

# Empire, Capital & Transnational Resistance

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Interdisciplinary Conference

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
University of Brighton, UK

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Registration & Coffee | 10:30am – 11:10am | Edward Street Foyer

Welcome & Introduction | 11.15am – 11.30am | Edward Street 102

Session 1: 11.30am – 1.00pm

Panel 1 | Room: Edward Street 102 | Chair: David Martin

**Paul Reynolds, Edge Hill University, UK**

*Is Violence - Against Property or Persons - Ever Justifiable in Contemporary Radical Left Politics?*

**Radha D'Souza, University of Westminster, UK**

*Empire, Capital and Transnational Resistance: Learning from the Ghadar Movement*

Panel 2 | Room: Edward Street 103 | Chair: Filipa Cordeiro

**Franco Tomassoni, Portuguese Institute for International Relations, Portugal**

*From Colonialism to Hegemony in the Angolan case. How has the Form of Domination in the Post-Colonial and Neoliberal Era Changed?*

**Aleksi Lohtaja, University of Jyväskylä, Finland**

*Rethinking the Right to the City: Housing between Commodity and Commons*

Lunch | Grand Parade Cafeteria & Quad | 1.00pm – 2.00pm

**Keynote | 2.00pm – 3.30pm | Edward Street 102**

**John Chalcraft | London School of Economics, UK | Chair: Radha D'Souza**

***Transnational Activism: A Sociopolitical Perspective***

Coffee & Tea | Edward Street Gallery Space | 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Session 2: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Panel 1 | Room: Edward Street 102 | Chair: Mark McGovern

**Lisha Sinha, Guru Ghasidas Central University, India**

*Alternative Forms of Resistance in a Vulnerable World: Emergence, Possibility and Validity*

**Filipa Cordeiro, Nova University Lisbon, Portugal**

*Improper Names and the "Ready-Made Subject" as Strategies of Resistance in Art Practice*

Panel 2 | Room: Edward Street 103 | Chair: Paul Reynolds

**Struan Gray, University of Brighton, UK**

*Behind the Neoclassical Façade: A Haunted National Monument in Post-Dictatorship Chilean Film*

**Phil Vellender, Independent Scholar, UK**

*"We are many; they are few": Corbyn discovers Shelley*

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## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Late Registration & Coffee | 10:00am – 10:30am | Edward Street Foyer

Session 3: 10.30am – 12.00am

Panel 1 | Room: Edward Street 102 | Chair: Robin Dunford

**Tanita Jill Poeggel, University of Edinburgh, UK**

*Active/Active Citizens and Refugees*

**Elizabeth Chant, University of Cambridge, UK**

*Art as Resistance: Spatialising National Memory Through Film in Post-Dictatorship Chile*

Panel 2 | Room: Edward Street 103 | Chair: Jonathan Yong Tienxhi

**Nicola Rivers & David Webster, University of Gloucestershire, UK**

*Vulnerability as a Revolutionary Act: Resistance against neoliberal discourses of resilience*

**Meriam Mabrouk, University of Sussex, UK**

*Neoliberalism and the Re-generation of Agrarian Capitalist Relations in Morocco: Who is the Coloniser and the Colonised?*

Session 4: 12.00am – 1.30pm

Panel 1 | Room: Edward Street 102 | Chair: Struan Gray

**Thomas Sommer-Houdeville, University of Stockholm, Sweden**

*Neoliberalism, The “Culturalisation of Politics” and Violence*

**Ben Jeffery, University of Chicago, USA**

*Ian McEwan's Saturday and the Perception of the World*

Panel 2 | Room: Edward Street 103 | Chair: Megan Archer

**Yiorgos Moraitis, Bremen University, Germany**

*Fetishism and Contradiction in David Harvey's Version of Marxism*

**Stephen O’Kane, Independent Scholar, UK**

*Citizenship, Patriotism, and Political Economy*

Panel 3 | Room: Edward Street 103 | Chair: Yaar Peretz

**Jeff Noonan, University of Windsor, Canada**

*Undemocratic Democracy: The Return of Right-Wing Populism in America and Europe*

**Nerma Cridge, Cambridge School of Architecture and Architectural Association London, UK**

*Building the Wall: Architectural Response to Trump*

Lunch | Grand Parade Cafeteria & Quad | 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Session 5: 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Panel 1 | Room: Edward Street 102 | Chair: Aleksi Lohtaja

**Gavin Rae, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain**

*Agamben, Resistance, and the Coming Politics: The Problem of Biopolitical Agency*

**Tom Claes, University of Gent, Belgium**

*Sexual Rights and/as Sexual Politics*

Panel 2 | Room: Edward Street 103 | Chair: Jill Poeggel

**Mark McGovern, Edge Hill University, UK**

*“Shuffle Off This Mortal Coil, You C\*\*\*”: Of Civilians, Barbarians and Law*

**Jonathan Yong Tienxhi, London School of Economics, UK**

*The Myth of the Lazy Native in Contemporary Malaysia: Capitalism, Indolence and Neoliberal Culture*

Panel 3 | Room: Edward Street 104 | Chair: Lukas Slothuus

**Yaar Dagan Peretz, University of Exeter, UK**

*The Perils of Empire and Neoliberalism: the Case of Settler Colonialism in the West Bank*

**Raph Schlembach, University of Brighton, UK**

*Myth and Identity: The Revolutionary Right's Intellectual Pursuit of a European Empire*

**Conference Dinner | New Era Restaurant | 8.00pm**

**6B Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3WA**

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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Coffee | Edward Street Gallery Space | 10.00am – 10.30am

Session 6: 10.30am – 12.00noon

Panel 1 | Room: Edward Street 102 | Chair: Carl Fraser

**Lukas Slothuus, University of Edinburgh, UK**

*Disobedience Reinforcing the Status Quo? A Critique of Dominant Accounts of Civil Disobedience*

**Pierre-Alexandre Cardinal, McGill University, Canada**

*From Nation State to Islamic Republic; Iran and the Decolonial Praxis of Islamism*

Panel 2 | Room: Edward Street 103 | Chair: Jeff Noonan

**Abdus Sajud, KU Leuven, Belgium**

*Resistance and Revolt: A Reading of Hardt & Negri with a Critique Using Balibar*

**Cathy Bergin, University of Brighton, UK**

*Transnational Resistance: Anti-Fascism and African American Volunteers in the International Brigades*

Panel 3 | Room: Edward Street 104 | Chair: Cathy Bergin

**Anna Ikeda, Rutgers University, USA**

*Understanding Anti-U.S. Military Base Movements: A Civil Resistance Perspective*

**Lars Cornelissen, University of Brighton, UK**

*"It is Anti-Colonialism Which is the Problem": Colonialism, Self-Determination, and Cold-War Neoliberalism*

Session 7: 12.00pm – 13.30pm

Panel 1 | Room: Edward Street 102 | Chair: Gavin Rae

**Dimitris Gakis, KU Leuven, Belgium**

*Reification and Immaterial Production*

**Megan Archer, University of Brighton, UK**

*The Neo-Imperial Machine: Logistics, Development, and Techniques of Extraction*

Panel 2 | Room: Edward Street 103 | Chair: David Webster

**Susan Lucas, Holy Trinity East Ham, UK**

*Revisiting the Welfare State: Or, on Not Quite being a Post-Liberal*

**David Martin, University of Brighton, UK**

*Surplus, Capitalism, and Resistance*

Lunch | Grand Parade Cafeteria & Quad | 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Session 8: 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Panel 1 | Room: Edward Street 102 | Chair: Susan Lucas

**Leonardo Sias, University Southampton, UK**

*Subvertising and the production of dissenting desires*

**Guilel Treiber, KU Leuven, Belgium**

*Setting a Limit to a Limitless Power: A Foucauldian Revolt*

Panel 2 | Room: Edward Street 103 | Chair: Paul Reynolds

**Mathias Krams, University of Marburg, Germany**

*Challenging Neoliberal Structures through Counter-Hegemonic Framing Strategies: An Elaboration of the Power Context of Framing Processes*

**Carl Fraser, Situation Architecture, UK**

*Critical Spatial Practice*

**Closing Remarks 4.00pm | Room: Edward Street Lecture Theatre |**

**End of Conference Drinks | Waggon & Horses Public House**

**109 Church St, Brighton BN1 1UD**