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The Southern Symposium for Political Thought Political Thought in a Time of Crisis Tentative Program

The University of Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee
March 1-2, 2025

Schedule Overview

Saturday, March 1

9:00 - 10:40 | Panel 1 | Radicalism and Responsibility

10:40 - 11:00 | Coffee and Tea Break

11:00 - 12:40 | Panel 2 | American Racial Reckonings

12:45 - 2:00 | Lunch

2:00 - 3:40 | Panel 3 | The End(s) of History

3:40 - 4:00 | Coffee and Tea Break

4:00 - 5:40 | Panel 4 | The International Twentieth Century

6:30 | Dinner

Sunday, March 2

9:00 - 10:40 | Panel 5 | Feminist Theorizing

10:40 - 11:00 | Coffee and Tea Break

11:00 - 12:40 | Panel 6 | Global Race Politics

12:45 - 2:00 | Lunch and Business Meeting

2:00 - 3:40 | Panel 7 | Models of Resistance

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Detailed Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 - 10:40 | Panel 1 | Radicalism and Responsibility

Chair and discussant: Alicia Steinmetz (Florida International University | asteinme@fiu.edu)

- Gregory E. Doukas (Babson College | gregorydoukas@gmail.com), “Beyond Our Own Antiquity: A Crisis of Political Responsibility”
- Brian Kwoba (University of Memphis | bwkwoba@memphis.edu), “Hubert Harrison: Forbidden Genius of Black Radicalism”
- Manu Samnotra (University of South Florida | msamnotra@usf.edu), “Gandhi’s *Seva*: Service *contra* Technological Dignity”
- Alejandro Toledo (University of Memphis | atoledo@memphis.edu), “Horrorism”

10:40 - 11:00 | Coffee and Tea Break

11:00 - 12:40 | Panel 2 | American Racial Reckonings

Chair and discussant: Heather Pincock (Kennesaw State University | hpincock@kennesaw.edu)

- Derefe Kimarley Chevannes (University of Memphis | dkchvnns@memphis.edu), “Ethnocratic Emancipation and the Myth of Black Citizenship”
- Jane Gordon (University of Connecticut | jane.gordon@uconn.edu), “Stateless Ida: Exploring Wells’ Praxis of Exile”
- Desiree Melonas (UC Riverside | dmelonas@ucr.edu), “Political Perambulations of Rupture and Mending: A Critical Meditation on Africatown’s Lantern Walk Tradition”

12:45 - 2:00 | Lunch

2:00 - 3:40 | Panel 3 | The End(s) of History

Chair and discussant: Patrick Giamario (University of North Carolina Greensboro | ptgiamar@uncg.edu)

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- James Chamberlain (Mississippi State University | jac1287@msstate.edu), “From Each According to Their Ability, to Each According to their Need”
- David Coombs (Clemson University | dcoombs@clemson.edu), “Crisis and the Historical Novel: George Eliot’s *Romola*”
- Benjamin Curtis (Rhodes College | curtisb@rhodes.edu), “Towards a Critique of/at the End of History”

3:40 - 4:00 | Coffee and Tea Break

4:00 - 5:40 | Panel 4 | The International Twentieth Century

Chair and discussant: James Chamberlain (Mississippi State University | jac1287@msstate.edu)

- Yaowen Dong (University of Memphis | ydong1@memphis.edu), “Confronting the Restoration: The Revival of Legalist Political Philosophies in Socialist China, 1973-1976”
- Naveed Mansoori (University of Arkansas | mansoori@uark.edu), “The Mythos of the Earth: Virtual Utopias, Suspended Realisms, and Visions of the Third World”
- Andrei Znamenski (University of Memphis | znmenski@memphis.edu), “Eastern Europe Iconoclasm: Soviet Legacy and Policy Solutions, 1990s-2020s”

6:30 | Dinner

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 - 10:40 | Panel 5 | Feminist Theorizing

Chair and discussant: Jane Gordon (The University of Connecticut | jane.gordon@uconn.edu)

- Patrick Giamario (University of North Carolina Greensboro | ptgiamar@uncg.edu), “The Earth as Mother: Plato’s Noble Lie and the Gender(ed) Politics of De-naturalization”
- Hadleigh Richardson (independent scholar | herichardson1149@gmail.com), “Queering Lesbian Identity: The Limits of ‘Woman’”

- Stacy Clifford Simplican (Vanderbilt University | stacy.c.simplican@vanderbilt.edu), “Feminist Disability Theory: 10 Reasons to Reject the 10 Principles of Disability Justice”
- Sharon Stanley (University of Memphis | sstanly@memphis.edu), “Rethinking Reproductive Justice After the Fall of Roe”

10:40 - 11:00 | Coffee and Tea Break

11:00 - 12:40 | Panel 6 | Global Race Politics

Chair and discussant: Benjamin Curtis (Rhodes College | curtisb@rhodes.edu)

- Benjamin Davis (Texas A&M University | benjaminpdavis22@gmail.com), “Stuart Hall’s Pessimism: On Hall’s Reading of Gramsci and Race”
- Brooks Kirchgassner (DePauw University | brooksk33@gmail.com), “Race Is a Verb: Reading the ‘Miner’s Canary’ through Steve Biko”
- Sarah Lee (University of Memphis | slee32@memphis.edu), “The Racialized Sexualization of Asian American Women: The Legacy of the Page Act and *Chy Lung v. Freeman*”
- Stephen Ogunskin (University of Memphis | ssgnskin@memphis.edu), “Complicit Citizenship, Postcolonial Blackness, and Normative Alternatives”

12:45 - 2:00 | Lunch and Business Meeting

2:00 - 3:40 | Panel 7 | Models of Resistance

Chair and discussant: Brooks Kirchgassner (DePauw University | brooksk33@gmail.com)

- Briana McGinnis (College of Charleston | mcginnisbl@cofc.edu), “Anarchist Calisthenics as Endurance Training”
- Heather Pincock (Kennesaw State University | hpincock@kennesaw.edu), “When Are Boycotts Good for Democracy?”
- Alicia Steinmetz (Florida International University | asteinme@fiu.edu) and Matt Shafer (Florida International University | mshafter@fiu.edu), “The Crisis of Consumption: On Advertising as a Political Form”
- Douglas Van Steel (UC Berkeley | douglasvan@berkeley.edu), “Sentimentalist Representation as Resemblance during the American Founding”

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