

MARX'S CRITIQUE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY AND THE GLOBAL CRISIS TODAY

A two-day conference at Hofstra University on the 150th anniversary of the publication of the first edition of Karl Marx's *Capital*

*All panel sessions are 85 minutes long (one hour and 25 minutes).
Within each session, presenters are listed in alphabetical order.*

Thursday, April 6, 2017

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

REGISTRATION and **BOOKSELLER EXHIBIT**

Lobby, Student Center Theater, Mack Student Center, North Campus

8:30 to 9:25 a.m.

RECEPTION and **WELCOME**

Multipurpose Room West, Mack Student Center, North Campus

9:35-11 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 1: MARX, NATURE, RENTS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

Multipurpose Room West, Mack Student Center

Session Chair: **Martin Melkonian**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Fabian Balardini**, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY

"Rent and Violence in Global Carbon Markets: An Analysis using Marx's Theory of Value"

Lee Zimmerman, Hofstra University

"Capitalist Logics, the Anthropocene, and the Great Derangement of Climate Change: Klein's *Capitalism vs. the Climate* and Malm's *The Rise of Steam Power and the Roots of Global Warming*"

Session 2: ENCLOSURES, CONTAINMENT, AND SOCIAL SPACE

Multipurpose Room East, Mack Student Center

Session Chair: **Amy Baehr**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Bernd Belina**, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
"De-fetishizing Social Forms: Unveiling the Contradictions of *Capital* via the Production of Space in the Current Crisis"

Ashley Bohrer, Hamilton College, NY
"Capital Spaces: Confinement and Mobility from *Capital* to the Contemporary"

Wendy Matsumura, University of California, San Diego
"The Normal and Exceptional Forms of Enclosure in Okinawa: Going Beyond the So-Called Base Problem"

PLENARY SESSION

11:10 a.m.-12:35 p.m.

David Harvey

Distinguished Professor, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Author of *Limits to Capital*, 1982

Student Center Theater

Mack Student Center

12:45-2:10 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 3: NEW AND OLD READINGS OF CAPITAL

Multipurpose Room West, Mack Student Center

Session Chair: **Mary Anne Trasciatti**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University, Canada
"Marx's *Capital* and the History of Class Struggle"

Zach Sell, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
"Du Bois Reads *Capital*"

Adrian Silver, The Workmen's Circle (רײַנג רבעטערע דער), New York
"Consciousness, Language, and *Capital*: The Jewish Diaspora and Marxist Theory"

Kevin Van Meter, University of Minnesota, MN
"New Readings of Marx in American Autonomist Marxism 'Some Preliminary Thoughts'"

Session 4: CAPITAL AND SOCIAL REPRODUCTION
Multipurpose Room East, Mack Student Center

Session Chair: **William Mangino**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Peter Bell**, SUNY Purchase
"Capital and Capitalist Patriarchy"

Rebecca Carson, Kingston University, U.K.
"Fictitious Capital, Personal Power and Social Reproduction"

Dorothy Kidd, University of San Francisco, CA
"Care Work, Communications and Contemporary Struggles in the Age of Trump"

2:20-3:45 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 5: REFINEMENTS ON THE LABOR THEORY OF VALUE
Room 145, Mack Student Center

Session Chair: **Colleen Eren**, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY

Presenters: **C. George Caffentzis**, University of Southern Maine
"The Labor Theory of Value's Refinements and the Oil Industry's Paradoxes"

David Fishman, former Chief Economist, Petroleum Reservoir & Economics Group,
CGG Robertson
"Value Forms and the Structure of the Capitalist System"

Alden Wood, University of California, Irvine
"After Logistics: Reevaluating Marx on Circulation, Exchange, and Transport"

Session 6: SCHOOL, CULTURE, AND RACE
Multipurpose Room West, Mack Student Center

Session Chair: **Debra Goodman**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Matthew Carlin**, Manchester Metropolitan University, U.K. and
Matthew X. Curinga, Adelphi University, NY
"Educating against Capitalism and Corporatization through Cooperative Schooling"

Zilkia Janer, Hofstra University
"A Critique of the Political Economy of the Senses"

Alan Singer, Hofstra University
"What if Our Schools are Working?: Base, Superstructure, and Hegemony in Education"

H. Alexander Welcome, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY
"Time-In-Itself: The White Lived Experience of Time as Racial Wage"

Session 7: AUSTERITY, PRECARIETY, AND DEPENDENCY
Room 142, Mack Student Center

Session Chair: **Kathleen Wallace**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Mariano Féliz**, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina
"Beyond the 'Pink Tide': Dependent Capitalism in Argentina. Lessons to be Learned for Radical Social Change"

Andy Higginbottom, Kingston University, U.K.
"Labor Super-exploitation, Surplus-Value and *Capital*"

Marcelo Milan, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
"Demographic Changes, Pension Reforms, and Absolute Surplus Value"

4-5:25 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 8: RETHINKING ACCUMULATION

Multipurpose Room West, Mack Student Center

Session Chair: **Marc Silver**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Shapan Adnan**, Oxford University, U.K.
"Rethinking Marx's Concept of Primitive Accumulation"

Michael Roberts, Independent Researcher
"Marx's *Capital* – 'Scientifically Erroneous and Without Application to the Modern World?'"

Paul Zarembka, SUNY Buffalo
"Late Marx and the Conception of 'Accumulation of Capital'"

Session 9: MARX AND POST-CAPITALISM

Room 145, Mack Student Center

Session Chair: **Sharryn Kasmir**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Chris Carlsson**, Shaping San Francisco, CA
"Start Talks Now on Work Reduction!"

Lucas G. Pinheiro, University of Chicago
"Marx and the Googleplex: Toward a New Marxist Theory of Postindustrial Capitalism"

Jason Schulman, Lehman College, CUNY
"Conceptualizing the Future: Marx's Value Theory and the Contours of a Socialist Economy"

DINNER and PLENARY SESSION

6–8 p.m.

Silvia Federici

Professor Emerita, Hofstra University
Author of *Caliban and the Witch*, 2004

Multipurpose Room East, Mack Student Center

Friday, April 7, 2017

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

REGISTRATION and **BOOKSELLER EXHIBIT**

Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, 10th Floor, Axinn Library, South Campus

9-10:25 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 10: PRECARIETY, COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP, AND EMPIRE

Guthart Cultural Center Theater, Axinn Library, South Campus

Session Chair: **Martin Melkonian**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Xiangjing Chen**, Cornell University, NY

"The Ambiguous Role of China's Collective Land Ownership Under Global Capitalism"

Christian Garland, University of Manchester, U.K.

"Navigating the Scylla and Charybdis of Precarious Work, through the Storm of Contingency"

James Parisot, Temple University, PA

"Marxism and the History of Empire"

Session 11: MONEY, TRANSITION, AND POST-CAPITALISM

Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, 10th Floor, Axinn Library

Anitra Nelson, RMIT University, Australia and **Harry Cleaver**, University of Texas, Austin will begin a conversation about moving beyond money as a necessary step to moving beyond capitalism. Noting the neglect of this topic in the Left broadly, Nelson and Cleaver will urge both a wide-ranging discourse and greater analytical clarity about a transition beyond money as integral to the transcendence of capitalism.

10:30-11:55 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 12: FETISHISM, ABSTRACTION, REPRESSION, AND REVENGE

Guthart Cultural Center Theater, Axinn Library, South Campus

Session Chair: **Santiago Slabodsky**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Kaveh Boveiri**, Université de Montréal, Canada

"The Function of Power of Abstraction in Marx's Discussion of Labor-power in *Capital*"

Max Haiven, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Canada

"Marx's (Theory of) Revenge"

Vesa Oittinen, University of Helsinki, Finland

"Marx and Kant's Dialectics, or Theory of Commodity Fetishism as Transcendental Illusions"

Guillermina Seri, Union College, NY

"Primitive Accumulation and Rights Exclusions:
Making Sense of the Present in Light of *Capital*"

Session 13: THE CHALLENGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO MARXIST THEORY

Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, 10th Floor, Axinn Library

Session Chair: **James Steinhoff**, University of Western Ontario, Canada

Presenters: **Nick Dyer-Witheford**, University of Western Ontario, Canada

"Towards the Event Horizon: Artificial Intelligence and Class Composition"

Atle Mikkola Kjösen, University of Western Ontario, Canada

"Perfect Machines: Artificial Intelligence and the Labor Theory of Value"

James Steinhoff, University of Western Ontario, Canada

"Means of Cognition: Artificial Intelligence as General Condition of Production"

12-1:25 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 14: LABOR, PRICE, WAGE, AND VALUE

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Session Chair: **Gregory DeFreitas**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Philipp Gerhartinger**, **Philipp Haunschmid**, and **Dennis Tamesberger**

Department for Economic, Welfare and Social Policy, Chamber of Labor, Linz, Austria
"Unemployment and the Distribution of Power in the Wage-setting Process:
An Austrian Case Study"

Pertti Honkanen, Research Unit, Social Insurance Institution of Finland
"Transformation Problem and Value Form: Methodological Comments"

Session 15: CONTINGENCY AND GLOBAL SOCIAL CAPITAL

Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, 10th Floor, Axinn Library

Session Chairs: **Immanuel Ness**, Brooklyn College, CUNY and
Robert Ovetz, San Jose State University, CA

Presenters: **Peter Bratsis**, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY

"Socially Necessary Labor Time and the General Intellect:
Overcoming Moralism and Economism in Marxism"

Immanuel Ness, Brooklyn College, CUNY
"Beyond Spontaneity—The Party and Worker Organization"

Robert Ovetz, San Jose State University, CA
"Higher Education and the Zerowork Paradox"

Michael Pelias, Long Island University Brooklyn, NY
"Re-Marx: Speculations toward a 'New' Critique of Political Economy"

1:30-2:55 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 16: READING *CAPITAL* AND CRISIS TODAY

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Session Chair: **Johanna Shih**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Christian Lotz**, Michigan State University

"What is the Object of *Capital*, and Why is it a Critique"

Nick Nesbitt, Princeton University, NJ

"Reading *Capital* Today"

Bertell Ollman, New York University

"Marx's 'Main Aim' in Writing *Capital*, Vol. 1, was..."

Russell Rockwell

"*Capital* to *Grundrisse*: The Dual Crisis—in Critical Social Theory and in Society"

Session 17: MARX ON FICTITIOUS CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL CRISIS

Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, 10th Floor, Axinn Library

Session Chair: **Colleen Eren**, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY

Presenters: **Sergio Cámara Izquierdo**, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Azcapotzalco, Mexico City

"Fictitious Capital: A Critical Appraisal of Marxism and a Marxian Proposal."

Robert Guttmann, Hofstra University and Université de Paris XIII

"Revisiting Marx's Notion of *Fictitious Capital*: The Rise and Fall of Finance-Led Capitalism"

Laurence Krause, SUNY Old Westbury, NY

"Marx's Musings on Financial Crises:

A Perspective on his Theory of Credit, Central Banking, and Crises in the Mid-19th Century Gold Standard"

Joseph Ricciardi, Babson College, MA

"Marx on Financial Intermediation: Lessons from the French *Crédit Mobilier* and the Promise of Money as Command over Future Labor"

3-4:25 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 18: DISPOSSESSION AND PRECARIETY: ANTHROPOLOGISTS ENGAGE MARX

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Session Chairs: **Sharryn Kasmir**, Hofstra University and **Nina Glick Schiller**, University of Manchester, U.K.

Presenters: **Leigh Binford**, College of Staten Island, CUNY and **Lesley Gill**, Vanderbilt University, TN
"Fifty Years of Peasant Wars in Latin America"

Nina Glick Schiller, University of Manchester, U.K.
"Accumulation by Dispossession and Displaced Migrants and Non-migrants:
Multiscalar Approaches to Political Subjectivities"

Anthony Marcus, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
"Critical Comments on Accumulation by Dispossession"

Stephen Reyna, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany
"Negative Reciprocity, Accumulation by Dispossession, War, and Other Nasty Predations"

Session 19: MEASURE, FINANCE, AND FICTITIOUS CAPITAL

Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, 10th Floor, Axinn Library

Session Chair: **Joseph Ricciardi**, Babson College, MA

Presenters: **Colleen Eren**, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY
"The Final Fiction: Madoff Clawback Suits and their Implications for
Capitalism in the 21st Century"

Leslie King, Smith College, MA
"Neoliberal Health Policy in Action: Tales from Nursing Homes in Western Massachusetts"

PLENARY SESSION

5-6:30 p.m.

Harry Cleaver

Professor Emeritus, University of Texas at Austin
Author, *Reading Capital Politically*, 1979

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