

Politics, Philosophy and International Thought Research Group

Programme of Events 2011-12

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The programme for fall/spring 2011-2012 comprises sessions on 'Philosophies of Time and Future'. The follow-up series in the summer term 2012 will be on 'Philosophies of Space and Place'.

October

26th

Special meeting with Professor Heikki Patomäki discussing his paper "On the Complexities of Time and Temporality: Implications for World History and Global Futures", *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, 2011.

November

9th

Nietzsche, Friedrich W.

Readings:

Nietzsche, F. 'Of the Vision and the Riddle' in *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, various editions

Nietzsche, F. 'At Noon' in *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, various editions

Nietzsche, F. 'On the uses and disadvantages of history of life' in *Untimely Meditations*, sections one and two, various editions.

Secondary Literature:

Moles, A. 1990. "Temporality", in *Nietzsche's Philosophy of Nature and Cosmology*. New York: Peter Lang, Chapter 7, pp. 223.

30th

Kojeve, A. 1969. "A Note on Eternity, Time, and the Concept", in *Introduction to the Reading of Hegel*. London: Basic Books.

Kojeve's writings have been among the most influential in shaping how we receive Hegel today, and Kojeve develops the most explicitly temporal interpretation of Hegel's philosophy.

February

1st

Series of readings from and about the work of Frankfurt School Theorist Walter Benjamin. Benjamin's messianic theory of time & redemption sits between Marxism and Jewish theology, and is of interest both as a seminal contribution to debates on the nature of modernity and for its relevance to contemporary discussions about law, community, and philosophy of history.

29th

The first two readings are short pieces of Agamben's own writing, where he talks about the philosophy of time in relation to Adorno, Benjamin and Heidegger:

Agamben, G. "Time and History: Critique of the Instant and the Continuum", in *Infancy and History: Essays on the Destruction of Experience*. London: Verso.

Agamben, "Language and Death: The Place of Negativity", in *Excursus 7*. Minneapolis: Minnesota University Press, pp. 99-107.

The final reading is a more general piece on Agamben's thought for those of us who are less familiar with his work.

Kalyvas, A. (2005), "The Sovereign Weaver: Beyond the Camp" in *Politics, Metaphysics and Death* edited by Andrew Norris Durham. London: Duke University Press, pp. 107-134.

March

28th

This session is on the first chapter of Michael Shapiro's book, *The Time of the City*. This is a lively, insightful, and provocative discussion of the philosophy of time and leads neatly in to the 'Philosophies of Space and Place' sessions of the next term. Shapiro uses a staggering array of cinematic and textual sources to comment on the aesthetic and micropolitical spaces that are often missed by contemporary discourses of politics.

May

2nd

Nancy, J. 2007. "Urbi et Orbi", in *The Creation of the World or Globalization*, New York: State University of New York Press.