

PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
 Wednesday, May 08 – Sunday, May 12, 2024.
 Vila Lanna, V Sadech 1, Prague 6.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS:

Simone Chambers, Maeve Cooke, Alessandro Ferrara, María Pía Lara, Eduardo Mendieta, Hartmut Rosa, Martin Saar, and Ondřej Lánský.

Wednesday, May 8th, 2024.

Opening Remarks and Welcome.

Director of the Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences.

9.00 - 9.30

9.45 - 11.15

Room A: *Activism, Protest, and Dissent*

Alasia Nuti. 'We Fight with Our Dead': On Thanatoactivism.

Katie Ebner-Landy. On Making Statements

Afsoun Afsahi and Brian Milstein. Policing the Democratic System: Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Empowered Inclusion.

Chair: **María Pía Lara**

Room B: *21st Century Threats to Democracy*

Michael Ráver. From Reaction to Experimentation: Conceptualizing Reification and its Other in the Reaction-Economies of Digital Participation.

Marco Solinas. The Threats of Political Conspiracy. Magical Signification and Social Criticisms in the Digital Age.

Juliana Crespo Lopes. Critical Thinking for better voting.

Chair: **Alessandro Ferrara**

Room C: *The Politics of/and Identity*

Bárbara Nascimento de Lima. Civil Disobedience as Destituent Power.

Pierre-François Noppen. Adorno's Hamlet Problem: On Modelling the Constitution of the Reflective Individual .

Chair: **Maeve Cooke**

11.30 - 13.00

Room A: *The Politics of/and Identity*

Jiří Krejčík. Rise and Fall of the Bahujan Samaj: Future of the Subaltern Politics in India.

Leonardo Fiorespino. 'The People' and Democratic Theory.

Tehseen Nisar. Pakistan's Moment of Truth amidst the democratic upheaval: Inherent insufficiency of the normative consensus.

Chair: **Alessandro Ferrara**

Room B: *Ecological Futures*

Tobias Heinze. Constellating Nature? Horkheimer's Interdisciplinary Materialism, Adorno's Objection, and the Natural Sciences.

Jonathan Roessler. The 'Reconciliation with Nature' in early Critical Theory (and what it could mean today).

Alexis Gros. The Struggle for Resonance: On the Motivational Sources of Environmental Conflicts.

Chair: **Ondřej Lánský.**

Room C: *AI and Agency*

Mark Gorthey. Artificial (Super) Intelligence and Revisiting the Ethical Self-Understanding of the Human Species.

David Martínez. Towards a digital lifeworld? New threats to democracy and the public sphere.

Chair: **Eduardo Mendieta**

Lunch Break (120 min.)

15.00 - 16.30

Room A: *The Politics of/and Identity*

Noëlle McAfee. The Deject Structure of Authoritarianism.

Wouter Wiersma. Evaluating Jaeggi's concept of alienation.

Milena Iakimova. The Rise of Resentment and the Victimization of Identities.

Dana Villa. Arendt's Critique of Jaspers: The Political Inadequacy of "Boundless Communication" and "World Citizenship"

Chair: **Maeve Cooke**

Room B: *Ecological Futures*

Felipe Torres. Space-Time Studies as Critical Theory.

Luigi Pellizzoni. Will the future ever begin? On the timescape of the Anthropocene.

Humberto Beck. Opening up the Future: The Temporal Horizons of Social Protest.

Chair: **María Pía Lara**

Room C: *21st Century Threats to Democracy*

Marjan Ivković. Social Domination and Emerging Political Communities.

Krassimir Stojanov and Asya Markova. Ressentiment as Driving Force of (anti-liberal) Political Resistance. A Conceptual Analysis.

Chair: **Alessandro Ferrara**

Plenary: Susan Buck-Morss. *Ecological Futures: The pre-planetary*

16.45 - 18.00

Chair: **Ondřej Lánský**

Thursday, May 9th, 2024.

Plenary: **Rahel Jaeggi.** *To be announced*
9.30 - 10.45

Chair: **María Pía Lara**

Plenary: **On Lois McNay's *The Gender of Critical Theory*** (Oxford University Press, 2022)
Participants: *Maeve Cooke, Sarah Bufkin, and María Pía Lara, with a reply from Lois McNay, the author.*
11.00 12.30

Chair: **Martin Saar**

12.45 -14.15

Room A: *21st Century Threats to Democracy*
Pablo Gilabert. The Goods of Work and the Paternalism Objection.
Michael Hauser. Transformation(s) of liberal democracy.
Kenneth Baynes. Liberal egalitarianism and access to productive resources.
Daniel Blanch. Disillusion and resilience in democracy today: citizens' sorrows and successes in the public sphere.
Chair: **Simone Chambers**

Room B: *Ecological Futures*
Johan van der Walt. The Fragility of Liberal Democracy Faced with Fascism and Climate Politics.
Hannes Kuch. Ecological System Change and Non-reformist Reforms.
Chair: **Maeve Cooke**

Room C: *The Politics of/and Identity*
Leonhard Riep. The politics of experience after Foucault.
Inara Luisa Marin. What's Critical about Death Drive?
Arianne Conty. Geophilosophy: Philosophical Anthropology and the Ontological Turn.
Benjamin J. Brisson. Common Ground: The Austrian and Frankfurt Schools and their Fight for Freedom from Fascism.
Chair: **Martin Saar**

Lunch Break (120 min.)

16.15 - 17.45

Room A: *21st Century Threats to Democracy*
Valerio Fabbrizi. Democracy Under the Threat of Populism and the Illiberal way to Constitutionalism.
Albena Azmanova. Why is the Left Failing to Harness the Wrath of the Masses?
Chair: **Alessandro Ferrara**

Room B: **Panel: Challenging Colonial Figurations: A Critique of Dark Metaphors**
Stephanie Graf. Black Magic: Notes on cultural whitening and its inversions.
Laurin Mackowitz. Dark Futures: Afro-pessimism and Postcolonial Dystopian Thought.
Andreas Oberprantacher. Crossing the Black Mediterranean.
Florian Pistor. Blending In, Standing Out: Notes on Racecraft and Metaphor.
Chair: **María Pía Lara**

Room C: *The Politics of/and Identity*
Eva Erman. The Importance and Limitation of Epistemic Norms in Political Theory.
Ingrid Salvatore. Injustice and Oppression. Considerations on Power and Social Systems.
Chair: **Harmut Rosa**

Friday, May 10th, 2024.

Plenary: **Simone Chambers.** *Democratic Theory for the 21st Century*
9.30 - 10.45

Chair: **Alessandro Ferrara**

Plenary: **Bernard E. Harcourt.** *Cooperation: An immersive philosophical praxis for our times*
11.00 - 12.15

Chair: **Maeve Cooke**

12.30 - 14.00

Room A: **Panel: Freedom, politics and nature**
Harmut Rosa. Resonance and nature.
Arne Johan Vetlesen. On a possible connection between Kant's ideas of human supremacy and the decimation of wildlife.
Gesche Keding. Normativity and nature.
Chair: **Martin Saar**

Room B: *Activism, Protest, and Dissent*
Matteo Bianchin. How things wrong: on ideological habits and material oppression.
Jeta Mulaj. The Politics of Disruption: Adorno and Benjamin on Emancipatory Praxis.
Frederic Vandenberghe. Conjunctural Marxism: A Constellational Analysis of the Accumulation of Crises.
Mauricio Maluff Masi. Retrospective Democratic Justification.
Chair: **Ondřej Lánský**

Room C: *Ecological Futures*
Dirk Jörke and Luca Hemmerich. Ecological Utopianism and Human Nature.
Italo Testa. Towards Third Nature.
Philipp Wagenhals. Ecological and Democratic futures: Renewing Frankfurt School Critical Theory.
Chair: **Hugh Miller**

Lunch Break (120 min.)

16.00-17.30

Room A: *21st Century Threats to Democracy*
Peter J. Verovšek. Habermas's Institutional Critical Theory: Charting the Frankfurt School's Shift from Social to Political Categories.
Darrow Schecter. How and why might Critical Theorists distinguish between Functional and Dysfunctional Differentiation?
Christian F. Rostbøll. Judging Others: Creating and Countering Social Hierarchy.
Thomas P. Crocker. The Paradox of Political Polarization and Constitutional Disagreement.
Chair: **Simone Chambers**

Room B: *Activism, Protest, and Dissent*
Kelly Agra. Ecological (mis)education.
Darlene Demandante. For the future of work: Notes on the dynamics of Resilience, Work, and Justice from a Filipino Worldview.
Andrew Poe. Undercommon Affect: Beginning Abolitionist Justice.
Dominik Herold. (Black) Rage as a Prototypical Affect for Radical Democracy.
Chair: **Maeve Cooke**

Room C: *AI and Agency*
Sarah Bianchi. AI, Political Agency and Reflexive Digital Enlightenment.
Jörn Lamla. Artificial Intelligence as a Hybrid Life Form. On the Critique of Cybernetic Expansion.
Gabriele Giacomini and Silvia Capodivacca. Deciphering Digital Power: Insights from Foucault.
Øjvind Larsen. Artificial Intelligence & Autopoietic Algorithmic Echo Chambers & Fake News: A social systemic destruction of Habermas' concept of deliberative democracy?
Chair: **Eduardo Mendieta**

Plenary: **On Alessandro Ferrara's *Sovereignty Across Generations*** (Oxford University Press, 2023)
Participants: *Frank Michelman, David Rasmussen, and Steven Winter, with a reply from Alessandro Ferrara, the author.*

17.45 – 19.15

Chair: **Albena Azmanova**

Saturday, May 11th, 2024.

Plenary: **Ian Shapiro**. *Renovating the Enlightenment*

9.30 - 10.45

Chair: **Simone Chambers**

Plenary: **Vera King**. *Socioanalysis and Critical Theory. "Psychoanalysis of the Social" with Bourdieu and the Frankfurt School.*

11.00- 12.15

Chair: **Harmut Rosa**

12.30 - 14.00

Room A: *21st Century Threats to Democracy*
David Ingram. Marcuse on Repressive Toleration as a Threat to Democracy.
Timo Jütten. Adorno on Competition.
Jeff Flynn. Juliette, or Enlightenment and Humanitarianism: Horkheimer and Adorno on Compassion, Suffering, and Morality.

Chair: **Simone Chambers**

Room B: *Activism, Protest, and Dissent*
Titus Stahl. Protest, Hope, and Anger.
Jack Wearing. Reframing War and Politicizing Grief: Judith Butler on Grievability.
Guilel Treiber. Resistance beyond Good and Evil.

Chair: **Maeve Cooke**

Room C: *Ecological Futures*
Roderick Condon. Ecological Communication and Ecological Futures.
Gabriele de Angelis. Climate Change Refugees and the Future of Human Mobility.
Dimitar Vatsov. The Banality of Evil Revisited in Green (Ecological) Light.

Chair: **Eduardo Mendieta**

Lunch Break (120 min.)

16.00 - 17.30

Room A: *AI and Agency*
Roberta Sala. Unreasonableness and political agency in the digital age.
Eduardo Mendieta. Algorithmic Sovereignty: AI and Legitimacy.
Patrick O'Mahony. Critical Theory and Artificial Intelligence.
John McGuire. Unknotting the Anthropocene through Philosophical 'Braiding'.

Chair: **Hugh Miller**

Room B: *21st Century Threats to Democracy*
Benjamin A. Schupmann. Theorizing Civil War: Thucydides, Hobbes, Schmitt.
Hanes Kaufman. Border Struggles – from within.
Lubomir Dunaj. Tribunals, Trials, and Windows: De-Orwellizing Western Perspectives on China.

Chair: **Ondřej Lánský**

Room C: *Activism, Protest, and Dissent*
Julia Costet. Embodied Vulnerability: Paving an Alternative to Gender Essentialism in Theories of Rape.
Federica Gregoratto. On Sex, Consent and Dissent After #MeToo.

Chair: **María Pía Lara**

17.45 – 19.15

Room A: *Activism, Protest, and Dissent*
Ranier Abengana. Anti-work imaginaries and the demand for radical social change.
Giovanna Luciano. Enacting Transgression: Critical Education in the Prospects of a Humanism as Struggle.
Rebecca van der Post. Activism, Art and the Dark Deep Dream.
Marina Calloni. Social media, new social imaginaries and challenges to democracy.

Chair: **Harmut Rosa**

Room B: *1st Century Threats to Democracy*
Regina Kreide. Who owns the city? Toward a notion of collective property.
Gianfranco Casuso. Dispossession and Self-Appropriation, or the Critique of Property from a Colonial Experience: The Case of the Extractive Industry in Latin America.
Ondřej Lánský. Inequality, Oligarchy, and Possibilities for Democratic Resilience.
Matthias Fritsch. Capitalism and Intergenerational Injustice.

Chair: **Martin Saar**

Room C: *The Politics of/and Identity*
Onni Hirvonen. Work, economic injustice, and identity politics.
Volker Kaul. The Problem of Intersubjectivity in Hegel's *Phenomenology*.
Simon Susen. The Interpretation of Cultures: Geertz Is Still in Town.

Chair: **Ondřej Lánský**

Group diner at 20. 20 hrs.

Sunday, May 12th, 2024.

Plenary: **Nelson Maldonado-Torres**. *The Combative Decoloniality of the Colectiva Feminista en Construcción in Theory and Praxis*

9.30- 10.45

Chair: **Eduardo Mendieta**

11.00 - 12.30

Room A: *2 1st Century Threats to Democracy*
Rosa Marie Keller. The 'resonance paradox' and the role of Cognitive Polyphasia in 21st Century Democratic Resilience.
Alice Koubová. Human Subjectivity in the Theories of Resilience.
Asger Sørensen. Resonance is the problem, not the solution.
Claudio Taubert. Education for a self-reflective approach to one's own world view and world relationship as a remedy against social discourse disruptions.

Chair: **Simone Chambers**

Room B: **Workshop: Carbon Budget Between Normativity and Social Critique**
Alberto Pirni (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies).
Petra Gümplová (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)
Nunzio Ali (University of Catania).
Tatiana Llaguno (University of Groningen).
Diana Piroli (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies).

Chair: **Martin Saar**

Room C: *Ecological Futures*
Bernardo Bárzana. The Limits of Natural Limits: On the Normative Foundation of the Metabolic Rift.
Haziran Zeller. The Promethean Guilt Complex. Peter Sloterdijk and Theodor W. Adorno facing Ecological Crisis.
Petr Urban and Dan Swain. Socio-political Akrasia of Governments in the Times of Climate Crisis.

Chair: **Harmut Rosa**

12.45 - 14.15

Room A: *AI and Agency*
Fionn McGrath. AI and Agency.
Nikolai Janssen. Promising happiness and undermining agency: How AI-enhanced digital technology succeeds in creating addictive patterns in capitalistic societal formations.
Peter Schulz. AI - the automation of mental labor.
Kiran Banerjee. Hannah Arendt and the rise of 'Automated' Judgement in the Digital Age.

Chair: **Eduardo Mendieta**

Room B: *Ecological Futures*
Thomas Claviez. The Moral Dimension of Agency and its Limits for Environmental Ethics.
Killian Favier. The Ecological Ambivalence of Materialism.
Carmen Lea Dege. Towards an Aesthetic Politics of (Re-) Attunement: Kantian Practices of Unknowing at the End of the World.

Chair: **Hugh Miller**