Conference Programme

Wednesday 10th of April 2013

Registration: 10.00-12.00 GRAND PARADE CAMPUS

Lunch: 12.00-13.00 GRAND PARADE

Welcome and Opening Lecture: 13.00-14.15, Old Courtroom Lecture Theatre

Welcome to participants: Professor Bob Brecher: Director of Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics and Ethics, University of Brighton

Opening Comments: Dr Mark Devenney

OPENING LECTURE:

Professor Ernesto Laclau: ‘Thinking the Political’

Session 1: 14.30-16.00

Panel 1 | Room: Old Courtroom Lecture Theatre |

Theorising Populism:

Benjamin Bertram – “The People are the City”: the “Mob” and the Body Politic from Coriolanus to Occupy Wall Street

Dani Filc – The People: Us against Them but also a common We

Emilia Pallonen – Thinking Populism with Laclau: Four analytical concepts
Panel 2 | Room: M57, Grand Parade |

**Lacan and Laclau:**

Fabio Bruschi – Rethinking Overdetermination between Psychoanalysis and Spinoza

Diego Ferrante – Proscenium for a genealogical analysis of the work of Ernesto Laclau

James Ormrod – The Ghoulishness of Protest Spectators

**Tea/coffee break**: 16.00-16.30, Grand Parade

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**Session 2: 16.30 – 18.00**

Panel 1 | Room: M57

**Theorising Populism 2:**

Gustavo Castagnola – From Marxism to Peronist Populism: A Tour through Ernesto Laclau’s Theoretical Work

Jenny Gunnarsson Payne – Affective Subjects, Affecting Politics

Luis G. Rojas Castro – The Logic of Populism: A Community without *Ressentiment*?

Panel 2 | Room: Old Courtroom Lecture Theatre|

**Lacan and Laclau 2:**

Cornelia Bruell – Desire and Democratic Subjectivity: Laclau and Lacan on the Political

Efstathia Veremi – The Lacanian Real in Laclau: Is Rupture the Limit?

Nora Merlin (paper to be read by Dr Mark Devenney) – Politics and Representation: A psychoanalytic perspective

**CONFERENCE DRINKS**: For anyone interested Conference Participants can meet for a drink in the *Fountain Head pub*, very close to the conference venue, from 6.00pm onwards.
Thursday 11th of April 2013

Session 3: 9.00 – 10.30

Panel 1 | Room: 204, Grand Parade

Theorising Populism:
Alfred Cardone – Libertarian Jeremiahs: Neo-Populism within the Tea Party and Occupy
Martin Walter – The Tea Party Movement and the Reconstruction of Conservative Populism in the United States
Onur Yildiz – Populism and Democracy: Political Investigation of Democratic Politics

Panel 2 | Room: M57, Grand Parade

Thinking the Occupy Movement:
Jonathan Dean – The End of Left Melancholia?
Andy Knott – Laclau, Representation(s), and Political Space: Occupy and UK Uncut
Mathjis van de Sande – Prefigurative Politics and Synecdochal Representation

Tea/coffee break: 10.30-11.00, Grand Parade

Keynote Lectures: 11.00-12.30: Yannis Stavrakakis and Jelica Šumič Riha
Old Courtroom Lecture Theatre

LUNCH: 12.30-13.30
GRAND PARADE

Session 4: 13.30-15.00
Panel 1 | Room: Old Courtroom Lecture Theatre: Laclau and Contemporary Political Theory:

Torben Bech Dyrberg – Power, Politics, and Democracy: Foucauldian comments on discussions of Radical Democracy

Jüri Lipping – Laclau and Schmitt on Political Form

Raúl Burgos – The Concept of Objectivity in Gramsci and Laclau

Panel 2 | Room: M57, Grand Parade: Critical Engagements: Rethinking Hegemonic Politics

Carsten Jensen – Hegemony and the Development of Democracy

Martin Nonhoff & Eva Herschinger – Hegemony and its Strategy: How hegemonies emerge and what strategy has to do with it

Paul Reynolds – Laclau and Democratic Agency: Some critical reflections

Panel 3: Room 204: Laclau and Contemporary Theory:

Halil Gurhanli – Laclau and Oakeshott: Politics of Faith, Scepticism, and Populism

Daniel Steuer - ‘No such thing’? – Family resemblance between Laclau and Wittgenstein

Janar Mihkelsaar – Laclau’s Political Articulation and Agamben’s Sovereign Decision

TEA and COFFEE Break: 15.00-15.30, Grand Parade

Session 5: 15.30-17.00

Panel 1 | Room: Old Courtroom Lecture Theatre | Rhetoric and Politics:

Christos Pallas – Reinstating Rhetoric in Laclau’s Work: Troplogy, Ontology, and the Domain of Aberrant Phenomena

Meghan Sutherland – People Machines

Alan Finlayson – On the Topics of Invention: Rhetoric Before and After Laclau

Panel 2 | Room: 204 | Thinking the Present:
Diego Hernández Nilson – The defense issue and Latin American hegemonic construction: The cases of ALBA and Unasul

David Slater – Interventions, Invasiveness, and the Geopolitics of the Imperial

Jan Zienkowski - How to identify logics constitutive of self and society: an interpretive and functional approach for the empirical analysis of discourse on political engagement

Panel 3: Room  Rethinking Socialist Politics after Laclau:

Atila Lukic & Gordon Maslov – A Permanent Transition: A proposal for a Laclauian approach to the understanding of post-socialism

Wiktor Marzec – Thinking the political historically/ahistorical thinking of the political: Political moments in the Revolution of 1905 and philosophical confrontations of the time

David Bates – Intellectuals, Philosophy, and Socialist Strategy

CONFERENCE DINNER: KOBA Restaurant, West Street Brighton

19.30 at Koba bar for seating at 20.30
Friday 12th of April 2013

9am-10.30am
KEYNOTE LECTURES: Paula Biglieri and Oliver Marchart
Old Courtroom Lecture Theatre

Tea and Coffee: Grand Parade 10.30-11.00

Session 6: 11.00-12.30

Panel 1 | Room: M57 | Rethinking Marx after Laclau

Spiros Makris – Revolution and anti-capitalism in Contemporary Marxism: Reflections through Laclau and Mouffe’s oeuvre

Mark Devenney – Rethinking the Politics of Equivalence: Hegemony and Money

Kohei Saito – What is Left for Marxists after Laclau’s Critique of Marxism? From “Chains of Equivalence” to “Association”

Panel 2 | Room: Boardroom, Grand Parade | Demands and the Political

Jeremy Gilbert – What is a demand? Interests, Identity, and Individuation

Anayra Santory – The Moral Underpinnings of Demands: The Creation of “Unexplored Viabilities”

Allan Dreyer Hansen – A critique of the ontological primacy of the political in Laclau

Panel 3 | Room: Boardroom, Grand Parade | Post Marxist Politics

Tomasz Szkudlarek – Empty Signifiers, Normativity, and Education

Myriam Southwell – Neoliberalism and post-neoliberal policies in Argentinian educational policies (1998-2008)

Kevin Adamson - 'Discursive strategies of Yes Scotland and Better Together in the referendum campaign'?
LUNCH: 12.30-13.30, Grand Parade

Session 7: 13.30 – 15.00

Panel 1 | Room: Boardroom Grand Parade | Laclau and Contemporary Thought:
Clare Woodford - Populism or Politics? Rancière and Laclau on the ‘logic’ of disruption
Ian Sinclair – Laclau and Ranciere on Politics
Benjamin Seyd – An Absence that Makes itself felt: On the Place of Affect in Discourse Theory

Panel 2 | Room: M57 | Theorising the Political
David Payne – Political Unilateralism: On Equating Contingency with the *Strictly* Political
Daniel Saur – The Laclausian Disjunction: Between the Discursive Horizon and the Political Alley
Paul Rekret – Abstraction, Reality, and Political Ontology: Escaping the Limits of the Discursive

Panel 3 | Room: Old Courtroom Lecture Theatre: Contingency and Politics|
Urs Staeheli- "On Disarticulation: Practices and Aesthetics of Disconnection"
Kei Yamamoto – Strategy and the Political: Facing the Abyss of Contingency
Ben Glasson – Subversive Rearticulation: Beyond Deconstruction and Dialectics

15.00-15.30: Tea and Coffee, Grand Parade

15.30-17.00

CLOSING ADDRESS AND RESPONSE TO PAPERS:
PROFESSOR ERNESTO LACLAU with Keynote Speakers
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