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TUESDAY 05 MARCH 2024

0830–0900hrs: Registration

0900–0910hrs: Welcome and Opening Remarks

0910–1040: Session 1–Materiality and Critique

Is there a Materiality to Reason?

James R. Martel (San Francisco State University, USA)

The Last Katechon: The Role of Critical Intellectuals in the Post-Industrial Society

Justas Patkauskas (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy)

So Very Tired: The Nature and Ethics of Exhaustion

Sacha Golob (King's College London, England)

1040–1100hrs: Coffee Break

1100–1230hrs: Session 2–Embodiment

Critique and Gastronomy: Notes for an Analogical Realism

Valeria Campos–Salvaterra (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile)

Critical Theory and Affect: Adorno's Concept of Touch

Cristina Matei (Kingston University, England)

What Can an Image (of the Body) Do?: Reason, Images, and Materiality

Emma Ingala (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain)

1230–1245hrs: Coffee Break

1245–1345hrs: Session 3–Materiality and Nature

On an Unwritten Logic: Horkheimer and the Possibility of Materialist Dialectics

Samuel Ferns (University College Dublin, Ireland)

Nature and Freedom: Reconsidering the Materialist Philosophy of Spirit in Dialectic of Enlightenment

Wouter Vijfhuizen (Pennsylvania State University, USA)

1345–1545hrs: Lunch (Provided for conference speakers)



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1545–1645hrs: Session 4–Information and Reason

Which Way, Computational Singularity?

Kennan Ferguson (University of Wisconsin: Milwaukee)

Informationcritique, between Reason and Desire

Ashley Woodward (University of Dundee, Scotland)

1645–1700hrs: Coffee Break

1700–1800hrs: Session 5–Technology

The Task of Critical Social Theory in Technological Innovation Processes

Lisann Penttilä (KU Leuven, Belgium)

From Formal–Technical Rationality to Democratic Rationalization: Critical Theory of Technology in Marcuse and Feenberg

Antonio Oraldi (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

WEDNESDAY 06 MARCH 2024

0915–0930hrs: Registration

0930–1100: Session 6–Critical Theory and Deconstruction

The Reason to Come: Derrida and Plato on the Future of Reasoning

Jack Kelleher (King's College London, England)

“From Name to Nomos”: the Name as Institution in Derrida

Cillian Ó Fathaigh (King's College London, England)

Deconstruction and Ethnocentrism: On Derrida's Generalized Writing

Ramón Macho (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain)

1100–1120hrs: Coffee Break

1120hrs–1250hrs: Session 7–Decolonial Reason

Decolonial Rationality as Creating Relationality

Friso Timmenga (University of Groningen, Holland)

The Future Stakes of Abyssal Critique

David Ventura (Newcastle University, England)

What Exactly is Globalised in Globalising Critical Theory?

Tamara Caraus (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

1250–1500hrs: Lunch (provided for conference speakers)



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1500–1630hrs: Session 8–Monsters, Irrationality, and Political Imaginaries

“The Sleep of Reason Produces Monsters”: Monstrous doubles in Sarah Kofman's “Vatour Rouge”

Eve Judah (University of Cambridge, England)

The Dialectic of Enlightenment and Freudian Drive Theory: The Irrational Ground of Reason and Political Agency

Gavin Rae (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain)

Political Reason and Imagination: Connecting Political Rationality and Political Imaginaries

Mattias Lehtinen (University of Helsinki, Finland)

1630–1645hrs: Coffee Break

1645–1815hrs: Session 8–Politics and Ethics

Post–Truth Populism and the Enjoyment of Not–Knowing

Hannah Richter (University of Sussex, England)

Anarchism, Indigeneity, and Reason: Louise Michel's Construction of Radical Pedagogy

Carolyn E. Eichner (University of Wisconsin: Milwaukee)

Hope beyond the Anthropocene: From Denialist Optimism to Affirmative Pessimism

Liesbeth Schoonheim (Humboldt University, Germany)

1815–1820hrs: Close of Conference

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