

**“Philosophy and Social Science” Conference**  
**DUBLIN, May 11 – 14, 2022**

**Program**

**Wednesday, May 11**

13.00-14.15: **Plenary**

Pablo Gilabert: Self-Esteem and Social Competition

Chair: Maeve Cooke

14.25-15.55: Parallel sessions

**Room A: Materialisms, Old and New**

Chair: Martin Saar

Leo Roepert: Towards a materialist critique of modern racism

Killian Favier: Materialism in the Anthropocene: A Critique of the “Domination of Nature” in Adorno and Marcuse.

Krassimir Stojanov: Truth and Moral Rightness from the Perspective of a Discursive Realism: The epistemic inclusion of children’s moral beliefs as a desideratum of Discourse Ethics

**Room B: Democratic Innovations**

Chair: Simone Chambers

Brian Milstein: Democracy and Hegemony: A Contribution to Deliberative Systems Theory

Steven Klein: Democratic Futures: On the Critical Theory of Financialized Capitalism

**Room C: Blumenbergs metaphorology as a New Approach in Critical Theory**

The Panel with Stephanie Graf, Laurin Mackowitz, Andreas Oberprantacher, Florian Pistor

Chair: María Pía Lara

16.00-16.25: Coffee/tea break

16.30-18.00: Parallel sessions

**Room A: Virtual Sociability and Critique in Pandemic Times**

Chair: Maeve Cooke

Eduardo Mendieta: Public Reason in the Age of Digital Reproducibility and Algorithmic Sovereignty

Dimitar Vatsov: Revolution and/or Sovereignty? Critique of the Uses of ‘Exception’ in the Radical Political Discourses

Frédéric Vandenberghe: Chronos, Krisis, Kairos

**Room B: Displacement and Agency**

Chair: Eva Erman

John McGuire: “Herodotus, *nomos*, and the Anthropocene”

Angela Taraborrelli: Displaced people’s agency? Arendt and the right to fight for your rights

Marjan Ivković: Hybrid Regime as a Logic of Societal Structuration

### **Room C: Critique from Below: Global South and North**

Chair: María Pía Lara

Eduardo C. B. Bittar: The Supreme Court and the Democratic Rule of Law: Justice in the crossfire of populism – the case of Brazil

Robert Kaufman: "What Was--Is--Commitment/Engagement/Compromiso? Critical Aesthetic Autonomy in César Vallejo, Marx, The Frankfurt School--& Us"

Felipe Torres: Speeding up Collective Action. Theoretical Affinities between Conflict Studies and Acceleration Theory

18.10-19.25: **Plenary** **NOTE CHANGE**

Workshop on Alessandro Ferrara and Frank Michelman's Legitimation by Constitution

Chair: Johan Van der Walt

Vlad Perju: Legitimation-by-constitution in the transnational context

David Rasmussen: Legitimation from an historical, philosophical and legal perspective

Johan Van der Walt: Ethnicity, Hermeneutics, Ethics: Reflections on three key elements in Ferrara's and Michelman's thoughts on Political Legitimation

Steven Winter: Is Legitimation by Constitution Possible?

### **Thursday, May 12**

13.00-14.15: **Plenary**

Carmen Lea Dege: Science, Politics and Myth: How to Respond to Corona Protests?

Chair: Simone Chambers

14.25-15.55: Parallel sessions

### **Room A: Critique from Below: Global South and North**

Chair: Marek Hrubec

Emil A. Sobottka, James William Santos: Genealogy as immanent criticism of forms of life: a critique from below

Zhuoyao (Peter) Li: Liberal Toleration, Confucian Societies, and Global Justice

Marco Solinas: Organic Critic, Global Subalterns, and Immanent Critique. A Political Approach to Immanentism

### **Room B: Habermas' Theory**

Chair: John McGuire

Øjvind Larsen: Habermas' Communicative Stakeholder Theory

Andrew Buchwalter: Religion in the Public Sphere Revisited: Hegel and Habermas' *Auch eine Geschichte der Philosophie*

Kanchana Mahadevan: A Dialogue between Discourse Ethics and Care Ethics: So near and yet so far

### **Room C: Democratic Innovations**

Chair: Martin Saar

Patrick O'Mahony: Democratic Innovation and the Critical Theory of Society

Veith Selk: Exnovation. On the End of Democratic Theory

Peter J. Verovšek: 'The Nation has Conquered the State': Arendtian Insights on the Dangerous, Unstable Concept of the Nation-State

16.00-16.25: Coffee/tea break

16.30-18.00: Parallel sessions

**Room A: Democratic Innovations**

Chair: María Pía Lara

Kenneth Baynes: Revisiting the technocracy thesis: the role of experts within a democracy

Sarah Bianchi: Identity Politics, Affects and the Confrontational “Democracy to Come”

**Room B: Critique from Below: Global South and North**

Chair: Marek Hrubec

Debora Tonelli: The Challenges of the Decolonial Thought: reflection starting from De Sousa Santos

Kelly Agra: ‘Philosophy as a site of Epistemic Paralysis’: Philippine Colonial Miseducation, Gender Misrecognition, and Epistemology of Ignorance

Debora Spini: Is post coloniality post secular?

**Room C: Virtual Sociability and Critique in Pandemic Times**

Chair: Patrick O'Mahony

Marina Calloni: The transformation of the public sphere and social mobilization in the age of the pandemic: The example of the No-vax movement

Milena Iakimova: Responsibilization and Risk

Daniele Santoro: Public Interest and the Politics of Emergency

18.10-19.25: **Plenary NOTE CHANGE**

Bill Scheuerman: Politically Motivated Property Damage

Chair: Amy Allen

**Friday, May 13**

13.00-14.15: **Plenary**

Amy Allen: Dripping with Blood and Dirt from Head to Toe: Marx’s Genealogy of Capitalism in *Capital*, Volume 1

Chair: María Pía Lara

14.25-15.55: Parallel sessions

**Room A: Virtual Sociability**

Chair: Martin Saar

Eva Erman: Artificial Intelligence and the Political Legitimacy of Global Governance

Guilel Treiber: Online Streaming as Culture Industry – Updating the Analysis for the 21st Century

Markus Patberg: Digitalization and Deliberative Systems: Is Open Democracy a Promising Model?

**Room B: The Panel on Critical Hermeneutics: Renewing Critical Theory**

Simon Susen, William Outhwaite, Martin Beck Matušík, Leigh Jenco, Hans-Herbert Kögler

Chairs: Eubomír Dunaj, Kurt C. M. Mertel

**Room C: Democratic Innovations**

Chair: Simone Chambers

Jeffrey Flynn: Emancipation in Theory and Practice: Axel Honneth on Struggles and Emancipatory Knowledge

Martin Brabec: Issues and Relations between Freedom and Academic Freedom

Martin Kopecký: Politics, Higher and Adult Education, and Power of Research

16.00-16.25: Coffee/tea break

16.30-18.00: Parallel sessions

### **Room A: Critique from Below: Global South and North**

Chair: Amy Allen

The Panel on African Critical Thinking: “Africa in a Multilateral World”

Binyam Mekonnen: A Trans-modern Quest for Decolonization

Fasil Merawi: African Postcolonial Critique

Marek Hrubec: African Critical Chronology

Jan Svoboda: The Origins of the Ethiopian Critical Rational Philosophy

### **Room B: Democratic Innovations**

Chair: Eduardo Mendieta

Matthias Fritsch: Democratic Institutions, Future People, and the Climate Emergency

Odin Lysaker: Civil Disobedience as Democratic Innovations in Times of Ecocrisis

### **Room C: Materialisms, Old and New**

Chair: Martin Saar

Asger Sørensen: Alienation and Human Nature. Recuperating the Classical Discussion

Jack Wearing: (In)organic Bodies that Matter: Judith Butler on the Early Marx

Haziran Zeller: Philosophy and Society. How Critical Theory Identifies Geist and Labor

**18.00 onwards:**

**FOOTBALL** (contact Pat O'Mahony: [P.OMahony@ucc.ie](mailto:P.OMahony@ucc.ie))

## **Saturday, May 14**

12.00-13.15: **Plenary**

Rainer Forst: Regression, Reason and Democracy

Chair: Maeve Cooke

13.25-14.55: Parallel sessions

### **Room A: Progress and Regression in Critical Theory**

Chair: Amy Allen

Jakub Huber: Against Regression

Fabio Wolkenstein: Democratic Regressions and Possibilities for Progress

Sofie Møller: Whose progress? Kant on cultural hierarchy and human development

### **Room B: Democratic Innovations**

Chair: Simone Chambers

Afsoun Afsahi: Deliberative Campaigns

Thomas P. Crocker: Norms, Democracy, and the Future of Liberal Constitutionalism

**Room C: Contradictions and Social Change**

Chair: Marek Hrubec

David Palme: Contradiction as a Form of Life

Matteo Bianchin and Ingrid Salvatore: Structural explanations, mechanistic constraints, and social change: a new look on the structure/agency problem

15.00-15.25: Coffee/tea break

15.30-17.00: Parallel sessions

**Room A: "Critical Naturalism Manifesto"**

The panel with Italo Testa, Federica Gregoratto, Heikki Hikaheimo, Emmanuel Renault, Arvi Särkelä:

A Naturalist Turn in Critical Theory?

**Room B: Displacement and Agency**

Chair: Maria Pia Lara

Gabriele De Angelis: Agency and refugee's struggle for recognition

Svenja Ahlhaus: Representing Refugees in Times of Shifting Borders

**Room C: Democratic Innovations**

Chair: Brian O'Connor

Leonardo Fiorepino: Incompatible sovereigns: populism, democracy, and the two peoples

Benjamin Andrew Schupmann: Populism and "illiberal democracy"

Stefan Bird-Pollan: Adorno, from Fascism to Democracy

**18.00 onwards**

**Conference dinner, private venue (registration mandatory, numbers limited, cost 40 euro per person)**