

If I could have just one Christmas wish – I hear you say – it would be to have a better understanding of critical theory...

Surely we have all said this at some point. Yes? Well, look no further! From January 2017 the Humanities Institute will be hosting a new lunchtime discussion group

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We will meet every two weeks (**1pm – 2pm**) in the **Humanities Institute (H2.04)** to discuss pre-circulated reading. Bring along your lunch and spend an hour deciphering texts to improve your critical knowledge. Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Texts for the first few meetings have been set, and are available online, but I am seeking suggestions for the following weeks in the hope that we will be able to gear the group to be helpful to people's research. If you have any requests please forward them to joanna.robinson@ucd.ie.

The schedule for the Spring term is as follows:

Thursday, 26th January 2017

Jean Baudrillard, 'The Precession of Simulacra', in *Simulacra and Simulation* – <http://www.bconradwilliams.com/files/7313/9690/1991/Baudrillard-Jean-Simulacra-And-Simulation2.pdf>

Thursday, 9th February 2017

Walter Benjamin, 'On the Concept of History' – <http://folk.uib.no/hlils/TBLR-B/Benjamin-History.pdf>

Thursday, 23rd February 2017

Mikhail Bakhtin, 'Discourse in the Novel', in *The Dialogic Imagination* – <https://www.d.umn.edu/~cstroupe/handouts/8906/Mikhail-Bakhtin-The-Dialogic-Imagination-Excerpt.pdf>

Thursday, 9th March 2017

Thursday, 30th March 2017

Thursday, 13th April, 2017