630 – The Micropolitics of Desire 1  
MAL 631 – Objects of Memory 1  
MAL 632 – Passionate Work 1

Break – 11:00 – 11:15

Parallel Sessions 2 – 11:15 – 12:45

MAL 629 – Data as Things 1  
MAL 630 – Inside/Outside 1  
MAL 631 – The Affective Life of Austerity 1  
MAL 632 – Publishing Critical Thought 1

Lunch – 12:45 – 14:45

Parallel Sessions 3 – 13:45 – 15:15

MAL 629 – Data as Things 2  
MAL 630 – The Micropolitics of Desire 2  
MAL 631 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 1  
MAL 632 – Objects of Memory 2

Break – 15:15 – 15:45

Parallel Sessions 4 – 15:45 – 17:15

MAL 629 – Contagious Terms 1  
MAL 631 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 2  
MAL 632 – Recuperations 1

Reception and Journal Launch – 17:15  
CLO (Clore Management Centre) Basement Foyer

Saturday 25th June  
Location: Birkbeck, Clore Management Centre (CLO)
Registration 9:00 – 9:15
CLO Basement Foyer

Parallel Sessions 5 – 9:15 – 10:45
CLO 101 – The Micropolitics of Desire 3
CLO 203 – The Affective Life of Austerity 2
CLO 204 – Objects of Memory 3
CLO 306 – Contagious Terms 2

Break – 10:45 – 11:15

Parallel Sessions 6 – 11:15 – 12:45
CLO 101 – Virtual Raciality
CLO 203 – The Affective Life of Austerity 3
CLO 204 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 3
CLO 306 – Passionate Work 2

Break – 12:45 – 13:45

Parallel Sessions 7 - 13:45 – 15:15
CLO 101 – The Event 2
CLO 203 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 4
CLO 204 – Inside/Outside 2
CLO 306 – Objects of Memory 4

Break – 15:15 - 15:45

Parallel Sessions 8 – 15:45 – 17:15
CLO 101 – The Micropolitics of Desire 4
CLO 203 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 5
CLO 204 – Recuperations 2

Reception and Book Launch – 17:15
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Post Conference Drinks
Pub to be announced
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Parallel Sessions 1 – 9:30 – 11:00

MAL 629 – The Event 1
The Genius-Event
Relational Events
Event, in Theory?
Mike Haworth
Joel White
Jennifer Yusin

MAL 630 – The Micropolitics of Desire 1
Institution, Revolution, Unconscious
The Mental Health Act and territories of confinement: A perspective of advocacy and lived experience
Analysis as Method: The institution as collective process
Edward Kazarian
Laura Palmer
Susana Caló

MAL 631 – Objects of Memory 1
Suppressing Collective Memory: Chechnya’s ‘Day of Memory and Grief’ and the Rehabilitation of Stalinism in Today's Russia
Family Shrines and Mao: Everyday Ritual in a Naxi House
Reconciling legal rituals in post-apartheid South Africa
Cornelia Clocker
Peter Ran Guangpei
Valeria Vázquez Guevara

MAL 632 – Passionate Work 1: Passionate Education
Chair: Martin Young
“I smiled when I had to smile, but they weren’t going to get to me like the last time”: Emotional Excess and Care in the Classroom

Break – 11:00 – 11:15

Parallel Sessions 2 – 11:15 – 12:45

MAL 629 – Data as Things 1

Deconstructing the data4development paradigm in post-colonial Egypt
Nancy Salem and Eman Shahata

Data as "lifeblood" and "raw material" in development discourse
Stephanie Felsberger

Governing others: anomaly and the algorithmic subject of security
Claudia Aradau and Tobias Blanke

MAL 630 – Inside/Outside 1

Contra Spatiality
Tom Trevatt

Outside-In: Nick Land and the Vector of Metaphysics
Stephen Overy

Cosmetic Performances, Neoliberal Silences
Sanaz Raji

MAL 631 – The Affective Life of Austerity 1

Chair: Aura Lehtonen

Politics of Poverty: From Scarcity to Invisibility
Moniza Rizzini Ansari

Flexible Subjects: Precarity as Social Vulnerability/Social Vulnerability as Precarity
Christian Garland

‘Shame and Austerity in the Global Prison Industrial Complex’
Mary K. Ryan
MAL 632 – Publishing Critical Thought
Round Table Discussion: Matt Mahon (Chair), UCL, Alice Corble, Goldsmiths, Ian Rothwell, Edinburgh School of Art, Lee Mackinnon, Arts University Bournemouth

Lunch – 12:45 – 13:45

Parallel Sessions 3 – 13:45 – 15:15

MAL 629 – Data as Things 2
Digital Sensing vs 'Big Data': A Case Study of Digital Activism in Jakarta
David Chandler
Depictions of immortal governance
Abdelrahman Hassan
No Data No Fiction? A conversation about how to think surveillance with/against Netflix
Rocco Bellanova and Gloria González Fuster

MAL 630 – The Micropolitics of Desire 2
Instituting Ethico-Aesthetic Practices: Guattari, Ecosophy, and Micropolitics [Workshop]
Andrew Goffey & Janna Graham
The Art of Emotio-Informational Exchange
Rich Thornton

MAL 631 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 1
Chair: Sara Raimondi
What does the subject mean? Trans-individuation in Deleuze and Althusser’s regional theories
Chris Henry
On the paths of transindividualization: a fond farewell to subject, freedom and critique
Riccardo Baldissone

MAL 632 – Objects of Memory 2
Bench by the Road
Senjuti Chakraborti
Diyarbakır’s "Objects of Memory": Urban Struggles Around the Four-Footed Minaret
Laurent Dissard & Ceylan Begüm Yıldız

Plaque struggles. Contested memorial stones and the conflicting memories of the “years of lead” in Italy.
Federica Rossi

Break – 15:15 – 15:45

Parallel Sessions 4 – 15:45 – 17:15

MAL 629 – Contagious Terms 1

The Return of the Sacred: Historical Temporality and the Failure of Criticism in ‘Trauma Theory’
Máté Zombory

What Does it Mean to Be a Partner?
Athina Papanagiotou

MAL 631 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 2

Don Delillo’s Point Omega: Mediated Vision and the Novel After the Subject
Daniel Barrow

From Subject Crisis to Critical Subjectivity. A Theory of Discourse for The Man of the Crowd
Marco Castagna

MAL 632 – Recuperations 1
Chair: Andrea Liu

Collective Reading, Reproduction and Resistance
Claudia Firth

Between Socialism and Neoliberalism: The Trap of Independent Culture in Serbia
Danilo Prnjat

Museum of Non-Participation: resistance, co-option, withdrawal
Karen Mirza

art activism: estrangement, institutionalism and recuperation
Paul Stewart

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Parallel Sessions 5 – 9:15 – 10:45

CLO 101 – The Micropolitics of Desire 3

Mad Pride, Disability, and Activism
Mohammed Rashed

A Workshop to Assess the Molar and Molecular Aspects of the DSM-5 [Workshop]
Ed Thornton

CLO 203 – The Affective Life of Austerity 2; Chair: Jacqui Gibbs

People who work full time gain more respect
Robert Stearn

Self-Care as Activism: Negotiating Feminism in Neoliberal Times
Rebekka Hammelsbeck

CLO 204 – Objects of Memory 3

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Valerie Giesen

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Eva Richardson McCrea

The Subject of History: Rancière, Hobbes, Winstanley
David Thomas

CLO 306 – Contagious Terms 2

Objectile: A Concept Between Architecture and Philosophy
Angelos Triantafyllou

Mass Communication and Global Mobilization: Evangelization, Propaganda, and Advertising
Sinkwan Chen

Autopoiesis and Posthumanist Theory: From Biology to Systems Theory to Art History
Break – 10:45 – 11:15

Parallel Sessions 6 – 11:15 – 12:45

CLO 101 – Virtual Raciality 1

Black Mirror: The Virtual Encoding of the Racial Self
Stephanie Polsky

The Strong Black Woman in the Age of Social Media
Laurie Rodrigues

Race as Ontopower in the Age of Electronic Colonialism
Christine Goding

CLO 203 – The Affective Life of Austerity 3; Chair: Billy Holzberg

Settler Colonial Lands: Race and Indigeneity in the Age of Apology
Roxana Akhbari

Situating Gender in Precarity: Feminist Art Practice as Militant Research
Sarah Charalambides

Work and Hope
Kyle Lewis and Will Stronge

CLO 204 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 3
Chair: Thomas Waterton

Beyond Performativity
Jen Izaakson

Atypical subjectivities: Self-portrait in the work of J. Derrida, S. Kofman and C. Malabou
Christine Morar

The Neural Underpinnings of the Self, Neuroplasticity, Lacanian Psychoanalysis, and Derrida:
Unravelling the (Legal) Subject
Linda Roland Danil

CLO 306 - Passionate Work 2: Passionate Entertainment
Chair: Murray Robertson

Stage Lighting and Industrial Boredom
Martin Young
“Essential: Passion for Music”... Non-creative work in the music industry

Toby Bennett

Lunch – 12:45 – 13:45

Parallel Sessions 7 – 13:45 – 15:15

CLO 101 – The Event 2

Diagramming the Event
Charlotte Knox-Williams

Ex-spatiotemporal Event and the present whereabouts of Jesus Christ’s physical body
Tim Jones

Messiah and Non-Event
Michael Saunders

203 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 4
Chair: David Ventura

Living Dead - An Independence Framework
Shane Chalmers

The Subjectivity of Becoming Black
Dirk Postma

Queer Necropower: The Neuroses of Queer Negativity
Prathna Lor

CLO 204 – Inside/Outside 2

The symbology of the ‘other’: A Schmittian reading of the European obsession over the regulation of veiling
Giorgia Baldi

Breasts
Elizabeth Cetin

CLO 306 – Objects of Memory 4

What is an Archive? Law as Hypomnensis
Hayley Gibson

Beyond Memory and Official Narrative: the French colonial archives and their making in the 20th century
Fabienne Chamelot

Between Violence and Its Representation
Teresa Macías
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Parallel Sessions 8 – 15:45 – 17:15

CLO 101 – The Micropolitics of Desire 4

Spinozist Psychotherapy: Practical Philosophy as an Alternative to Medicalization
Ruben Endendijk

“Oh my body, make me always a man who questions!” [Workshop]
Eric Harper & Andie Newman

CLO 203 – Reclaiming Subjectivity 5
Chair: Sara Raimondi

The Imaginal Subject
Julian Reid

Are there Rules of Spiritual Exercises? Michel Foucault and Pierre Hadot
Chris Barker

CLO 204 – Recuperations 2
Chair: Andrea Liu

The Gimmick: the Dominant Trope of Semiocapitalism
Natasha Lushetich

“This Is Not an Exit”: Recuperating the Subversive Body in Bret Easton Ellis’ American Psycho
Nicholas Gardiner

Striking Our Debt to Moral Tragedy
Todd Barnes

The Caricature of Postmodernism as “Moral Relativism”
Andrea Liu

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David Chandler & Julian Reid, The Neoliberal Subject: Resistance, Adaption, and Vulnerability
(Rowman and Littlefield International)
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