

SOLIDARITY AND CLASS STRUGGLE
16th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association (RPA)
hosted by Utah Valley University and the University of Utah

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Salt Lake City, UT
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th

Session 1 (9:00 – 10:30 AM)

Panel A (Room 459): The School of Struggle

Georganna Uлары (Marist College), “The Revolutionary Promise and Praxis of the Environmental Proletariat”

Brandyn Heppard (Pace University), “The Prophetic Role of Comedy in Revolution”

Yanis Iqbal (Unaffiliated), “The School of Life and Struggle: Lenin and the Politics of Materialism”

Moderator: Ammon Allred (University of Toledo)

Panel B (Room 406): Questioning Social Logics

Anna Malavisi (Western Connecticut State University), “The Trials of Non-Violence”

Sonia Maria Pavel (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), “What Is a Social ‘Logic’? Disentangling the Logic(s) of Capitalism”

Everet Smith (Emory University), “Radical theory and the logic of suicidality”

Moderator: Stephen Ogunsakin (University of Memphis)

Panel C (Room 101): Pedagogy Workshop: Building Solidarity Between Teachers and Students

Ammon Allred (University of Toledo)

Benjamin Pryor (Antioch University)

Panel D (Room 109): The Problem of Dialectics for Materialism

Tiffany Montoya (Muhlenberg College), “Redeeming Essentialism and Totalizing Systems for the Sake of Solidarity”

Constanza Filloy (Villanova University), “Hegelian Residuals: For a Materialist Approach to Mediation”

Jason Tosta (University of Connecticut), “Marx’s Gauntlet: The Challenge of Dialectical Materialism”

Moderator: Steph Butera (University of Memphis)

Session 2 (10:45 AM– 12:15 PM)

Panel A (Room 459): Author-Meets-Critics Panel (Busk)

Author: Larry Busk (Eckerd College), *The Right-Wing Mirror of Critical Theory: Studies of Schmitt, Oakeshott, Hayek, Strauss, and Rand* (Lexington Books, 2023)

Respondents:

Matt McManus (University of Michigan)

Alicia Steinmetz (Florida International University)

Moderator: Colin Bodayle (Villanova University)

Panel B (Room 406): Critical Theory, Religion, and Eastern Thought

Kelli Potter (Utah Valley University), "Heterodoxy and the Dialectic of Religious Belief"

Karsten Struhl (New School for Public Engagement), "Buddhism and Marxism: Points of Intersection"

Ryan Harte (Utah Valley University), "Daoism/Zen as a Critical Theory"

Moderator: Michael D. Doan (Oakland University)

Panel C (Room 101): Fascism

Sinan Turan (Villanova University), "The Rise of Italian Fascism: Class Struggle, Bourgeois Terror, and the Failings of Social Democracy in the Interwar Period"

Mark Reiff (University of California, Davis), "Analytical Fascism: What Stares Back When One Stares into the De-Enlightenment"

Daniel Allen (Villanova University), "Expropriation of War: Toward a Praxis of Anti-Fascism in Walter Benjamin and Antonio Gramsci"

Moderator: Sid Simpson (Sewanee: The University of the South)

Panel D (Room 109): Work and the Leisure Class

Christopher Coolbeth (University of Connecticut), "Genealogy of the Concept of the Labor Aristocracy"

Robert Kirsch (Arizona State University), "Dueling Leisure Classes? Reading Veblen and Bukharin Together"

Anna Myers (University of North Texas), "Worktactics: An Exercise in Mapping the Micropractices of Workers"

Moderator: Alina Ahmed (University of Connecticut)

Lunch (12:15 – 1:45 PM)

A catered lunch is provided by Utah Valley University's Department of Philosophy & Humanities

Session 3 (1:45 – 3:15 PM)

Panel A (Room 459): Author-Meets-Critics Panel (Burden-Stelly)

Author: Charisse Burden-Stelly (Wayne State University), *Black Scare/Red Scare: Theorizing Capitalist Racism in the United States* (University of Chicago Press, 2023)

Respondents:

Dylan Rodriguez (University of California, Riverside)

Jasper St. Bernard (Rhodes College)

Moderator: Andrew Johnson (Loyola Marymount University)

Panel B (Room 406): Eco-Marxist Strategy and Tactics

Alexander Kurunczi (University of Vienna), “Andreas Malm’s Good Leninism? On the Prefigurative Potential of Ecotage”

Rory Varrato (Columbia University Teachers College), “Extinction Rebellion: A Great Refusal for the Anthropocene”

Moderator: Matt Shafer (Florida International University)

Panel C (Room 101): Marcuse Society – The Political Power of the Aesthetic Dimension

Nathalia Barroso (Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto, Brasil), “Blues and Black, Colors and Politics”

Fernanda Andrade Garcia (Universidade Estadual de São Paulo, Brasil), “Art and Utopia: Memories that Belong to the Future”

Diego Aurélio Viana Kelly (Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto, Brasil), “The “Great Refusal” between Aesthetics and Technique”

Imaculada Kangussu (Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto, Brasil), “The Radical Freedom of the Aesthetic Dimension”

Moderator: Andrew Lamas (University of Pennsylvania)

Panel D (Room 109): Local Undergraduate Panel

Ethan Montano (Utah Valley University), “Capital’s Epistemological Structure and its Authoritative Grip on Labor”

Conor Male (University of Oregon), “Abstract Time and Capitalism”

Mclain Connors (Utah Valley University), “Mutual Didactics”

Moderator: Constanza Filloy (Villanova University)

Session 4 (3:30 – 4:45 PM)

Panel A (Room 459): Multiplicity, Transversality, and Radical Break

Steph Butera (University of Memphis), “What Wokeness Can Contribute to Ontological Anarchy”

Michael Chiddo (Kennesaw State University), “Transversal Solidarity: Notes for an Ethics of Counterpower”

Andre Nascimento (Cornell University), “Mayan Marxists: Zapatista Fiction in the Age of Anti-Communist Liberations”

Moderator: Benjamin E. Curtis (Rhodes College)

Panel B (Room 406): Reimagining Class

Key MacFarlane (University of California, Santa Cruz), “Marxism and the Moment: Henri Lefebvre and the Phenomenology of Class Struggle”

** Winner of the Iris Marion Young Award for Best Graduate Student Paper **

Delia Popa (Villanova University), “Transclass? Reflections on the Genealogy of a Concept and its Critical Potential”

Mlado Ivanovic (Eastern Michigan University), “*Kultur ist ein Palast der aus Hundescheisse gebaut ist*: Adorno and the Erosion of Humanitarian Solidarity”

Moderator: Samu/elle Striewski (Oxford University)

Panel C (Room 101): Existentialism, Black Consciousness, and the Revolutionary Class

Siphiwe Ndlovu (University of Zululand), “Bad faith and Black Consciousness Philosophy in Percy More’s Existential Phenomenology”

Stephen Ogunsakin (University of Memphis), “Alienated Black Bodies and Alienated Labor: Marx, Fanon, and a Productive Critique of Racial Violence”

Daniel Oni (Pennsylvania State University), “The Chief Virtue of Being Black: Boggs, Lukacs, and The Universal Standpoint of the (Black) Proletariat”

Moderator: Timour Kamran (Villanova University)

Panel D (Room 109): Socialism and Anticolonial Thought in South Asia

Ronald Neal (Wake Forest University), “Cornel West, B.R. Ambedkar, and the Abominations of the Colonized Elite”

Keshia D’silva (University of Helsinki), “Moving beyond a Feminism for the 1 percent: Some Reflections from India”

Kalsoom Khan (College of Science & Humanities Studies, Prince Sattam bin Abdulaziz University, Al-Kharj, Saudi Arabia), “A Theoretical Debate on the Feasibility of 21st Century Socialism in Pakistan”

Moderator: Mario Sáenz (LeMoyne College)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Session 1 (9:00 – 10:30 AM)

Panel A (Room 459): Race, Class, and Political Economy

Andrew Pierce (St. Mary's College), "Race-Class Intersectionality and the Peculiar History of White Privilege"

Alexander Pho (Hamilton College), "The Racial Triangulation of Asian Americans as a Basis for Afro-Asian Solidarity: A Civic Republican Defense"

Benjamin Slightom (Yale University), "The Nonprofit-Industrial Complex: Race, Gender, and the Political Economy of Nonprofit Aid in America"

Moderator: Sipiwe Ndlovu (University of Zululand)

Panel B (Room 406): Sexual Labor and Sexual Violence

Gabrielle Bussell (Michigan State University), "Toward Sex Trade Abolition: A Marxist Feminist Critique of Lori Watson's Defense of the Nordic Model"

Alina Ahmed (University of Connecticut), "Sex Work and Consent: Reconceptualizing Labor Violations within and outside of Sex Work as Assault and Pathways of Moving Forward"

Nic Cottone (Michigan State University), "Social Reproduction and Sexual Violence"

Moderator: Brendan Rome (Villanova University),

Panel C (Room 101): The Right's Assault on Freedom of Academic Speech, Diversity, and Tenure

Sarah Vitale (Ball State University), "(Dis)organized Faculty and Academic Freedom"

Margaret McLaren (Rollins College), "Interrogating Academic Freedom"

Brandon Absher (D'Youville College), "Neo-McCarthyism and Intellectual Subversion"

Moderator: Scott Abbott (Utah Valley University)

Panel D (Room 109): Legacies of Marcuse

James Lincoln (Lasell University), "Null-Dimensional Persons"

Joseph Trullinger (George Washington University), "Marcuse on the Heroic-Folkish Realism of Today's Fascism"

Jake Mace (University of Louisville), "Clyde Woods, Herbert Marcuse, and the Frankfurt Blues"

Moderator: Jake Bartholomew (Towson University)

Session 2 (10:45 AM – 12:15 PM)

Panel A (Room 459): Figures of the Human

Lilia Endter (Villanova University), "The New Society Will Create the New Man"

Mario Sáenz (LeMoyne College), "Bourgeois Humanism and a Socialist Alternative. A Study of Leopoldo Zea's Dialectics of Cultural Identity and Aníbal Ponce's Proletarian Humanism"

Michael D. Doan (Oakland University), "Recovering Dialectical Humanism"

Moderator: Reese Faust (Howard University)

Panel B (Room 406): Radical Mexican Philosophy

Obed Frausto (Ball State University), "Pablo González Casanova: Radical Democracy within the Internal Colonialism and New Sciences and Humanities"

Sergio Gallegos (John Jay College), Title TBA

Moderator: Alejo Stark (University of Utah)

Panel C (Room 101): Internationalism and Empire

Miron Clay-Gilmore (Purdue University), "Hunting for Humans"

César Cabezas (Temple University), "Mariátegui's Indo-American Socialism and the Problem of Racialized Solidarity"

Daniel Benson (St. Francis College), "For an Internationalist Imaginary in a Global Age"

Moderator: Eli Portella Perreras (Florida Gulf Coast University)

Panel D (Room 109): Contesting Fascism Today: Marxist, Critical Theory, and Psychoanalytic Approaches

Authors: Joan Braune (Gonzaga University), *Understanding and Countering Fascist Movements: From Void to Hope* (Routledge, 2024)

Claudia Leeb (Washington State University), *Contesting the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Approach* (Columbia University Press, 2024)

Respondents:

Larry Alan Busk (Eckerd College)

Banu Bargu (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Moderator: Alicia Steinmetz (Florida International University)

Lunch (12:15 – 1:45 PM)

****A catered lunch is provided by The University of Utah's Department of Philosophy****

Session 3 (1:45 – 3:15 PM)

Panel A (Room 459): Affective Dimensions of Political Life

Taylor Genovese (Dutchess Community College), "The Dialectics of Melancholy and Nostalgia in Apophatic Marxism"

Samu/elle Striewski (Oxford University), "Fields of Susceptibility: Between Marxist Class Consciousness and Post-Structuralist Subjectivation"

Moderator: Jeffrey Gower (Wabash College)

Panel B (Room 406): Solidarity and Its Limits

Tom Hanauer (Tel Aviv University), "Nietzsche, Solidarity, and Antiracism"

Melissa Burchard (University of North Carolina, Asheville), "Traumatic Boundaries to Solidarity: Refusing to Heal from the Past"

Moderator: Sarah Vitale (Ball State University)

Panel C (Room 101): The Struggle for Socialism in the Anthropocene (NEEDS AV)

Eli Portella (Florida Gulf Coast University), "Decarbonization and Decolonization: Refocusing the Critique of Capitalism"

Jared Bly (Villanova University), "Lenin, Sweezy and Rodney: Anti-Imperialist Struggle as Ecological Praxis"

Reese Haller (Michigan State University), "Use-Value of the Anthropocene: Geology and Politics for the Environmental Crisis"

Moderator: Andre Nascimento (Cornell University)

Panel D (Room 109): Society for Anti-Colonial Middle Eastern and North African Thought (SAMENAT) Panel (NEEDS AV)

John Harfouch (University of Alabama-Huntsville), "On Fayez Sayegh's statement, Only the total annihilation of the Zionist base will immobilize it and stop Zionism from moving and expanding"

Augie Faller (Bryn Mawr College), "Finding a Role for Politics in History"

Alia Al-Saji (McGill University), "Debilitating Gaza, pathologizing resistance"

Moderator: Charles Prusik (Morehead State University)

Session 4 (3:30 – 4:45 PM)

Panel A (Room 459): Author-Meets-Critics Panel (Reynolds)

Author: Iaan Reynolds (Utah Valley University), *Education for Political Life: Critique, Theory, and Practice in Karl Mannheim's Sociology of Knowledge* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2023)

Respondents:

Daniel Cunningham (Miami University of Ohio)

Cara Greene (Colorado College)

Moderator: Sarah Vitale (Ball State University)

Panel B (Room 406): Ontology and Class Struggle

Jordan Whelchel (Villanova University), "Theses on Ontological Materialism and the Class Struggle"

Diego Ramirez Reinoso (Universidad del Tolima), "The Potential for Emerging Technologies to Either Intensify or Block Class Struggle against Capitalist Exploitation"

Oscar Ralda (Unaffiliated), "Rethinking Class Struggle and the Separation of Economics and Politics"

Moderator: Daniel Benson (St. Francis College)

Panel C (Room 101): Class Struggle and Internationalism in W.E.B. Du Bois

Timour Kamran (Villanova University), "Trans-Atlantic Solidarity: America's Anti-Slavery Revolution and Internationalism"

Andrew Johnson (Loyola Marymount University), "The Eighteenth Brumaire of Andrew Johnson"

PM Irvin (Stanford University), "War Against War: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Politics of Real Pacifism"

Moderator: Jasper St. Bernard (Rhodes College)

Panel D (Room 109): Transformations in the Human, Time, and Alienation

James Manos (Caldwell Community College), "Time After Time: Georg Lukács and Immanuel Kant on Ideology and Alienation"

Rick Elmore (Appalachian State University), "Stateless Life and the Lifeless State: Returning to Deleuze's Concept of the Human"

Joseph Weiss (Appalachian State University), "Windowless Monads: Baroque Alienation in Deleuze and Benjamin"

Moderator: Lilia Endter (Villanova University)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS (5:00 – 6:30 PM)

Banu Bargu (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Title TBA

Room 109

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th

Session 1 (9:00 – 10:30 AM)

Panel A (Room 459): Author-Meets-Critics Panel (Afary)

Author: Frieda Afary (Unaffiliated), *Socialist Feminism: A New Approach* (Pluto Press, 2022)

Respondents:

Ezgi Sertler (Utah Valley University)

Dana Rognlie (Old Dominion University)

Moderator: Sonia Pavel (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Panel B (Room 406): Care Ethics: Complications and Critiques

Caden Page (Marquette University), “Exploited Care, Biopower, and Moral Appropriation in the Industrial Pig Factory Farm”

Zhasmina Tacheva (Syracuse University) and Tanya Loughead (Canisius University), “All children Are All of Ours: Radical Kinship as Anti-capitalist Critique”

Rhiannon Lindgren (University of Oregon), “Care Chains, Capital, and Class: Towards Transnational Feminist Solidarity”

Moderator: Tiffany Montoya (Muhlenberg College)

Panel C (Room 101): Politics and Psychoanalysis

Cameron Gamble, “Lenin and Freud: On the Question of a Weltanschauung”

Brendan Rome (Villanova University), “The Wolf Man: Social Reproduction, Class, and the Oedipal Model”

Juliana de Azevedo Castro Cesar (Emory University), “Solidarity in Vulnerability: Employing Intersubjective Psychoanalysis to Analyze Current Authoritarianism”

Moderator: Delia Popa (Villanova University)

Panel D (Room 109): Ecology and Class Struggle

Matt Shafer (Florida International University), “‘Unity with Nature’: On the Impasses of Eco-Marxism today”

Sid Simpson (Sewanee: The University of the South), “It Was Always Blood and Soil: Eco-Fascism and the Racial Capitalocene”

Eneida Jacobsen (Villanova University), “Ecological Class Struggle in the Amazon Rainforest”

Moderator: Larry Busk (Eckerd College)

Session 2 (10:45 AM – 12:15 PM)

Panel A (Room 459): Diagnosing Our Time with the Frankfurt School

Charles Prusik (Morehead State University), “Adorno's Marxism”

Jake Bartholomew (Towson University), “Against the *Bilderverbot*”

Moderator: Daniel Allen (Villanova University)

Panel B (Room 406): Institutions and Institutional Imaginaries

Justin Pack (California State University, Stanislaus), "Solidarity in Cacophony and the Ethics of Academic Production"

Nick Braune (South Texas College), "Was Pope Leo's famous *Rerum Novarum* Really Helpful for Workers?"

Moderator: Murray Skees (University of South Carolina, Beaufort),

Panel C (Room 101): Author-Meets-Critics Panel (Schuler and Murray)

Authors: Jeanne Schuler (Creighton University) and Patrick Murray (Creighton University),

Philosophical and Political Consequences of the Critique of Political Economy: Recognizing Capital (Palgrave Macmillan 2023)

Respondents:

Kirstin Munro (The New School)

Colin Bodayle (Villanova University)

Moderator: Key MacFarlane (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Panel D (Room 109): Anticapitalist Pedagogy Workshop

Andrew Lamas (University of Pennsylvania)

Lunch and Business Meeting (12:15 – 3:00 PM)

Session 4 (3:00 – 4:00 PM)

Panel A (Room 459): Local Undergraduate Panel

Julia Gibb (Utah Valley University), "Passing the Look: On the Being of Somethingness"

Jim Tucker (Utah Valley University), "Myths and Madness: The Feminine Mystery in Gilman and Beauvoir"

Moderator: Dana Rognlie (Old Dominion University)

Panel B (Room 406): Neoliberalism, Surveillance, and Artificial Intelligence

Murray Skees (University of South Carolina, Beaufort), "Frictionless Capitalism: Consuming in the Era of Ambient Computing"

Cory Wimberly (University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley), "Online Government of the Public: Big Data, Marketing, and Social Media"

Moderator: John Harfouch (University of Utah)

Panel C (Room 101): Care, Solidarity and Disability

Jared Blalock (University of New Mexico), "Care Ethics, Marxism, and Disability"

Jeffery Nicholas (Providence College), "Birth of/and Class Struggle: From Kropotkin to Odent on what we can learn about the biological basis of solidarity"

Moderator: Rhiannon Lindgren (University of Oregon)

Panel D (Room 109): Solidarity Amid Climate Catastrophe

Reese Faust (Howard University), "Resisting Climate Behemoth; Or, Why Marxists Must be Natural Lawyers for Ned Ludd"

Jeffrey Gower (Wabash College), "Many Worlds at the End of the World: A Radical Democratic Response to Climate Change"

Moderator: Alexander Kurunczi (University of Vienna)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS (4:15– 5:45 PM)

John Bellamy Foster (University of Oregon)

The Dialectics of Naturalism: Epicurus, Marx, and the Origins of the Ecological Worldview

Room 109

Banquet and Awards Reception (6:30 – 8:30 PM)

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