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***Kapital Ideas: analysis, critique, praxis.***

***Kapital Ideas*** are theories and analyses that help point us toward a better world through critique of the unequal, violent and exploitative one we now inhabit. They take inspiration from the author of *Das Kapital*, though they range widely over many issues which include ecology and political economy, gender and sexuality, colonization and imperialism, communication and popular struggles, but also movements and parties, hegemony and counter hegemony, governance and globalization and, of course, class struggle and transformation. ***Kapital Ideas*** are interventions that contribute to what Marx, in 1843, called the ‘self-clarification of the struggles and wishes of the age.’ In an era of deepening crisis and proliferating struggles, of grave threats and new possibilities, the need for these ideas, and for the praxis they can inform, could not be more acute.

**Conference Highlights**

**Keynote Address:** *Marx’s Critique of ideology: its uses and abuses*

**Keynote Speaker: Himani Bannerji,**

**York University**

Wednesday, 3 June 2015 @ 16:30-18:00

Montpetit Hall 203

Chair: Matthew Brett

SSS Book Prize

Wednesday, 3 June 2015 @ 18:10-19:10

Venue TBA

The Rik Davidson/Studies in Political Economy 2014 Book Prize Lecture

Leo Panitch and Sam Gindin, York University

*The Unmaking of Global Capitalism?*

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 @ 17:30-19:00

Montpetit Hall 201

Chair: TBA

**Registration**

**TBA**

**Tuesday, 2 June @ 8:30-10:00 a.m.**

**Note: our first sessions begin at 9:00, so register early, or during lunch break.**

Tuesday 6/2/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4120

***A1: Strategies against Collective Amnesia of Iconic Genocidal Events***

**Chair and Organizer: Sima Arahamian**, Research Associate, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University [simaaprahamian@yahoo.ca](mailto:simaaprahamian@yahoo.ca)

In the face of present-day extreme violence and murder past genocides and atrocities recede into the background. This panel will address strategies that aid in maintaining or regenerating collective memory of a genocidal history. We will explore existing memorialisation or resistance to it, as well raise questions as to how best to pass on memory, how to use language and images conducive to re/kindle interest in its preservation. Through feminist and socialist reflections, we will present case studies that exemplify meaningful ways to focus on the original victims and their lost lives.

**Sima Arahamian**, Research Associate, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University, [simaaprahamian@yahoo.ca](mailto:simaaprahamian@yahoo.ca)

*“Oral history as resistance against forgetting: The Armenian Genocide, Turkish denial, A Centennial project”*

**Karin Doerr**, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University

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*“Reconsidering Paul Celan’s Holocaust Poetry for Today’s Germany”*

**Indira Natasha Prahst**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Langara College, Vancouver, [indira\\_prahst@yahoo.com](mailto:indira_prahst@yahoo.com)

*“Resistance against a politics of disappearance: Survivors of the 1984 Sikh Genocide recount the irreducible”*

**Levon Chorbajian**, University of Massachusetts Lowell, [Lchor@comcast.net](mailto:Lchor@comcast.net)

*“The Lie and What to Do about It: Turkish Denial of the Armenian Genocide from 1915 to the Present”*

**Anoush Ter Taulian**, Artsakh War Veteran, [anoush49@hotmail.com](mailto:anoush49@hotmail.com)

*“Uncovering the Memory of the 1915 Armenian Genocide”*

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4130

***A2: Taking Stock of the Corporatization of Canada's Universities***

*Financial support for this session was provided by the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences*

**Chair and Organizers: Claire Polster**, University of Regina [claire.polster@uregina.ca](mailto:claire.polster@uregina.ca)

**Janice Newson**, York University [jnewson@eagle.ca](mailto:jnewson@eagle.ca)

The corporatization of Canada's universities has been ongoing for at least 35 years. This session aims to take stock of the corporatization process and to consider and debate where we may go from here. We will explore the new shape of longstanding issues, the current shape of more recent issues, or newly emerging issues within our corporate universities.

**Jocelyn Piercy**, OISE University of Toronto, [jpiercy@sympatico.ca](mailto:jpiercy@sympatico.ca)  
*"Financialized College Imaginaries"*

**Amanda Mary Williams**, [awilliams2@mtroyal.ca](mailto:awilliams2@mtroyal.ca)

**Delia D Dumitrica Mail**, [dumitrica@slu.edu](mailto:dumitrica@slu.edu)

*MOOCs in Canada: An empirical exploration of their capacity to challenge, reincorporate and accelerate the commodification of post-secondary education*

**Claire Polster**, University of Regina [claire.polster@uregina.ca](mailto:claire.polster@uregina.ca)

*"Shooting Ourselves in the Foot: A critique of academics' responses to growing insecurity in Western higher education"*

**Eric Newstadt**, Acadia University [eric.newstadt@gmail.com](mailto:eric.newstadt@gmail.com)

*"From the Corporate Lab to Program Prioritization (and back again): The Long History of New Managerialism"*

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4140

*A3: The Nature of Capital: Capital's Engagement with Ecological Crises*

**Chair and Organizer: Mark Hudson**, University of Manitoba

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Only a few years ago, capital's response to environmental harm was primarily one of denial or minimization. We now see increasingly public acknowledgement of these issues by capitalists and political elites. This is combined with efforts to interpret ecological degradation, rendering it legible and actionable to capital. Outcomes might include maps of hazard and values, risk factors, rankings, new markets, or new commodities. This has not been a smooth process. This session seeks to explore the contradictions, outcomes, presuppositions, requirements, and terms of "success" of capital's engagement with ecological crisis.

**Scott Prudham**, University of Toronto [scott.prudham@utoronto.ca](mailto:scott.prudham@utoronto.ca)

**Mike Ekers**, University of Toronto - Scarborough, [mekers@utsc.utoronto.ca](mailto:mekers@utsc.utoronto.ca)

*"Metabolism and the Spatial Fix: Toward a Notion of the Socio-Ecological Fix"*

**Mark Hudson**, University of Manitoba [mark.hudson@umanitoba.ca](mailto:mark.hudson@umanitoba.ca)

"Counting Carbon: Misadventures in making climate change "visible" in finance and insurance"

**James McCarthy**, Clark University [JaMcCarthy@clarku.edu](mailto:JaMcCarthy@clarku.edu)

“A Socioecological Fix to Capitalist Crisis and Climate Change? The Possibilities and Limits of Renewable Energy”

**Kieran James McDougal**, University of Waterloo [kieranmcdougal@gmail.com](mailto:kieranmcdougal@gmail.com)

“Making WAVES: The Wealth Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services Global Partnership and the Commodification of Ecological Functioning”

**Jessica Dempsey**, University of Victoria [jdempsey@uvic.ca](mailto:jdempsey@uvic.ca)

**Daniel Suarez**, University of California, Berkeley [dsuarez@berkeley.edu](mailto:dsuarez@berkeley.edu)

“Illiquid natures: the character of international 'for profit' biodiversity conservation”

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4170

*A4: Roundtable: Critical Problems in Contemporary Global Politics*

**Convenor: Randall Germain**, Carleton University [randall.germain@carleton.ca](mailto:randall.germain@carleton.ca)

The contemporary era is marked by a shifting international political balance of power and economic transformation on a global scale. New patterns of economic activity emerging from the Global South are challenging the norms, institutions and practices of the global political economy. Issues ranging from financial regulation to climate change to corporate organization to the place and role of borders are being recast in this new political and economic environment. This roundtable considers these changes and the challenges they present to a world order in transition.

**Speakers:**

**Randall Germain**, Carleton University [randall.germain@carleton.ca](mailto:randall.germain@carleton.ca)

**William Walters**, Carleton University [william.walters@carleton.ca](mailto:william.walters@carleton.ca)

**Matthew Paterson**, University of Ottawa [matthew.paterson@uottawa.ca](mailto:matthew.paterson@uottawa.ca)

**David Black**, Dalhousie University [david.black@dal.ca](mailto:david.black@dal.ca)

**Isabella Bakker**, York University [ichbakker@yorku.ca](mailto:ichbakker@yorku.ca)

**Radhika Desai**, University of Manitoba [Radhika.Desai@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Radhika.Desai@umanitoba.ca)

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 10:45-12:15

Venue: Desmarais 4120

*A5: Organizing Dissent Redux, part 1: The changing landscape of dissent*

**Chair and Organizer: William Carroll**, University of Victoria [wcarroll@uvic.ca](mailto:wcarroll@uvic.ca)

Papers in this three-part symposium take up critical perspectives on social movements as change agents, proceeding from a reading of contemporary Canada

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as a social formation marked by deeply seated contradictions, both social and ecological. Our Canadian frame of reference is alert to broader regional and global contexts. Analyses range from discussion of key conceptual issues to theoretically informed case studies. A defining feature of the symposium is its emphasis on the ways in which contemporary movements contest dominant political-economic and cultural-psychological formations, as agencies of counter-hegemony.

**Gary Kinsman**, Laurentian University [gkinsman@laurentian.ca](mailto:gkinsman@laurentian.ca)

“From Resisting Police Raids to Charter Rights: Queer Organizing in the 1980s”

**Lesley Wood**, York University [ljwood@yorku.ca](mailto:ljwood@yorku.ca)

“Consent to Coercion: the Criminalization of Dissent and the Militarization of Policing”

**Barry Adam**, University of Windsor [adam@uwindsor.ca](mailto:adam@uwindsor.ca)

“Political Economy and Culture in New Social Movement Theory”

**Alan David Sears**, Ryerson University [asears@ryerson.ca](mailto:asears@ryerson.ca)

**Xavier Lafrance**, UQAM [lafrance.xavier@uqam.ca](mailto:lafrance.xavier@uqam.ca)

“Infrastructure of Dissent in Student Mobilization”

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Venue: Desmarais 4130

*A6: ‘Battling Bureaucracy’: Class Struggles in the Neoliberal University*

**Chairs and Organizers: Herbert Pimlott**, Wilfrid Laurier University [hpimlott@wlu.ca](mailto:hpimlott@wlu.ca)

**Garry Potter**, Wilfrid Laurier University [gpotter@wlu.ca](mailto:gpotter@wlu.ca)

The neoliberal assault on the postsecondary sector has seen a rising tide of petitions and protests at programme cuts, bureaucratic diktat and the exploitation of precarious academic labour at universities across Canada (and beyond). Different strategies have been employed in attempting to push back against the attack on the public university by senior administrations and governments and their faculty allies.

**Gregory Cameron**, Wilfrid Laurier University [grcameron@wlu.ca](mailto:grcameron@wlu.ca)

"Between Representations: Identity Crisis and the Bureaucratization of the University"

**Jamie Magnusson**, OISE University of Toronto [jamielynn.magnusson@utoronto.ca](mailto:jamielynn.magnusson@utoronto.ca)

“Community Driven Postsecondary Education and the Dialectics of Local/International”

**Garry Potter**, Wilfrid Laurier University [garrypotter34@aol.com](mailto:garrypotter34@aol.com)

“Resistance to the Walmartization of Universities: the example of Wilfrid Laurier and the IPRM”

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**Herbert Pimlott**, Wilfrid Laurier University [hpimlott@wlu.ca](mailto:hpimlott@wlu.ca)  
“A Class For and Against Itself? Strategy and Tactics of the ‘Precarious Professoriate’ In and Against the University”

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Venue: Desmarais 4140

***A7: Joint Session - Feminist Intersectionality: conceptual and theoretical challenges***

JOINT SESSION with Canadian Association for Social Work Education, Canadian Committee on Women’s History, Canadian Political Science Association, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, Canadian Sociological Association and Women’s and Gender Studies Recherches Féministes

**Chair and Organizer: Ann Denis**, Université d’Ottawa/ University of Ottawa  
[adenis@uottawa.ca](mailto:adenis@uottawa.ca)

**Leslie J. Nichols**, Ryerson University, [lesliejane.nichols@ryerson.ca](mailto:lesliejane.nichols@ryerson.ca)

“Should We Create a Comprehensive Methodology for Conducting Intersectionality Research?”

**Sobia Shaheen Shaikh**, Memorial University [sobia\\_shaikh@hotmail.com](mailto:sobia_shaikh@hotmail.com)

“Navigating ontological tensions: Institutional ethnography and intersectionality”

**Marilyn Porter**, Memorial University [mporter2008@gmail.com](mailto:mporter2008@gmail.com)

“Overcoming the Great Divide: Feminism and Fisheries Research”

**Julie Poon**, Guelph University

“Women’s Victimization and Offending in Feminist Criminology: From Criticisms, to Contributions, to Current Challenges”

Tuesday 6/2/2015 10:45-12:15

Venue: Desmarais 4170

***A8: Memory, Forgetting and Neoliberalism in Asia: Histories of Repression: 1970-1990***

**Chair and Organizer: Judy Whitehead**, [judy.whitehead@gmail.com](mailto:judy.whitehead@gmail.com)

Contemporary imperialist interventions in West, South and Southeast Asia hinge on the doubled construction of religious fundamentalism and fanaticism, notwithstanding general awareness among socialists that imperialism had a role in creating many of these ‘fundamentalist’ forces. However, what is often forgotten is that the emergence of religiously conservative forces and identities was linked to the active destruction/repression of left, secular, feminist, and progressive organizations throughout the region. Hence, the historical links between neoliberalism and fundamentalism and the renewed colonial dichotomies between

civilization/barbarism in the west have not been widely understood or appreciated. This panel seeks to excavate this relatively recent history of repression, and to appreciate its centrality to the global reconstitution of finance capital and the global reorganization of labour in the 1980s and 1990s. It aims to recuperate not only the histories of communist and socialist parties in Asia, but also the subjectivities, identities, intellectuals, literature, and key events in the counter-revolutionary politics of this period.

**Jean Chapman**, Concordia University, [chapman@wilkinson.ca](mailto:chapman@wilkinson.ca)  
“Neoliberal backlash against feminism: the emergence of Indian men’s rights groups”

**Gökbörü Sarp Tanyikdz**, York University [gokboru@yorku.ca](mailto:gokboru@yorku.ca)  
“Our Boys Did It: The 1980 Coup in Turkey”

**Judith Whitehead**, University of Lethbridge, [judy.whitehead001@gmail.com](mailto:judy.whitehead001@gmail.com)  
“Flexible Labour and Flexible Housing: The Rescaling of Mumbai into a Global Financial Centre”

**Saadia Toor**, City University of New York, [saadia.toor@csi.cuny.edu](mailto:saadia.toor@csi.cuny.edu)  
“The Cultural Cold War in Pakistan”

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Venue: Desmarais 4120

*A9: Organizing Dissent Redux, part 2: critical perspectives on contemporary practices*

**Chair and Organizer: William Carroll**, [wcarroll@uvic.ca](mailto:wcarroll@uvic.ca)

See abstract for Part 1.

**Sam Gindin**, York University [sam.gindin@gmail.com](mailto:sam.gindin@gmail.com)  
“Globalization and Internationalism”

**Jacinte Michaud**, York University (Glendon) [jmichaud@yorku.ca](mailto:jmichaud@yorku.ca)  
“Synergy between Feminism and the Left: Two Moments in the Genealogy of Feminism as a Political Movement”

**Stephen D'Arcy**, Huron University College [sdary@huron.uwo.ca](mailto:sdary@huron.uwo.ca)  
“The Political Vocabulary of the Post-New Left: How Activists Articulate their Politics, and Why it Matters”

**Jordan House**, York University [housej@yorku.ca](mailto:housej@yorku.ca)  
**Matthew Corbeil**, York University [mcorb056@yorku.ca](mailto:mcorb056@yorku.ca)

“Does Direct Action Get the Goods?: A Study of the Possibilities and Limits of 'Solidarity Networks'”

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 13:45-15:15

Venue: Desmarais 4130

*A10: Critical studies in post-secondary education*

**Chair:** Jerrold Kachur, University of Alberta [jkachur@ualberta.ca](mailto:jkachur@ualberta.ca)

**Organizer:** Programme Committee

**Helen Ramirez**, Wilfrid Laurier University [helen.ramirez@me.com](mailto:helen.ramirez@me.com)

“The Selling of Rape Culture on a University Campus”

**Jerrold Kachur**, University of Alberta [jkachur@ualberta.ca](mailto:jkachur@ualberta.ca)

"Sweet, Sexy, Dirty Money in Alberta: Financialization and the New Political Governance of Neocapitalist Higher Education"

**Eliana Moraes de Almeida Alencar**, Secretaria de Estado de Ciência e Tecnologia - SECITEC-MT [elianaalencar@uol.com.br](mailto:elianaalencar@uol.com.br)

“Professor's work in the Vocational and Technical Education in Brazil: two perspectives”

**Sobia Shaheen Shaikh**, Memorial University [sobia\\_shaikh@hotmail.com](mailto:sobia_shaikh@hotmail.com)

**Nigel Moses**, Independent Scholar [nigelroy99@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelroy99@hotmail.com)

“Antiracism in Canadian student organizations (1981-1995): A preliminary review”

**Robert McGray**, Brock University [rmcgray@brocku.ca](mailto:rmcgray@brocku.ca)

“Austerity-Privacy and Higher Education”

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 13:45-15:15

Venue: Desmarais 4140

*A11: Transforming Classes, Transforming States*

**Chair and Organizer: Greg Albo**, York University, [albo@yorku.ca](mailto:albo@yorku.ca)

In the face of a rapidly emerging neoliberal order, Ralph Miliband wrote: 'Socialist work means intervention in all the many different areas of life in which class struggle occurs: for class struggle must be taken to mean not only the permanent struggle between capital and labour, crucial though that remains, but the struggle against racial and sex discrimination, the struggle against arbitrary state and police power, the struggle against the ideological hegemony of the conservative forces, and the struggle for new and radically different defence and foreign policies.' Today, this means confronting social classes and states remade under the period of neoliberalism. What are the challenges and emergent strategies for transforming social classes and politics?

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**Richard Fidler**, Independent researcher and essayist [rfdler\\_8@sympatico.ca](mailto:rfdler_8@sympatico.ca)  
“Rethinking the Transition”

**Richard Roman**, University of Toronto (emeritus) [droman@rogers.com](mailto:droman@rogers.com)  
“The Mexican Crisis and the Left”

**Paul Christopher Gray**, York University [paul.c.gray@gmail.com](mailto:paul.c.gray@gmail.com)  
“Two Decades After A Different Kind of State: On the Continuing Need for ‘Democratic Administration’”

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 13:45-15:15

Venue: Desmarais 4170

*A12: Nature, Time, and Marx’s “Laws”*

**Chair and Organizer: Rebecca Schein**, Carleton University [rhschein@gmail.com](mailto:rhschein@gmail.com)

Readers of Marx often cite, credulously or critically, the various “laws” that appear in Capital. Marx, of course, offers up the laws of classical political economy for scrutiny or derision, while also presenting his own reading of the laws of capitalist accumulation, its dynamics, and its necessary social effects. Concepts of Time, Nature, and History often underpin the meaning of “law” and “determinism” in these discussions, with real implications for the way such axioms can be deployed for various political and intellectual projects — in Marx’s own work and beyond.

**Rebecca Schein**, Carleton University [rshschein@gmail.com](mailto:rshschein@gmail.com)  
“Time and the Fulcrum of Struggle: Rethinking Decommodification and the Struggle over the Working Day”

**Justin Paulson**, Carleton University [justin.paulson@carleton.ca](mailto:justin.paulson@carleton.ca)  
“The laws and logics of Capital”

**José Julian López**, University of Ottawa [jlopez@uotawa.ca](mailto:jlopez@uotawa.ca)  
“Should Science Studies Study Capital Vol. I?”

**Peter Gose**, Carleton University [peter\\_gose@carleton.ca](mailto:peter_gose@carleton.ca)  
“Praxis versus law in Marx”

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Venue: Desmarais 4120

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*A13: Organizing Dissent Redux, part 3: movement practices in-and-against dominant institutions*

**Chair and Organizer: William Carroll** [wcarroll@uvic.ca](mailto:wcarroll@uvic.ca)

See abstract for part 1.

**Elaine Coburn**, American University of Paris and CADIS-Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales [coburn.elaine@gmail.com](mailto:coburn.elaine@gmail.com)

**Clifford Atleo** [clifford.atleo@yale.edu](mailto:clifford.atleo@yale.edu)

“Not Just Another Social Movement: Indigenous Resistance and Resurgence”

**Dax D'Orazio**, Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University

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“Academic Freedom and Contentious Politics: Israel/Palestine in Canadian Universities”

**James Rowe**, University of Victoria [jkrowe@uvic.ca](mailto:jkrowe@uvic.ca)

**Jessica Dempsey**, University of Victoria [jdempsey@uvic.ca](mailto:jdempsey@uvic.ca)

**Peter Gibbs**, University of Victoria [petergibbs@gmail.com](mailto:petergibbs@gmail.com)

“The Power of the Petro-Divestment Movement (and its Secret)”

**Mark Stoddart**, Memorial University [mstoddart@mun.ca](mailto:mstoddart@mun.ca)

**Jillian Smith**, Memorial University

**David Tindall**, University of British Columbia

"Blame Canada: Environmental Movements, National Media, and Canada's Reputation as a Climate Villain"

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 15:45-17:15

Venue: Desmarais 4130

*A14: Will We Know We're Free? The beginning of a philosophical conversation*

**Chair and Organizer: Sandra Rein**, University of Alberta [srein@ualberta.ca](mailto:srein@ualberta.ca)

This panel is intended to reflect a philosophical conversation about women and freedom drawn primarily from the works of Rosa Luxemburg, Emma Goldman, and Raya Dunayevskaya. The panel draws on the research from a larger project that examines the ontological place of freedom in the thinking of these three important but often overlooked radical women.

**Sandra Rein**, University of Alberta [srein@ualberta.ca](mailto:srein@ualberta.ca)

"Rosa Luxemburg: Feminist Philosopher mediated by Reya Dunayevskaya"

**Stacey Haugen**, University of Alberta

"Emma Goldman: The Personal is very Political but need not be Intimate"

**Janet Wesselius**, University of Alberta  
"It's About Freedom, Stupid: a philosophical negotiation among feminists"

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 15:45-17:15

Venue: Desmarais 4140

***A15: Police, Capital and Pacification – Part 1***

**Chair and Organizer: Aaron James Henry**, Carleton University  
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This panel session welcomes papers that ask how pacification and the history of police science might help us engage in the ‘self-clarification of the struggles and wishes of the age’? Grounded in the politics and analytics of anti-security, this session interrogates the historical and contemporary relations between capitalist exploitation and domination through security, police and pacification. Some themes include but are not limited to: the materiality of policing, pacification, international institutions and ‘state formation’, contemporary iterations of police science, commodification and public-private policing, theorizing the unity of police power and war power in liberal societies.

**Martin Vihrenov Manolov**, Carleton University [martin.manolov@carleton.ca](mailto:martin.manolov@carleton.ca)  
“A field of mines: European Union studies from an Anti-Security perspective”

**Nicholas Lamb**, Carleton University [nicholas.lamb@carleton.ca](mailto:nicholas.lamb@carleton.ca)  
“The Costs of Policing Summit Dissent: A Preliminary Political Economy of the Toronto G20 Pacification Project”

**George S. Rigakos**, Carleton University [george.rigakos@carleton.ca](mailto:george.rigakos@carleton.ca)  
“Urban pacification: The case of the Business Improvement District”

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 15:45-17:15,

Venue: Desmarais 4170

***A16: Rethinking Praxis in (Post-)Marxist Theory***

**Chairs and Organizers: Samuel Clevenger**, University of Maryland,  
[scleveng@umd.edu](mailto:scleveng@umd.edu) **Hector Mackie**, University of Toronto,  
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Developments in (post-)Marxist theory have complicated scholarly conceptualizations class struggle and praxis as central components propelling the revolutionary impulses of the theoretical tradition. One consequence of these advancements brought by, among others, cultural Marxist, feminist, and postmodern theory has been the decentering of class as a category of analysis,

neglecting struggle as the concept intrinsically connecting theory with political engagement and confounding how such theory should be practically applied in activism and social movements. This session aims to examine and illustrate how Marxist conceptions of class, struggle, and praxis have manifest themselves in today's empirically grounded sociocultural theory.

**Samuel Clevenger**, University of Maryland [scleveng@umd.edu](mailto:scleveng@umd.edu)  
"The Theory of the 'Psycho-Drama': Struggle, Praxis, and (post-)Marxism Through the Work of E.P. Thompson"

**Radha D'Souza**, University of Westminster [dsouzar@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:dsouzar@westminster.ac.uk)  
"Right's Talk, Agency and Transformative Actions: Revisiting Marxist Critique of Liberalism"

**Alex Levant**, Wilfrid Laurier University [alevant@yorku.ca](mailto:alevant@yorku.ca)  
"Activity and Revolution: E.V. Ilyenkov and Activity Theory on the Problem on Self-emancipation"  
**Hector Mackie**, University of Toronto [hector.mackie@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:hector.mackie@mail.utoronto.ca)  
"Class struggle and sport"

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 17:30-19:00  
Venue: 201 Montpetit Hall  
*A17: JOINT SESSION, co-sponsored with Canadian Association for the Study of International Development - The Rik Davidson/Studies in Political Economy 2014 Book Prize Lecture*  
**Leo Panitch and Sam Gindin**, York University  
*The Unmaking of Global Capitalism?*

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 17:30-19:00  
Venue: Desmarais 4170  
*A18: Rosa Luxemburg - Personal and Political Aspects of a Revolutionary's Life*  
**Chair and Organizer:** Ingo Schmidt, Athabasca University [ingos@athabascau.ca](mailto:ingos@athabascau.ca)

**Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University [ingos@athabascau.ca](mailto:ingos@athabascau.ca)  
"Rosa Luxemburg's Political Economy in the Light of New Publications"

**Ottokar Luban**, Berlin [oluban@gmx.de](mailto:oluban@gmx.de)  
"The strong and weak private Rosa Luxemburg. Extracts from her prison letters with Comments"

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**Karin Doerr**, Simone de Beauvoir Institute Concordia University  
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“RL and ‘Life’s Little Ornaments:’ Escaping Hostile Times”

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Tuesday 6/2/2015 17:30-19:00

Venue: Desmarais 4130

***A19: Roundtable: In/Against/Beyond the New Austerity***

**Chair and Organizer: Stephen McBride**, McMaster University [mcbride@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mcbride@mcmaster.ca)

New Austerity refers to post-2010 policies targeting public spending and public debt. The public sector has assumed and institutionalized responsibility for a private sector crisis, the ultimate costs being paid by people with no role in creating it. We will discuss:

- lived experience of the new austerity and alternatives;
- the complex politics of austerity including: austerity as a program of traditional
- political parties including social democracy;
- new political movements of the left or of the right; or
- citizen disengagement where passive (if disaffected) consent produces political malaise.

**Speakers**

**Marjorie Griffin Cohen**, Simon Fraser University [mcohen@sfu.ca](mailto:mcohen@sfu.ca)  
“Austerity, Social Reproduction and Economic Crisis”

**Stephen McBride**, McMaster University [mcbride@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mcbride@mcmaster.ca)  
“Constitutionalizing Austerity: Taking the Public out of Policy”

**Caitlin Hewitt-White**, OISE University of Toronto [caitlinhw@gmail.com](mailto:caitlinhw@gmail.com)  
“CasaPound Italia and the anti-austerity politics of the far right”

**Heather Whiteside**, University of British Columbia  
[heather.whiteside@geog.ubc.ca](mailto:heather.whiteside@geog.ubc.ca)  
“Austerity and the Financialization of Urban America”

**Stephanie Baker Collins**, McMaster University [sbcollins@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sbcollins@mcmaster.ca)  
“‘There’s wiggle room in every decision’: finding discretionary room for resisting austerity in Ontario Works”

**Tyler Pollard**, McMaster University  
“Austerity Discourses in Education: The Case of Financial Literacy”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4120

***B1: Long Waves of Marxist Political Economy? part 1***

**Chair and Organizer: Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University [ingos@athabascau.ca](mailto:ingos@athabascau.ca)

Innovations in Marxist Political Economy seem to loosely coincide with the long waves or phases of capital accumulation. This session asks:

- What can we learn from Marxist political economy of the past?
- What came out of the Marx-orthodoxy of the 1970s?
- What lessons does Soviet communism teach us in terms of making a new socialist project?
- What role might a rejuvenated Marxist political economy play for socialist renewal?
- Does capitalism have a future and if so, what might it look like?
- What are the limits to capitalist development and how do they affect socialist politics?

**Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University [ingos@athabascau.ca](mailto:ingos@athabascau.ca)

“Long Waves of Marxist Political Economy?”

**Michael Lebowitz**, Simon Fraser University [mlebowit@sfu.ca](mailto:mlebowit@sfu.ca)

“The Concept of Primitive Socialist Accumulation: Then and Now”

**Mariano Félix**, CIG-IdIHCS/CONICET-UNLP [marianfeliz@gmail.com](mailto:marianfeliz@gmail.com)

“Capitalist intensification in the neodevelopmentalist era: what are the alternatives for popular movements in Argentina?”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4130

***B2: Socialist Studies Journal Session for New Scholars***

**Chair and Organizer: Sandra Rein**, University of Alberta [srein@ualberta.ca](mailto:srein@ualberta.ca)

Although this session is open to everyone, special attention will be paid to assisting new scholars in pursuing scholarly publication in the journal *Socialist Studies*. The session will be led by the current editor, Dr. Sandra Rein and joined by Editorial Board members. Topics will include: assessing the “fit” between your work and the journal mandate; presenting your manuscript; and dealing with peer review and revisions

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4140

***B3: Labour in the New Economy***

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**Chair and Organizer: Gary Teeple**, Simon Fraser University [teeple@sfu.ca](mailto:teeple@sfu.ca)

The overarching theme of this session is the ‘post-industrial’ society or the ‘knowledge’ economy. Key themes: a) Reviews/analyses of the current state of study of the labour process; b) Periodization: the stages of development of the labour process from the Industrial Revolution to today; c) Reassembling nature and the labour process: computerization, biotechnology, nanotechnology, and synthetic materials; d) Changing structure of capital; e) Changing structure of the working class; f) Changes in Management? g) Jobless future? h) The state of the unions and resistance.

**Alvaro Abrahan Graterol**, Popular Power [alvarograterol@gmail.com](mailto:alvarograterol@gmail.com)  
“Management self-sustaining model ‘gradual development for urban communities’”

**Paramjit Singh**, Punjab University, Chandigarh [paramjiteco@yahoo.com](mailto:paramjiteco@yahoo.com)  
“Labour Market in the Age of Technological Revolution: Question of Livelihood in Neoliberal India”

**Adam Hilton**, York University [adhilt@yorku.ca](mailto:adhilt@yorku.ca)  
"Between Labor and Capital: The ‘New Class’ Hypothesis and the Transformation of Postwar American Liberalism"

**Leslie J. Nichols**, Ryerson University [lesliejane.nichols@ryerson.ca](mailto:lesliejane.nichols@ryerson.ca)  
“How Do Women in Toronto and Halifax Navigate Dependency while Unemployed?”

**Efe Peker**, Simon Fraser University [efe\\_peker@sfu.ca](mailto:efe_peker@sfu.ca)  
“Technological Singularity and the Future of Work”

**Gary Teeple**, Simon Fraser University [teeple@sfu.ca](mailto:teeple@sfu.ca)  
“Class Structure and Struggle in the Age of Robots”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4170

**B4: Roundtable: Thomas Picketty's Capital in the Twenty-First Century**

**Convenor: Marjorie Griffin Cohen**, Simon Fraser University, [mcohen@sfu.ca](mailto:mcohen@sfu.ca)

This roundtable will examine the significance of Picketty's work on inequality to understand both his explanation for its rise, and the solutions he sees as possible.

**Speakers**

**Mara Fridell**, University of Manitoba [fridellm@umanitoba.ca](mailto:fridellm@umanitoba.ca)  
“Patrimonial Accumulation within Multiphasic Capital”

**Duncan Cameron** [ncncmrn@gmail.com](mailto:ncncmrn@gmail.com)

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“Picketty’s ‘law of motion of capitalism’ and what he leaves out from the story”

**Ian Angus**, Simon Fraser University [iangus@sfu.ca](mailto:iangus@sfu.ca)

“The role of human capital in Picketty's analysis”

**Elaine Coburn**, American University of Paris and CADIS-Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales [coburn.elaine@gmail.com](mailto:coburn.elaine@gmail.com)

“Capital vs. capital: Comparing Picketty's economics with historical materialist political economy”

**Marjorie Griffin Cohen**, Simon Fraser University [mcohen@sfu.ca](mailto:mcohen@sfu.ca)

“A Critique of Picketty's solutions to inequality”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: FTX - 147A

*B5: Joint session with CSA, hosted by CSA: Political Sociology: International cases and comparisons in political sociology*

**Organizer: Ivanka Knezevic**, University of Toronto Mississauga,

[knezevic@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:knezevic@chass.utoronto.ca)

**Chair: TBA**

**Discussant: TBA**

Political sociology is a vibrant field, covering a wide variety of topics. The session invites empirical papers in sociology that focus on the political realm broadly defined, to include power relations among a wide variety of social actors: governmental and non-governmental institutions, organisations, and individuals. Diverse aspects of citizenship and identity, as they appear in the political process, are also of interest. We welcome research using quantitative, qualitative and historical methods.

**Djordje Stefanovic**, St. Mary’s University [djordje.stefanovic@smu.ca](mailto:djordje.stefanovic@smu.ca)

**Neophytos Loizides**, University of Kent [n.loizides@kent.ac.uk](mailto:n.loizides@kent.ac.uk)

“Way Home in Bosnia: Refugee Returns after the 1993-1995 War”

**Liam Swiss**, Memorial University of Newfoundland [lswiss@mun.ca](mailto:lswiss@mun.ca)

**Miriam Anderson**, Ryerson University [miriam.anderson@ryerson.ca](mailto:miriam.anderson@ryerson.ca)

“The adoption of gender-inclusive peace agreements, 1975-2011”

**Ali Dadgar**, University of Windsor, [dadgar@uwindsor.ca](mailto:dadgar@uwindsor.ca)

**Reza Nakhaie**, University of Windsor, [nakhaie@uwindsor.ca](mailto:nakhaie@uwindsor.ca)

“Educational Background of Members of the Iranian Parliament: Post-Revolutionary Period (1980-2012)”



**Allison Cordoba**, University of Western Ontario [allisson.c.m.bryan@gmail.com](mailto:allisson.c.m.bryan@gmail.com)  
“Mediating Factors Related to Inequality & Armed Conflict”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 10:45-12:15

*B6: Hosted by CASWE - Concepts in Feminist Intersectionality and Empirically Informed Studies*

**Co-Chairs:** Marleny Bonnycastle and Rachael Crowder

**Elise Maiolino**

“I’m not male. Not white. Want to start there?": Olivia Chow and identity mobilization in Toronto’s mayoral election”

**Tracy A. Smith-Carrier**

“Human rights: A valuable platform for critical feminists?”

**Evangelia Tatsoglou**

“Asylum Seekers, International Human Rights and State Practices: Gender, Race and Canadian Jurisprudence”

**Shingirala Mandizadza**

“Intersectionality in rural agricultural economies: the case of Female Household Heads in Zimbabwe”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 10:45-12:15

Venue: Desmarais 4120

*B7: Long Waves of Marxist Political Economy? Part 2*

**Chair and Organizer: Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University [ingos@athabascau.ca](mailto:ingos@athabascau.ca)

Part 2 of the Session “Long Waves of Marxist Political Economy”

**Joel Warren**, Independent [cjwarren@sfu.ca](mailto:cjwarren@sfu.ca)

“Towards a Hybrid Ecosocialist Critique of Capitalist Unsustainability”

**Alan Freeman**, Cultural Economist [afreeman@iwgvt.org](mailto:afreeman@iwgvt.org)

“What causes booms? A critical alternative to Schumpeterian crisis theory”

**Mara Fridell**, University of Manitoba [fridellm@umanitoba.ca](mailto:fridellm@umanitoba.ca)

“From Hegelian Notrecht to Piketty’s Capital: Political economy through capitalist phases”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 10:45-12:15

Venue: Desmarais 4130

*B8: A Political Economy of Class, part 1*

**Chairs and Organizers:** Meg Luxton, York University [mluxton@yorku.ca](mailto:mluxton@yorku.ca)

Adrian Smith, Carleton University [adrian.smith@carleton.ca](mailto:adrian.smith@carleton.ca)

See Part 1 for Abstract.

**Arua Silva de Lima**, Universidade Federal de Alagoas [arualima@gmail.com](mailto:arualima@gmail.com)

“Philosophy of praxis in practical terms? Experiences of anti-racism and anti-sexism in early communist parties in the Americas”

**Victor Rizescu**, University of Bucharest [v\\_rizescu@yahoo.com](mailto:v_rizescu@yahoo.com)

“Left and Right in the framework of liberalism: a Romanian departure from the pre-communist period”

**Jenna Amirault**, Carleton University [jennaamirault@cmail.carleton.ca](mailto:jennaamirault@cmail.carleton.ca)

“The Return of Marx, Class and Capitalism: A Glimpse Into Social Movement Theory”

**Michael Bueckert**, Carleton University [michael.bueckert@gmail.com](mailto:michael.bueckert@gmail.com)

“Institutional Investment, Class Power, and the Politics of Investing”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 10:45-12:15

Venue: Desmarais 4140

*B9: Historicizing Class Struggle: Class Struggle and The Politics of Labour*

**Chair, Discussant and Organizer:** Bryan Palmer, Trent University [bpalmer@trentu.ca](mailto:bpalmer@trentu.ca)

How classes are made and remade within the long history of capitalism is a decisive determinant of the nature of class struggle and the politics of labour. Socialist possibility can not be imagined, let alone constructed, without analytic consideration of this reality, which develops at the interface of structured determination and active political intervention, or agency. Past complexities, present circumstances, and future directions are all understandable only through considerations of class struggle's history, which involves appreciations of formations both political and economic.

**David Frank**, University of New Brunswick [dfrank@unb.ca](mailto:dfrank@unb.ca)

“Was there a Left in Canada before the 1890s? An Historical Speculation”

**Robert Ware**, Professor Emeritus, University of Calgary. Adjunct Research Professor, Carleton University [ware.hodson@shaw.ca](mailto:ware.hodson@shaw.ca)

“Proletariat and Precariat: Two Projects”

**Sonja Karla Killoran-McKibbin**, York University [sonjakm@yorku.ca](mailto:sonjakm@yorku.ca)  
“Cooperatives without Cooperation: Conflicts among Mine Labourers in Bolivia”

**Ottokar Luban**, Berlin [oluban@gmx.de](mailto:oluban@gmx.de)  
“The International Socialist Peace Movement of Zimmerwald and the German Spartacus Group (1915 - 1918)”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 10:45-12:15

Venue: Desmarais 4170

**B10: Roundtable: Toward a Social Movement Convergence: Connecting struggles for social justice, environmental defence and political emancipation in Québec, Indigenous communities and English Canada**

**Convenor: Andrea Levy**, *Nouveaux cahiers du socialisme* [alevy@videotron.ca](mailto:alevy@videotron.ca)

The Peoples’ Social Forum held in Ottawa last August was a pivotal moment in the history of progressive social movements in Canada. It succeeded in drawing together a significant contingent of activists and intellectuals from Québec, Indigenous communities and English Canada. The purpose of this panel is to continue and deepen the discussion initiated at the Peoples’ Social Forum about how we can go about joining forces across difference to work toward a convergence of struggles that can fuel our resolve, consolidate our strength and heighten our effectiveness in resisting neoliberal capitalism, colonialism and extractivism. Where are we at? What obstacles do we face? How can we overcome them? What can we hope to achieve?

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 13:15-14:45

Venue: Desmarais 4120

**B11: Adventures in Queer Anti-Capitalism**

**Chair and Organizer: Alan Sears**, Ryerson University [asears@ryerson.ca](mailto:asears@ryerson.ca)

This session will investigate the potential role of queer anti-capitalism in developing a vision and strategies for liberation that go beyond lesbian and gay rights. At the same time, it will consider the role queer anti-capitalism might play in developing a vibrant left with broad and integrative emancipatory politics.

**Kathy (Vi) Mac**, OISE University of Toronto [kathy.mac@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:kathy.mac@mail.utoronto.ca)

**Dawn Shickluna** OISE University of Toronto [dawn.shickluna@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:dawn.shickluna@mail.utoronto.ca)

**Jamie Magnusson** Adult Education and Community Development, OISE

[jamielynn.magnusson@utoronto.ca](mailto:jamielynn.magnusson@utoronto.ca)

“Queer Youth in the Struggle Over Cities”

**Alan David Sears**, Ryerson University [asears@ryerson.ca](mailto:asears@ryerson.ca)

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**Gökbörü Sarp Tanyıldız**, York University [gokborusarp@gmail.com](mailto:gokborusarp@gmail.com)  
“Queering Freedom”

**Gary Kinsman**, Laurentian University [gkinsman@laurentian.ca](mailto:gkinsman@laurentian.ca)  
“Reflections of the Making of the Neoliberal Queer”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 13:15-14:45

Venue: Desmarais 4130

***B12: Contemporary Theories of Imperialism***

**Chair and Organizer: Todd Gordon**, Laurier University, [ts.gordon@hotmail.com](mailto:ts.gordon@hotmail.com)

In the face of several American and/or NATO-led wars, political upheaval in the Middle East, the re-emergence of the Latin American left, global economic crisis, and regional and global positioning of the so-called BRICS, the 21st century has witnessed a rebirth in theories of imperialism. This panel will explore a number of key themes central to the new debates on imperialism:

- is the US an empire in decline?
- do the BRICs represent the emergence of new inter-imperial rivalries?
- what is the future anti-imperialist struggle
- how do we theorize the relation between imperialism and ecological crisis?
- how do we theorize the role of secondary imperialist powers, particularly Canada?

**Radhika Desai**, University of Manitoba, [Radhika.Desai@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Radhika.Desai@umanitoba.ca)  
“Western and NATO Imperial Misadventures in a Multipolar World”

**Toby Moorsoom**, [Toby.moorsoom@carleton.ca](mailto:Toby.moorsoom@carleton.ca)  
“Imperialism, Sub-Imperialism and Multi-Polar Predation: The Case of South Africa in Zambia”

**Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, [pkellogg@athabascau.ca](mailto:pkellogg@athabascau.ca)  
“Geographies of capital accumulation: implications for US hegemony”

**Colin Mooers**, Ryerson University, [cmooerspolitics@ryerson.ca](mailto:cmooerspolitics@ryerson.ca)  
“Imperial Subjects: The New Citizens of Empire”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 13:15-14:45

Venue: Desmarais 4140

***B13: Stuart Hall's Legacy: Theory and Praxis for the Present Crisis?***

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**Chairs and Organizers: Herbert Pimlott**, Wilfrid Laurier University  
[hpimlott@wlu.ca](mailto:hpimlott@wlu.ca)

**Tanner Mirrlees**, University of Ontario Institute of Technology [tanner.mirrlees@uoit.ca](mailto:tanner.mirrlees@uoit.ca)  
Stuart Hall's legacy is measured in part by the ways his scholarship linked to political struggles, especially through the adaptation of the work of Antonio Gramsci to forge an open, non-reductive and dynamic 'Marxism without Guarantees'. Are the concepts he developed in the 1970s useful to understanding and changing the world today? In this conjuncture of neoliberalism, what analytical and political value does Hall's contribution to cultural studies hold? Where might it fall short?

**Tanner Mirrlees**, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, [tanner.mirrlees@uoit.ca](mailto:tanner.mirrlees@uoit.ca)  
"Stuart Hall, Hegemony and the Media, 2.0"

**Herbert Pimlott**, Wilfrid Laurier University, [hpimlott@wlu.ca](mailto:hpimlott@wlu.ca)  
"Stuart Hall: The Public Politics of the Socialist Intellectual"

**Kirsten Kozolanka**, Carleton University, [kkozolan@connect.carleton.ca](mailto:kkozolan@connect.carleton.ca)  
"Stuart Hall and the First Draft of Communication History"

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 13:15-14:45

Venue: Desmarais 4170

*B14: A Political Economy of Class, part 2*

**Chairs and Organizers: Meg Luxton**, York University [mluxton@yorku.ca](mailto:mluxton@yorku.ca)

**Adrian Smith**, Carleton University [adrian.smith@carleton.ca](mailto:adrian.smith@carleton.ca)

In the current period class and class politics, Political Economy's central concepts, have been seriously challenged in two different ways. The global power of neoliberalism fosters claims that class and class struggle are no longer relevant. Mobilisations of indigenous, anti-imperialist, anti-racist and feminist movements especially in the global south, have insisted that class and class politics must be rethought. This session asks how political economy has responded to such challenges and what understandings of class and class politics are most relevant in today's situations.

**William Carroll**, University of Victoria [wcarroll@uvic.ca](mailto:wcarroll@uvic.ca)  
"Corporate Power and Canadian Capitalism: surveying some recent developments"

**Tania Das Gupta**, York University,  
"Problematizing Class and Praxis: the portability of class, race and gender across national borders"

**Adrian Smith**, Carleton University [adrian.smith@carleton.ca](mailto:adrian.smith@carleton.ca)  
“Migrant Justice and the Politics of Class: An Anti-Racist Intervention”

**Katheryne Schulz**, OISE/UT [katheryneschulz@gmail.com](mailto:katheryneschulz@gmail.com)  
“Militant mothers: Low-income women, community work and economic justice”

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Wednesday 6/3/2015 13:45-15:15

Venue: FTX – 147A

*B15: Joint session with CSA, hosted by CSA: Political Sociology: Political engagement in context*

**Chair and Organizer: Ivanka Knezevic**, University of Toronto Mississauga,  
[knezevic@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:knezevic@chass.utoronto.ca)

**Discussant: Djordje Stefanovic**, St. Mary’s University

Political sociology is a vibrant field, covering a wide variety of topics. The session invites empirical papers in sociology that focus on the political realm broadly defined, to include power relations among a wide variety of social actors: governmental and non-governmental institutions, organisations, and individuals. Diverse aspects of citizenship and identity, as they appear in the political process, are also of interest. We welcome research using quantitative, qualitative and historical methods.

**Thomas Crosbie**, University of Maryland, [tcrosbie@umd.edu](mailto:tcrosbie@umd.edu)  
“Democratic Oversight and Political Sociology: Theoretical and Empirical Foundations for a New Research Focus”

**Stephen Marmura**, St. Francis Xavier University [smarmura@stfx.ca](mailto:smarmura@stfx.ca)  
“The WikiLeaks Paradox”

**Monica Hwang**, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan  
[m.hwang@alumni.ubc.ca](mailto:m.hwang@alumni.ubc.ca) or [mhwang@stmcollege.ca](mailto:mhwang@stmcollege.ca)  
“Understanding Differences in Political Trust among Canada’s Major Ethno-Racial Groups”

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**Annual General Meeting**  
**Venue: Montpetit 203**  
**Wednesday, 3 June 2015 15:25-16:25**

**Keynote Address**

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*Marx's critique of ideology: its uses and abuses*

**Himani Bannerji, York University, Toronto**

**Montpetit 203**

**Wednesday, 3 June 2015 @ 16:30-18:00**

**Chair: Matthew Brett**

**SSS Book Prize Ceremony**

**Wednesday, 3 June 2015 @ 18:10-19:10**

**Venue TBA**

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Thursday 6/4/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4120

*C1: Institutional Ethnography and Making change from below*

**Chair and Organizer: Dorothy Smith**, University of Victoria [desmith@uvic.ca](mailto:desmith@uvic.ca)

Institutional ethnography explores ruling relations from below and from people's experience. Recently institutional ethnographers have been investigating how forms of management based on those developed for corporations are being imposed by government on the provision of public services such as health, welfare, and education (at all levels). Workers at the front-line - nurses, doctors, social workers, teachers, university faculty and others - have found their professional autonomy undermined and displaced. This session is proposed to open discussion of how to make change from below in this new situation. What are some of the ways institutional ethnography can be useful and used in developing change from below? Draw on your experiences or what you've learned as an ethnographer to get us all thinking further and better.

**Marie Campbell**, University of Victoria, [mariecam@uvic.ca](mailto:mariecam@uvic.ca)

“A Web-based Project for Making Change from Below”

**Annie Carrier**, Université de Sherbrooke, [Annie.Carrier@USherbrooke.ca](mailto:Annie.Carrier@USherbrooke.ca)

“Making changes from below in Québec's homecare occupational therapists' work”

**Susan Marie Turner** [sturner@utoronto.ca](mailto:sturner@utoronto.ca)

“Building Change: An In-progress Update on Working With The Aboriginal Sexual Violence Community Response Initiative”

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Thursday 6/4/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4130

*C2: Indigenous Resistance and Resurgence - Part 1*

**Chairs and Organizers: Elaine Coburn**, American University of Paris and CADIS-Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales [coburn.elaine@gmail.com](mailto:coburn.elaine@gmail.com)

**Jennifer Adese**, Otipemisiwak/Métis, Carleton University [Jennifer.Adese@carleton.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Adese@carleton.ca)

Indigenous resistance is over five centuries old and means survival against colonial-capitalist forms of dispossession. During the same period, Indigenous resurgence, the renewal of many different Indigenous ways of being, knowing and doing has waxed and waned but never disappeared. This resurgence matters first and foremost to diverse Indigenous peoples, but has implications for all of society. At the same time, Indigenous resistance and resurgence faces formidable opposition, from the neoliberal colonial "security" state through to multibillion dollar, transnational corporations and persistent racisms.

**Jennifer Adese**, Carleton University, [jennifer.adese@carleton.ca](mailto:jennifer.adese@carleton.ca)

“Behaving Unexpectedly in Expected Places: First Nations Artists and the Embodiment of Visual Sovereignty”

**Kelly Aguire**, University of Victoria [kagguire@uvic.ca](mailto:kagguire@uvic.ca)

“Re/Prefiguration: Temporalities of Struggle and AlterNatives”

**Elaine Coburn**, American University of Paris and CADIS-Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales [coburn.elaine@gmail.com](mailto:coburn.elaine@gmail.com)

“And More Will Sing Their Way to Freedom”

**Kahente Horn-Miller**, Concordia and McGill Universities [Kahente@gmail.com](mailto:Kahente@gmail.com)

“From Paintings to Power: The Meaning of the Warrior Flag Twenty Years After Oka”

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Thursday 6/4/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4140

**Author meets Critics**

*C3: “To Build a Shadowy Isle of Bliss:” William Morris' Radicalism and the Embodiment of Dreams, McGill Queen's University Press*

**Chair and Organizer: Paul Browne** Université du Québec en Outaouais

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**Editors Michelle Weinroth**, University of Ottawa, and **Paul Leduc Browne**, Université du Québec en Outaouais **meet critics:**

**Matthew Beaumont**, University College London,

**Nicholas Frankel**, Virginia Commonwealth University,

**Douglas Moggach**, University of Ottawa

**Jason Camlot**, Concordia University [jason.camlot@concordia.ca](mailto:jason.camlot@concordia.ca)



Thursday 6/4/2015 10:45-12:15

Venue: Desmarais 4120

***C5: The Left and the Struggle for Alternatives in South Africa***

**Chair and Organizer: Michelle A. Williams**, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), Johannesburg [michelle.williams@wits.ac.za](mailto:michelle.williams@wits.ac.za)

South Africa has one of the highest inequality rates in the world, is the 12th highest carbon emitter, and is experiencing various systemic crises. In this context, the ANC has been fracturing with two break-away groups, there are increasing protests in urban and rural spaces, and the militant labour federation (Cosatu) is in the process of fragmenting. In response to these challenges, left alternatives are being articulated and fermenting from below. This panel will explore the nature of some of these alternatives, their prospects and challenges.

**Michelle A. Williams**, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), Johannesburg [michelle.williams@wits.ac.za](mailto:michelle.williams@wits.ac.za)

“The Solidarity Economy and Women Transforming their Local Spaces in South Africa”

**Vishwas Satgar**, University of Witwatersrand (Wits), Johannesburg [vishwas.satgar@wits.ac.za](mailto:vishwas.satgar@wits.ac.za)

“NUMSA and Left Realignment in South Africa”

**Carolyn Bassett**, University of New Brunswick [cbassett@unb.ca](mailto:cbassett@unb.ca)

“How can 'knowledge production' contribute to alternative left visions for South Africa?”

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Thursday 6/4/2015 10:45-12:15

Venue: Desmarais 4130

***C6: Indigenous Resistance and Resurgence - Part 2***

**Chairs and Organizers: Elaine Coburn**, American University of Paris and CADIS-Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales [coburn.elaine@gmail.com](mailto:coburn.elaine@gmail.com)

**Jennifer Adese**, Otipemisiwak/Métis, Carleton University [Jennifer.Adese@carleton.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Adese@carleton.ca)

**Makere Stewart-Harawira**, University of Alberta [makere@ualberta.ca](mailto:makere@ualberta.ca)

“Re-Singing the World: Indigenous Pedagogies and Global Crisis in Conflicted Times”

**Julie Tomiak**, Ryerson University [julie.tomiak@ryerson.ca](mailto:julie.tomiak@ryerson.ca)

“First Nations Political Organizations, the Shadow State, and Resistance”

**Christine Walsh**, University of Calgary [cwalsh@ucalgary.ca](mailto:cwalsh@ucalgary.ca)

“Incarceration and Aboriginal Women in Canada: Acts of Resilience and Resistance”

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**Valerie McCarroll** [vmccarrol@alumni.ubc.ca](mailto:vmccarrol@alumni.ubc.ca)

“Told and Untold Stories in the Law: The Role of Remorse in Warrior Trials”

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Venue: Desmarais 4140

*C7: Author meets critics - Gender and Neoliberalism: The All India Democratic Women's Association and Globalization Politics (2014) Routledge, New York, London (pp. 275).*

**Chair and Organizer: Jean Chapman**, Concordia University [chapman@wilkinson.ca](mailto:chapman@wilkinson.ca)

**Author Elisabeth Armstrong**, Smith College, **meets critics:**

**Vrinda Narain**, Law Faculty, McGill University

**Himani Bannerji**, York University

**Judy Whitehead**, University of Lethbridge

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Venue: Desmarais 4170

*C8: Joint Session with CSA: New Contributions to Marxist Sociology*

**Chairs and Organizers: David Camfield**, University of Manitoba

[david.camfield@umanitoba.ca](mailto:david.camfield@umanitoba.ca)

**Mark Thomas** [mpthomas@yorku.ca](mailto:mpthomas@yorku.ca)

This session profiles research that uses insights from Marxist methodology and analysis to help advance our understanding of any different dimensions of contemporary society and the development of social theory.

**David Camfield**, University of Manitoba [david.camfield@umanitoba.ca](mailto:david.camfield@umanitoba.ca)

“Elements of a Historical Materialist Theory of Racism”

**Adrian Smith**, Carleton University [adrian.smith@carleton.ca](mailto:adrian.smith@carleton.ca)

“Juridical Beasts of the Southern Wild”

**Justin Paulson**, Carleton University [justin.paulson@carleton.ca](mailto:justin.paulson@carleton.ca)

“To what questions does a Marxist theory of hegemony provide an answer?”

**Clarice Kuhling**, Wilfrid Laurier University [ckuhling@gmail.com](mailto:ckuhling@gmail.com)

“Toward a Marxist Perspective on Sexual Violence”

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Thursday 6/4/2015 12:30-13:30,

Venue: Desmarais 4120

*C9: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Socialism: A perspective from the USA*

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**Chairs and Organizers: Carl Davidson**, National Co-Chair of the Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism, USA [carld717@gmail.com](mailto:carld717@gmail.com)

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Thursday 6/4/2015 13:45-15:15,

Venue: Lamoureux 107

***C10: JOINT SESSION with CAWLS - Closing the Employment Standards Enforcement Gap: Case Studies from Ontario***

**Chair and Organizer: Leah Vosko**, York University, [lvosko@yorku.ca](mailto:lvosko@yorku.ca)

Employment Standards (ES) set minimum conditions in areas like wages, working time, vacations and leaves, termination and severance of employment. In Ontario, over six million non-unionized workers rely solely on ES for workplace protection. Yet ES violations are widespread and enforcement mechanisms weak. A recent survey of precarious workers in Ontario revealed that 22 percent reported pay below the minimum wage and many experienced other violations, including unpaid wages and overtime pay. This interdisciplinary session explores the shape of ES violations, current enforcement practices, and alternative approaches that better meet precarious workers' need for basic labour market protections.

**Leah Vosko**, York University [lvosko@yorku.ca](mailto:lvosko@yorku.ca)

**John Grundy**, Western University [jgrundy8@uwo.ca](mailto:jgrundy8@uwo.ca)

**Andrea Noack**, Ryerson University [anoack@ryerson.ca](mailto:anoack@ryerson.ca)

"Complaints, Compliance and Settlements: Charting Workers' Uneven Resort to Employment Standards Protections"

**Leah Vosko**, York University [lvosko@yorku.ca](mailto:lvosko@yorku.ca)

**Mark Thomas**, York University [mptomas@yorku.ca](mailto:mptomas@yorku.ca)

**Eric Tucker**, York University [etucker@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:etucker@osgoode.yorku.ca)

**Elliot Siemiatycki**, York University [esiemiat@gmail.com](mailto:esiemiat@gmail.com)

**Andrea Noack**, Ryerson University [anoack@ryerson.ca](mailto:anoack@ryerson.ca)

**John Grundy**, Western University [jgrundy8@uwo.ca](mailto:jgrundy8@uwo.ca)

**Mary Gellatly**, Parkdale Community Legal Services

**Elizabeth Leinveer**, Osgoode Hall Law School

"Employment Standards Avoidance and the Overtime Pay Exemption"

**Leah Vosko**, York University [lvosko@yorku.ca](mailto:lvosko@yorku.ca)

**Alan Hall**, Memorial University [alanh@mun.ca](mailto:alanh@mun.ca)

**John Grundy**, Western University [jgrundy8@uwo.ca](mailto:jgrundy8@uwo.ca)

**Adam Perry**, York University [japerry@yorku.ca](mailto:japerry@yorku.ca)

**Elliot Siemiatycki**, York University [esiemiat@gmail.com](mailto:esiemiat@gmail.com)

"Targeting Vulnerable Workers: A Shift from Neoliberal Governance?"

**Leah Vosko**, York University [lvosko@yorku.ca](mailto:lvosko@yorku.ca)  
**John Grundy**, Western University [jgrundy8@uwo.ca](mailto:jgrundy8@uwo.ca)  
**Mark Thomas**, York University [mpthomas@yorku.ca](mailto:mpthomas@yorku.ca)  
**Erick Tucker**, York University [etucker@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:etucker@osgoode.yorku.ca)  
**Mary Gellatly**, Parkdale Community Legal Services [gellatlm@lao.on.ca](mailto:gellatlm@lao.on.ca)  
**Jennifer Mussell**, York University  
**Andrea Noack**, Ryerson University [anoack@ryerson.ca](mailto:anoack@ryerson.ca)  
“When Practice does not Keep Pace with Principle: A Comparative Analysis of Wage Theft Policies in North America”

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Thursday 6/4/2015 14:00-15:30  
Venue: Desmarais 4120

***C10: Toward a Resurgence of Anti-capitalist Politics: Strategic Perspectives***

**Chair and Organizer: Stephen D'Arcy**, Huron University College [sdary@huron.uwo.ca](mailto:sdary@huron.uwo.ca)

This panel starts from the premise that the anti-capitalist Left remains mired in a protracted crisis, with an extremely limited capacity to shape events or wield substantial influence beyond its own ranks. But rather than turning to finger-pointing, theory-tweaking, or navel-gazing, our focus is on finding a way forward, highlighting strategic opportunities for a possible resurgence of vital currents of anti-capitalist radicalism, rooted in communities and workplaces, and posing pointed questions about the prospects for constructing broad-based, anti-systemic alliances and launching new projects of systemic transformation.

**Lesley Wood**, Department of Sociology, York University [ljwood@yorku.ca](mailto:ljwood@yorku.ca)  
“Spaces of Resistance and Fighting to Win”

**Ajamu Nangwaya**, Educator and community organizer, Network for the Elimination of Police Violence  
“Organizing, Labour Self-management and Building the Anti-Capitalist Movement”

**Stephen D'Arcy**, Department of Philosophy, Huron University College  
[steve.darcy@gmail.com](mailto:steve.darcy@gmail.com)  
“Movement-Readiness in Anti-Systemic Organizing”

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Thursday 6/4/2015 14:00-15:30  
Venue: Desmarais 4130

***C11: Colonization/Decolonization***

**Chair and Organizer: Elaine Coburn**, American University of Paris and CADIS-Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales [coburn.elaine@gmail.com](mailto:coburn.elaine@gmail.com)

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This session considers colonial-capitalism, or colonialism, as a wide-ranging project that saturates all aspects of contemporary life across lands claimed by Canada. Colonialism involves the dispossessions of Indigenous lands and waters, but colonial norms, institutions and practices operate in many fields, including political economy, social and welfare policy, education and academia, the arts and the mass media. The papers here map out colonialism, not as theory but as everyday relations, practices and ideas. At the same time, contributors describe the ways that diverse Indigenous actors challenge colonization, reasserting self-determination with respect to Indigenous lands and waters but also in social policy, education, and the arts. Decolonization is thus described and critically analysed, in all its contradictions and possibilities, as an important form of Indigenous resistance to a colonial project which overdetermines contemporary society on Turtle Island -- but that is never totalizing.

**Greer Brabazon**, Carleton University [greer\\_brabazon@carleton.ca](mailto:greer_brabazon@carleton.ca)  
“In The Clubs: Indigenous Hip Hop as a Locator of Resistance”

**Hugh Shewell**, Carleton University [Hugh.Shewell@carleton.ca](mailto:Hugh.Shewell@carleton.ca)  
“Social Policy and Self-Government”

**Shauna Siegel**, Rochester Institute of Technology [SLSGSS@rit.edu](mailto:SLSGSS@rit.edu)  
“The 2006 Haudenosaunee Land Reclamation and Occupation: Ten Years Later”

**Caitlin Thompson**, McMaster University [thompsce@mcmaster.ca](mailto:thompsce@mcmaster.ca)  
“Indigenous Academics Experiences in the Western Academic Field”

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Thursday 6/4/2015 14:00-15:30,  
Venue: Desmarais 4140  
*C12: The new activist left: forms of organization*  
**Chair:** TBA  
**Organizer:** Programme Committee

**Marilyn Porter**, Memorial University, [mporter2008@gmail.com](mailto:mporter2008@gmail.com)  
“How Not To Be A Charity: Thoughts from a Social Justice Co-operative”

**Chris Bailey**, York University [chris.be.bailey@gmail.com](mailto:chris.be.bailey@gmail.com)  
“Education Restructuring and Teachers’ Union Struggles in Ontario and British Columbia”

**Kanchan Sarker**, University of British Columbia-Okanagan [sarkerk@gmail.com](mailto:sarkerk@gmail.com)  
“Shankar Guha Niyogi: The Vanguard Trade Unionist A Model for Workers’ Struggle: Contention and Construction”

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**Brian McDougall**, Carleton University [brianmcdougall25@gmail.com](mailto:brianmcdougall25@gmail.com)  
**Neil Burron** [naburron@yahoo.ca](mailto:naburron@yahoo.ca)

“Harper’s Austerity Agenda and Federal Public Sector trade unions: Reviving and Creating a Capacity for class Struggle Unionism”

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Venue: Desmarais 4170

***C13: Launch of Democratic Marxism Book Series***

**Chair and Organizer: Vishwas Satgar**, WITS University and Cooperative and Policy Alternative Centre, South Africa [copac@icon.co.za](mailto:copac@icon.co.za)

The Democratic Marxism series originates in South Africa and is about advancing a Marxism unshackled from vanguardism. The first volume published in the series is entitled: Marxism’s in the 21st Century – Crisis, Critique and Struggle (2014). The second volume to be out by mid-year 2015 is entitled: Capitalism’s Crises in South Africa and the World – Class Struggle and Left Responses.

**Participants: Jacky Cock** (South Africa), **Michelle Williams** (South Africa), **William Carroll** (Canada) and **Vishwas Satgar** (South Africa).

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Venue: Desmarais 4120

***C14: Roundtable: Facilitating a just transition: the role of policy alternatives***

Convenor: **William Carroll**, University of Victoria [wcarroll@uvic.ca](mailto:wcarroll@uvic.ca)

This roundtable takes up the challenges, strategies, successes and failures in developing and promoting alternative policies that can help catalyze a just transition away from neoliberal capitalism, including its ecological crisis. All levels of policy formation, from transnational and regional through national to local, are deemed relevant to the discussion.

**Speakers**

**Bruce Campbell**, Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives  
[brucec@policyalternatives.ca](mailto:brucec@policyalternatives.ca)

**Simon Tremblay-Pepin**, Institut de recherche et 'd'informations socio-economiques (IRIS) [tremblay-pepin@iris-recherche.qc.ca](mailto:tremblay-pepin@iris-recherche.qc.ca)

**Tony Clarke**, Polaris Institute [tclarke@polarisinstitute.org](mailto:tclarke@polarisinstitute.org)

**Trevor Harrison**, Director, Parkland Institute [trevor.harrison@uleth.ca](mailto:trevor.harrison@uleth.ca)

"Lessons from the Past, the Elsewhere, and the Now"

**Jonathan Sas**, Director of Research, Broadbent Institute [jsas@broadbentinstitute.ca](mailto:jsas@broadbentinstitute.ca)

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Venue: Desmarais 4140

*C15: Continuity of Capitalism in Canada, 2007-15*

**Chair and Organizer: Thom Workman**, University of New Brunswick  
[wworkman@unb.ca](mailto:wworkman@unb.ca)

This panel explores the underlying factors that both frame and delimit the Canadian responses to the global economic crisis.

**Thom Workman**, University of New Brunswick [wworkman@unb.ca](mailto:wworkman@unb.ca)  
“Austerity and Continuity of the Canadian State”

**Stephen Maher**, York University [SMaher85@gmail.com](mailto:SMaher85@gmail.com)  
“50 Years After Monopoly Capital: Theorizing Corporations and the State in a Neoliberal Age”

**Geoffrey McCormack** [geoffrey.mccormack@gmail.com](mailto:geoffrey.mccormack@gmail.com)  
“Capital, Crisis and the Canadian State, 2007-15”

**James (Jamie) Lawson**, University of Victoria [lawsonj@uvic.ca](mailto:lawsonj@uvic.ca)  
“The bitumen-extraction chain, productive and reproductive labour, ground-rent, and localized inflation: analytical explorations”

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*C16: Police, Capital and Pacification – Part 2*

**Chair and Organizer: Aaron James Henry**, Carleton University  
[aaronjameshenry@gmail.com](mailto:aaronjameshenry@gmail.com)

This panel session welcomes papers that ask how pacification and the history of police science might help us engage in the ‘self-clarification of the struggles and wishes of the age’? Grounded in the politics and analytics of anti-security, this session interrogates the historical and contemporary relations between capitalist exploitation and domination through security, police and pacification. Some themes include but are not limited to: the materiality of policing, pacification, international institutions and ‘state formation’, contemporary iterations of police science, commodification and public-private policing, theorizing the unity of police power and war power in liberal societies.

**Abraham Weizfeld**, l'Université du Québec à Montréal [saalaha@fokus.name](mailto:saalaha@fokus.name)  
“Power and Authority”

**Ryan William Toews**, York University [toewsr@gmail.com](mailto:toewsr@gmail.com)  
“Gramsci, Mao, and American Counterinsurgency Doctrine”

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**William Samuel Solomon**, lecturer [bsol1066@icloud.com](mailto:bsol1066@icloud.com)  
“Cracking Down on the Public Sphere”

**Tia Dafnos**, York University, [tdafnos@gmail.com](mailto:tdafnos@gmail.com)

**Scott Thompson**, Queen's University [snt@queensu.ca](mailto:snt@queensu.ca)

**Martin French**, Concordia University [martin.french@concordia.ca](mailto:martin.french@concordia.ca)

“Surveillance and the Colonial Dream: Canada’s Surveillance of Indigenous Protest”

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Montpetit 203

*C17: Author - Marta Harnecker, author of a World to Build: New Paths Towards Twenty-First Century Socialism and winner of the 2013 Liberator’s Prize for Critical Thought – meets critics:*

**Richard Fidler**, Life on the Left <http://lifeonleft.blogspot.ca/>

**Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa [Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca](mailto:Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca)

**Chair: Michael Lebowitz**, Simon Fraser University [mlebowitz@sfu.ca](mailto:mlebowitz@sfu.ca)

Over the last few decades Marta Harnecker has emerged as one of Latin America’s most incisive socialist thinkers. In *A World to Build*, she grapples with the question that has bedeviled every movement for radical social change: how do you construct a new world within the framework of the old? Harnecker draws on lessons from socialist movements in Latin America, especially Venezuela, where she served as an advisor to the Chávez administration and was a director of the Centro Internacional Miranda.

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Thursday 6/4/2015 17:30-19:00  
Venue: Desmarais 4120

*C18: Roundtable: The State of Anarchism Today: Limits, Hopes and Prospects*

**Convenor: Matthew Brett**, Society for Socialist Studies and *Canadian Dimension* magazine editorial collective [brett.matthew@yahoo.ca](mailto:brett.matthew@yahoo.ca)

Anarchism is a rich political philosophy and practice with a vibrant history, and it is seeing something of a resurgence. The purpose of this roundtable is to offer a cursory assessment of existing anarchism - its strengths, limitations and prospects. Drawing from lived experience in the U.S., Canada, Quebec and the UK, speakers will address challenges within the broad anarchist movement and point toward promising directions emerging from existing organizing initiatives.

#### **Panelists**

**Matthew Brett**, Society for Socialist Studies and *Canadian Dimension* magazine editorial collective [brett.matthew@yahoo.ca](mailto:brett.matthew@yahoo.ca)

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**Chris Dixon**, Institute for Anarchist Studies [chrisd@resist.ca](mailto:chrisd@resist.ca)  
**Rachel Sarrasin**, *Collectif de recherche sur l'autonomie collective* or Research Group on Collective Autonomy [rachelsarrasin@yahoo.ca](mailto:rachelsarrasin@yahoo.ca)  
**Amanda Joy**, Carleton University [mandyjoy@hotmail.com](mailto:mandyjoy@hotmail.com)

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Thursday 6/4/2015 17:30-19:00

Venue: Desmarais 4130

*C19: Gender, labour, care and the state*

**Chair:** TBA

**Organizer:** Programme Committee

**Xander Selene**, Independent Scholar [xander.selene@umontreal.ca](mailto:xander.selene@umontreal.ca)

“The Root of Gender Oppression: Reproductive Class Exploitation or Double Socialization?”

**Josephine Savarese**, St. Thomas University Fredericton [savarese@stu.ca](mailto:savarese@stu.ca)

**Tracy Glynn**, University of New Brunswick [t.glynn@unb.ca](mailto:t.glynn@unb.ca)

“Sex Workers’ Guide to the (Capitalist) Galaxy: Analyzing Decriminalization through a Marxist Feminist Lens”

**Priscillia Lefebvre**, Carleton University [priscillia.lefebvre@carleton.ca](mailto:priscillia.lefebvre@carleton.ca)

“The invisibility of contingent academic faculty and mental health”

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Thursday 6/4/2015 17:30-19:00

Venue: Desmarais 4140

*C20: Roundtable: The Greek Cauldron: Syriza and Socialist Strategy*

**Convenor: Leo Panitch**, York University [lpanitch@yorku.ca](mailto:lpanitch@yorku.ca)

Syriza represents the strongest democratic socialist response to the deepening of neoliberalism since the current global crisis erupted in 2007-8. It is important that the international left understand how this developed and where it now stands with a Syriza government now in place. Were it to be stymied by its own limitations adding to the hostility of international capital, this would reinforce the notion that the only way to protect people from the neoliberal austerity is through supporting right-wing ethno-nationalist parties. The implications for socialist strategy could not be greater.

### Speakers

**Neil Burron** [naburron@yahoo.ca](mailto:naburron@yahoo.ca)

“Europe’s break with Austerity-Capitalism: Syriza and the Socialist Moment”

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**Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University [ingos@athabascau.ca](mailto:ingos@athabascau.ca)  
“International Solidarity With Syriza”

**Leo Panitch**, York University [lpanitch@yorku.ca](mailto:lpanitch@yorku.ca)  
“The Greek Cauldron: Syriza and Socialist Strategy”

**Jean Chapman**, Concordia University [chapman@wilkinson.ca](mailto:chapman@wilkinson.ca)  
“‘Our time has come’: for gender too?”

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Thursday 6/4/2015 17:30-19:00

Venue: Desmarais 4170

*C21: Roundtable: Policing and Resistance*

**Chair and Organizer: Lesley Wood**, York University, [ljwood@yorku.ca](mailto:ljwood@yorku.ca)

With the aim of advancing our shared understanding of the dynamics between police and contention, this roundtable will bring together a number of scholars working on related issues. These include the policing of indigenous communities, protest policing, intelligence led policing, policing shootings and the Ferguson uprising, movements against police brutality and police oversight bodies.

**Speakers**

**Tia Dafnos**, York University [tdafnos@gmail.com](mailto:tdafnos@gmail.com)

“‘Front Door / Back Door’: Dis/Continuities, Synthesis, and Tensions in the Relationship between Police Liaisons and Intelligence-led Policing”

**Stephen D’Arcy**, Huron University College [sdary@huron.uwo.ca](mailto:sdary@huron.uwo.ca)

“Getting Rid of the Police” The Contemporary Relevance of Marx’s Police Abolitionism”

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**Kris Millett**, Trent University [krisgmillett@gmail.com](mailto:krisgmillett@gmail.com)

“Project Traveller and the Criminalization of Somali Canadian Youth”

**Laurel O’Gorman**, Laurentian University [ld\\_ogorman@laurentian.ca](mailto:ld_ogorman@laurentian.ca)

“Community policing in Take Back the Night”

**Nicholas Lamb**, Carleton University [Nicholas.lamb@carleton.ca](mailto:Nicholas.lamb@carleton.ca)

“Pacifying and Criminalizing Toronto G20 Resistance through Counter-Insurgency”

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Friday 6/5/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4120

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*D1: The NATO offensive in eastern Europe and the class and national dynamics of the war in eastern Ukraine*

**Chair and Organizer: Roger Annis**, independent scholar [rogerannis@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerannis@hotmail.com)

Two political questions are key for understanding the war that erupted in eastern Ukraine in April 2014. One, what are the class and national dynamics at play in Ukraine since independence in 1991? How did these lead to a disastrous civil war? And two, what, exactly are the interests and the role of Russia in the Ukraine conflict? Does present-day Russia constitute an 'imperialist' power pursuing imperial ambitions in Ukraine and Crimea? The NATO military alliance is backing the Kyiv government in its war effort while sanctioning Russia and staging provocative military exercises against it. What are NATO's goals? This session explores these issues.

**Roger Annis**, independent scholar [rogerannis@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerannis@hotmail.com)  
“The myth of Russian imperialism”

**Halyna Mokrushyna**, University of Ottawa [halouwins@gmail.com](mailto:halouwins@gmail.com)  
“The self-fulfilling prophecy of two Ukraines: The East-West cultural and political split in Ukraine since 1991”

*Discussant: Kevin Skerrett*, No War/Paix antiwar coalition, Ottawa  
[kevin.skerrett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.skerrett@gmail.com)

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Friday 6/5/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4130

*D2: Struggling for Justice in and through Insurgent Communities*

**Chair and Organizer: Serena Kataoka**, Nipissing University [serenak@nipissingu.ca](mailto:serenak@nipissingu.ca)

Ideas about what is called for in order to improve our ways of living together may no longer be a primary site of struggle in Canada. Challenges to once-dominant ideas such as punishment, misogyny, colonial entitlement, ableism, and positivism have been surprisingly effective. Researchers have thus reached significant consensus about the general purposes and impacts of social policy, for instance. Social equality would be better realized through cultural change than by mandatory reporting of abuse, rehabilitation would be better served by social services than by imprisonment, and security would be better achieved by addressing causes of social conflict than by trying to contain social problems. Why, then, do social policies continue to reflect tired and oppressive ideas? Situated within specific insurgent communities, researchers on this panel gesture toward some of the actual conditions, practices, and commitments that act as barriers to improvement.

**Serena Kataoka**, Nipissing University [serenak@nipissingu.ca](mailto:serenak@nipissingu.ca)

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“With Honours: The classroom as a privileged insurgent community?”

**Evan Newman**, Social Welfare & Social Development, Nipissing University

“Epidemic fear or middle-class commitments?: Resistance to harm reduction and anti-poverty initiatives in North Bay, Ontario”

**Shannen Neufeld**, Social Welfare & Social Development, Nipissing University

“Broken, behind bars: Resistance to punishment, and creating space for rehabilitation, in Ontario sentencing”

**Sam Lee**, Social Welfare & Social Development, Nipissing University

“Broken, behind bars: Resistance to punishment, and creating space for rehabilitation, in Ontario sentencing”

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Friday 6/5/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4140

**D3: Issues in Canadian political economy**

**Chair:** TBA

**Organizer:** Programme Committee

Contributions to this session explore a range of issues that bear upon the political economy contemporary Canada, from policies of privatization to issues of globalization, imperialism and left strategies.

**Anne Louise Burger**, University of Adelaide [anne.burger@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:anne.burger@adelaide.edu.au)

“Privatisation of electricity in British Columbia: marketisation or public subsidization”

**J.Z. Garrod**, Carleton University, [jzgarrod@gmail.com](mailto:jzgarrod@gmail.com)

“Globalization and the Nation-State Centrism of Left Canadian Political Economy”

**Wilfred Lynch**, University of Toronto [lynch@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:lynch@chass.utoronto.ca)

“Canadian Imperialism: The Relevance of a Classical-Marxist Analysis”

**K.B. Pollock**, retired union researcher [kbpollock54@gmail.com](mailto:kbpollock54@gmail.com)

“The Promise of Canadian Capitalism: Stagnation without End”

**Sharry Taylor** [sharry.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:sharry.taylor@gmail.com)

“Social studies of finance and a new activist left”

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Friday 6/5/2015 9:00-10:30

Venue: Desmarais 4170

*D4: Socialisms, Feminisms, Anti-racisms*

**Chair and Organizer: Elaine Coburn**, American University of Paris and Centre d'analyse et d'intervention sociologiques-EHESS, Paris [coburn.elaine@gmail.com](mailto:coburn.elaine@gmail.com)

**Abigail Bakan**, OISE University of Toronto [abigail.bakan@utoronto.ca](mailto:abigail.bakan@utoronto.ca)

Class relationships are about the ways people get together to produce what is needed to live. Some socialisms have interpreted this in narrowly economic terms, so excluding considerations of gender, race, sexuality, disability and more from their historical materialist analysis and socialist politics. Yet socialist feminisms and anti-racist socialisms insist that class analysis and socialist struggles towards a just society must take the full complexity of the social relationships of class into account. This session invites critical contributions to socialist theory and practice from feminist, anti-racist and other subaltern perspectives.

**Sedef Arat-Koç**, Ryerson University [saratkoc@politics.ryerson.ca](mailto:saratkoc@politics.ryerson.ca)

“Against culturalism(s) West/East, North/South: Towards an Anti-Racist Socialist Feminism”

**Abigail Bakan**, OISE University of Toronto [abigail.bakan@utoronto.ca](mailto:abigail.bakan@utoronto.ca)

“Theorizing Anti-Racism: Marxist and Feminist Encounters”

**Elaine Coburn**, American University of Paris and Centre d'analyse et d'intervention sociologiques-EHESS, Paris [coburn.elaine@gmail.com](mailto:coburn.elaine@gmail.com)

“‘Making Space’ in Theory and Practice: Socialisms, Feminisms and Anti-Racisms”

**Sunera Thobani**, University of British Columbia [sunera.thobani@ubc.ca](mailto:sunera.thobani@ubc.ca)

“Imperialism, Neoliberalism and Racial Violence”

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Friday 6/5/2015 10:45-12:15,

Venue: Desmarais 4120

*D5: Critical issues in human emancipation*

**Chair:** TBA

**Organizer:** Programme Committee

The session takes up the theme of human emancipation, in several voices, including the theoretical, the visionary, the ethical, the anthropological and the revolutionary.

**Efe Can Gurcan**, Simon Fraser University [egurcan@sfu.ca](mailto:egurcan@sfu.ca)

**Otero Gerardo**, Simon Fraser University [otero@sfu.ca](mailto:otero@sfu.ca)

“Classical Sociology and Emancipatory Social Science: Toward a Theory of Social Empowerment”

**Errol L. Sharpe**, Publisher and co-owner Fernwood Publishing Co. Ltd.  
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“Visions of a Post Capitalist Future”

**Paul Christopher Gray**, York University [paul.c.gray@gmail.com](mailto:paul.c.gray@gmail.com)

“What is Moralism? Toward a Non-Moralizing Ethics”

**Daniel Finn Seggie**, McGill University, [Daniel.seggie@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:Daniel.seggie@mail.mcgill.ca)

“Towards a Marxist Anthropology: A Critique of The Critique of Political Economy”

**Robert Froese**, York University [rfroese@yorku.ca](mailto:rfroese@yorku.ca)

“Can Society Be Completed? Reflections on Revolution, Ideology and Critique in the History of Philosophy”

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Venue: Desmarais 4130

*D6: Race, ideology, state: case studies*

**Chair:** TBA

**Organizer:** Programme Committee

Papers in this session explore how race/racialization are implicated in such practices as legal pluralism, ethnography, borders/criminalization and representational politics.

**Vrinda Narain**, McGill University [vrinda.narain@mcgill.ca](mailto:vrinda.narain@mcgill.ca)

“The Discontents of Legal Pluralism: Muslim Women and Normative Diversity in India”

**Hamad Alhazza**, Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University (IMAMU)

[h.hza@hotmail.com](mailto:h.hza@hotmail.com)

“The Social Marginalisation of Foreign Workers in the Saudi Novel ‘Munira's Bottle’ As a Case Study”

**Essya Mabrouka Nabbali** [enabbali@sfu.ca](mailto:enabbali@sfu.ca)

“On Becoming ‘White’ Through Ethnographic Fieldwork in Ghana: Are ideas imperial by course?!”

**Sarah Olutola**, McMaster University [olutolsr@mcmaster.ca](mailto:olutolsr@mcmaster.ca)

“‘He was a Good Kid’: Representations of Black Violence and the Erasure of Childhood in the Mike Brown Case”

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Venue: Desmarais 4140

***D7: Drawing Lessons from National Formations***

**Chair: Robert Chernomas**, University of Manitoba [Robert.Chernomas@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Robert.Chernomas@umanitoba.ca)

**Organizer:** Programme Committee

Contributions to this session focus on political economies of national formations, drawing lessons for them that may extend illuminate the specificity of those formations or extend more widely -- even to an analysis of capitalism as a whole.

**Robert Chernomas**, University of Manitoba [Robert.Chernomas@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Robert.Chernomas@umanitoba.ca)

**Ian Hudson**, University of Manitoba [Ian.Hudson@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Ian.Hudson@umanitoba.ca)

“Is the Neoliberal Era United States a Distinct Stage in the History of Capitalism?”

**Aina-Obe Shamsuddin Bolatito**, Sudan University of Science and Technology

[sam1421h@yahoo.com](mailto:sam1421h@yahoo.com)

"The effect of gross corruption in Nigeria; An appraisal on Nigerian Citizens, Economy and international relations"

**Antranig Bedrossian**, Nakhijevan Institute of Canada [antranig1@videotron.ca](mailto:antranig1@videotron.ca)

“Exploring Class Formations in Postsoviet Armenia”

**Dariga Abilova** [abilova.dariga@gmail.com](mailto:abilova.dariga@gmail.com)

“Language Policy Success in Post-Soviet States”

**Md. Towhidul Islam**, Programme Officer-Monitoring and Evaluation

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“Review of Research on Urban Poverty and the Urban Poor in Bangladesh”

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Venue: Desmarais 4170

***D8: Feminism, Materialism and Global Contexts***

**Chair:** TBA

**Organizer: Elaine Coburn**, American University of Paris and Centre d'analyse et d'intervention sociologiques-EHESS, Paris [coburn.elaine@gmail.com](mailto:coburn.elaine@gmail.com)

**Emma McKenna**, McMaster University [mckennej@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mckennej@mcmaster.ca)

“Materialist Feminism: Retrieval and Renewal”

**Sophie Mireille Lavoie**, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton [lavoie@unb.ca](mailto:lavoie@unb.ca)

“Central American Women Articulate Narratives of National Liberation”

**John Riddell**, Independent researcher [jriddell63@gmail.com](mailto:jriddell63@gmail.com)

“Bela Kun, Clara Zetkin, Lenin and the goal of revolutionary inclusivity”

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Friday 6/5/2015 12:30-14:00

Venue: Desmarais 4120

*D9: Joint session with CSA: Sociology of Canadian Politics*

**Organizer: Ivanka Knezevic**, University of Toronto Mississauga

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**Chair: TBA**

Political sociology is a vibrant field, covering a wide variety of topics. The session invites empirical papers in sociology that focus on the political realm broadly defined, to include power relations among a wide variety of social actors: governmental and non-governmental institutions, organisations, and individuals. Diverse aspects of citizenship and identity, as they appear in the political process, are also of interest. We welcome research using quantitative, qualitative and historical methods.

**Kyle Willmott**, Simon Fraser University [kyle\\_willmott@sfu.ca](mailto:kyle_willmott@sfu.ca)

“Accountability & Transparency as Governmentality: the Politics of the First Nations Financial Transparency Act”

**Sarah Rodimon**, [sarah.rodimon@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.rodimon@gmail.com)

“Reproducing inequalities: A social history of abortion legislation in Canada”

**Ericak Thekla McCollum**, University of British Columbia [erica.mccollum@ubc.ca](mailto:erica.mccollum@ubc.ca)

“Pathways to Politics of Canadian Youth”