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THE 12th BIENNIAL *RADICAL PHILOSOPHY ASSOCIATION* CONFERENCE

21st-Century Socialism: Concepts and Visions

University of Kentucky, KY - November 10-13, 2016

Call for Papers

The Radical Philosophy Association Conference Program Committee invites submissions of talks, papers, workshops, roundtable discussions, and other kinds of conference contributions for its 12th biennial conference to be held at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY, November 10-13, 2016.

As major developments in recent decades indicate, the current social, political, and economic system is approaching its limits. We see the migration of millions of people because of economic crises, drought, hunger and wars. We see the construction of new walls around liberal



countries and the emergence of more vicious forms of racism, sexism and social injustice in controlling and policing minorities, women and the poor. We see the slow deterioration of the European Union, the strengthening of religious and ethnic divisions, as well as the strengthening of fascist, nationalist and theocratic parties in Western countries and worldwide. All of this must be seen within the context of wealth inequalities and the control of our future by a few. Finally, we see the looming ecological catastrophe and the unwillingness of many politicians to address the most pressing issues that will define the future well-being of humans and non-human animals on earth. It is urgent, then, that we again conceptualize, envision and explore the ethical, social, economic, and political horizons of a proper 21st-Century concept of socialism.

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2016.

Confirmed main speakers, among others, are Jodi Dean, Bhaskar Sunkara, and David Schweickart.

Submissions

In the spirit of collaboration, and in the recognition that radical philosophy is often done outside traditional philosophical settings, we invite submissions not only from philosophers inside and outside the academy, but also from those who engage in theoretical work in other academic disciplines – such as ethnic studies, women’s studies, social sciences, and literary studies – and from those engaged in theoretical work unconnected to the academy. We especially welcome contributions from those often excluded from or marginalized in philosophy, including people of color, lgbt persons, persons with disabilities, poor and working-class persons.

Mailing Address for Submissions

Please submit paper, workshop, or other proposal that are related to the conference theme or general themes of the RPA as an email attachment (.pdf or .doc or .rtf) to rpa2016meeting@gmail.com.

NOTE: Please do NOT submit complete papers.

Guidelines for Submissions

In keeping with the spirit of radical thinking embodied by the RPA, we encourage submissions that employ formats and media that challenge the standard conference presentation. For instance, we urge presenters to use formats that allow for greater interaction between participants and audience (e.g. presenting an outline, rather than reading a paper) and that emphasize collective inquiry (e.g. organizing a workshop). Please note that participants will be selected for at most one presentation (talk, workshop, etc.) during the conference; submissions should be presented with this in mind. (This limit does not include chairing sessions.)

Please submit **all** the information requested:

A - INDIVIDUAL TALK/PAPER/WORKSHOP/OTHER PRESENTATION

Name; Address; Affiliation or independent scholar, activist, educator, etc.; Title of proposal; Nature of proposal (talk, workshop, other); Abstract of 250-500 words only; Equipment needs

A1 – PAPERS BY GRADUATE STUDENTS

If you want to be considered for the *Iris Marion Young Award* for the best paper submitted by a graduate student, please indicate this on your submission.

A2 – PAPERS BY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

We are planning to have a special session with undergraduate students who would like to present work related to RPA issues. Please clearly indicate whether you are an undergraduate student.

B - GROUP SESSION

(Note: Due to the length of sessions, we will consider only panels of NO MORE THAN three persons.)

Name of panel contact person and of each panel member; Addresses of all panel members, including email; Affiliation or independent scholar, activist, educator, etc. for each; Title of panel proposal; Nature of proposal (talk, workshop, other); Abstract of 250-500 words only; Titles of individual papers; Abstract of 250-500 words for each paper (if relevant); Equipment needs

C - CHAIRING A SESSION

If you would be willing to serve as a session chair, please indicate this on your submission form. Session chairs are responsible for timing presentations and ensuring that each presenter gets her or his fair share of the available time.

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