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radical foucault



University of East London, Docklands Campus
8th & 9th September 2011

Welcome to Radical Foucault!

The publication of Michel Foucault's Lectures at the Collège de France, 1983-84 in English was completed in April 2011 and his first Collège de France lecture course, *La Volonté de Savoir* was published in February. The Centre for Cultural Studies Research at the University of East London is holding this international conference to attempt to re-assess Foucault's contribution to radical thought and the application of his ideas to contemporary politics. What does it mean to draw on Foucault as a resource for radical politics, and how are we to understand the politics which implicitly informs his work?

Many commentators today would seem to claim Foucault as the theorist of a politics which eschews all utopian ambition in favour of a certain governmental pragmatism, while others would claim him for a rigorous but ultimately rather simple libertarianism: can either of these positions ever be adequate to the radicalism of Foucault's analyses? Does it matter?

What is the significance of Foucault's ideas of 'governmentality' and 'biopolitics' in understanding his later oeuvre and its implications; do either of these terms deserve to carry the weight attributed to them by some commentators? What is the ongoing relevance of Foucault's account of disciplinarity: is, it, as Lazzarato has claimed, a historical category no longer fully applicable to contemporary forms of power?

How can Foucauldian ideas be brought bear on the analysis of austerity politics? Is there a role for Foucault's ideas in formulating effective resistance to the increasing erosion of civil liberties that operates both within countries and across state boundaries? Can the notion of bio-power account for contemporary forms of racism? How can Foucauldian epistemology enable an understanding of the biopolitics of contemporary scientific discourse?

We are excited to welcome you to this first opportunity Foucauldian scholars have had to gather together and consider these questions collectively. It should be an exciting couple of days!

Debbie Shaw, Jeremy Gilbert & Stephen Maddison
Conference Organisers.

The Centre for Cultural Studies Research, University of East London

CCSR was established to serve as an international centre for research in contemporary cultural studies, cultural theory and cultural production. The centre supports research into political and theoretical issues in cultural studies and cultural practice. It is committed to interdisciplinary research in five general areas:

- cultural studies and politics
- cultural studies and its disciplinary neighbours
- cultural studies in the public sphere
- cultural studies and creative practice
- cultural studies and national contexts

Key events organised by CCSR have included:

- Cultural Studies Now Conference, 2007
- Our third annual lecture, in June 2011 was given by Jacqueline Rose, Queen Mary University of London, author of *Feminine Sexuality – Jacques Lacan and the école freudienne*, which she co-edited with Juliet Mitchell and translated, *Sexuality in the Field of Vision* (Verso Radical Thinkers), *The Haunting of Sylvia Plath*, *States of Fantasy* (the Oxford Clarendon lectures), *On Not Being Able to Sleep – Psychoanalysis and the Modern World*, *The Question of Zion* (the Christian Gauss seminars), *The Last Resistance* and the novel *Albertine*. *Conversations with Jacqueline Rose* came out in 2010.
- Our second annual lecture, in June 2010 was given by Marshall Berman, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at City University New York and CUNY Graduate Center, and author of *All That Is Solid Melts into Air*, *Adventures in Marxism*, *The Politics of Authenticity* and most recently, *On the Town*.
- Our three linked, seminars, Debt, Work Pain offered a chance to consider the cultural and economic politics of the current conjuncture. Speakers included Kate Pickett (co-author of *The Spirit Level*), Anna Bird, Head of Policy at the Fawcett Society, and legendary journalist and feminist Bea Campbell.
- Music Politics and Agency Conference May 2011
- Softer Masculinities Seminar, June 2011, with Eric Anderson and Mark McCormack
- Creaturely Lives, a symposium to celebrate the publication of Anat Pick's book *Creaturely Poetics*.

We welcome approaches from graduates interested in pursuing postgraduate study with us. The postgraduate programme in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences includes MAs in [Cultural Studies](#), [Media Studies](#), [Global Media](#) and [Film, Video and New Screen Media](#). The committee also welcomes approaches from those interested in researching for a PhD and academics interested in collaborative research and Visiting Fellowships.

For more information, or to download a podcast of one of our events, please go to <http://culturalstudiesresearch.org/>

Directions & Venue

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The best way to get to UEL's Docklands Campus is by DLR, Cyprus station. For more information go to <http://www.uel.ac.uk/campuses/docklands.htm>.

Registration for Radical Foucault is in the East Building, at the School of Arts and Digital Industries Student Enquiry Desk (SED). From Cyprus DLR station walk up the ramp towards the dock and turn left into the East Building; SED is the large glass fronted office on the right as you come into the building.

You can then go over to the West Building for coffee prior to the start of the plenaries on each day.

All Radical Foucault conference sessions take place in the West Building. From Cyprus DLR walk up the ramp towards the dock and turn right, walk across University Square and through the automatic doors. If you're coming from the East Building, having registered for the conference, head back out through the doors and cross University Square with the dock on your left. You'll find a map of the Docklands Campus at the back of this programme.

Thursday 8th September

9.30-10	Registration in: Student Enquiries Desk, East Building Coffee in room: WBG.02	Registration & Coffee
10-11.30	Room: WBG.02	Plenary 1 Stuart Elden , Professor in the Department of Geography, Durham University
11.30-11.45		Break
11.45-13.35	Panel 1 Room: WBG.02	Parrhesia and Practices of Critique Chair: Annika Skoglund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie Fuggle (Goldsmiths, University of London) 'Dangerous Truths: Foucault's Radical Cynic' • Matthew Dennis 'Philosophical Askesis: Foucault's Vision of Political Resistance' • Paolo Bonari 'The <i>Parrhesiast</i> as Professional Revolutionary' • Laura Cremonesi (Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick) 'The concept of "critique" in the thought of Michel Foucault' • Torben Dyrberg (Department of Society and Globalisation, Roskilde University) 'Foucault and Rawls on parrhesia and public reason'
	Panel 2 Room: WB2.02	Political Subjects Chair: Volha Piotukh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • André Dias 'Foucault as Background for the Dismantlement of the Arrested Political Axes' • Bruno Dias (Centre of Philosophy, University of Lisbon) 'The Courage of Truths – Theory of the Subject in Alain Badiou and Michel Foucault' • Tetz Hakoda 'Government over Resistance: Theoretical Signification of Foucault's Governmental Turn in the 1970s' • Manolis Simos (Department of French, University of Cambridge) 'Michel Foucault's Genealogy as Political Critique'
	Panel 3 Room: WB2.03	War and Biopolitics Chair: Claire Blencowe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thijs Willaert (Justus Lieberg University Giessen) 'Biopower as Travelling Concept: From Foucauldian Biopolitics to Postcolonial Necropolitics' • Orazio Irrera (CSPRP, Université Paris VII-Denis Diderot) 'Manifestation of Truth and (Paradoxical) Forms of Existence: Foucauldian Perspectives on Terrorism' • Volha Piotukh (School of Politics & International Studies, University of Leeds) 'Foucault in Afghanistan: Problematisations that matter and the biopolitics of securitization and militarization of aid' • Kevin S. Jobe (Philosophy Department, SUNY-Stony Brook) 'To Make Free by Letting Die: Hegel, Foucault and the Logic of State Racism'
	Panel 4 Room: WB2.04	Liberalism and Liberation Chair: Jeremy Gilbert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Öymen Gur (Department of Management, London School of Economics & Political Science) 'Does Information Society Liberate Individuals as Promised?' • Rodrigo Nunes (PUCRS, Brazil) 'Within and against liberalism? Reading Foucault from the point of view of the courses on biopolitics' • Nathaniel O'Grady 'Milieu formations and the Position of Error: New

		<p>Directions for Regimes of Speculation'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deirdre Duffy (Nottingham University) 'Big Society and Foucault'
13.35-14.35	Room: WBG.02	Lunch
14.35-16.15	Panel 5 Room: WBG.02	<p>Neoliberalism and Critiques of Economism Chair: Stephen Maddison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carey Hardin 'The Emergence of Economic Liberalism: A Comparison of Two Historical Theories' • Andreas Folkers 'Ironies and Evolutions of Normalization – the case of the subprime mortgage crisis' • Emanuele Leonardi 'For a Critique of Neoliberal Green Economy'
	Panel 6 Room: WB2.02	<p>Discourses of Otherness Chair: Orazio Irrera</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Blencowe (Department of Sociology, Warwick University) 'Biopolitical Experience: Foucault, Power & Positive Critique' • John Iliopoulos 'Psychiatry, biopower and racism' • Shaireen Rasheed 'Dismantling Islamophobia: Foucault and the biopolitics of the War on Terror'
	Panel 7 Room: WB2.03	<p>Cultural Politics 1 Chair: Sophie Fuggle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geertjan de Vugt (Tilburg School of Humanities, Tilburg University, the Netherlands) 'The dandy-attitude, or how to understand populist politics' • Annika Skoglund (Industrial Economics and Management, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm) 'The Biopolitics of Bo and Barack' (co-autored with David Redmalm, Department of Sociology, Örebro University, Sweden) • Daniele Lorenzini (Université Paris-Est Créteil / Università 'La Sapienza' di Roma) 'Foucault, Durruti and ancient Cynicism: Ethics as a (radical) Politics'
	Panel 8 Room: WB2.04	<p>Cultural Politics 2 Chair: Daniele Lorenzini</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martina Tazzioli & Amedeo Policante "Foucault on drugs: between economisation and medicalisation of pleasure" • Dean Garratt, Heather Piper & Bill Taylor 'Safeguarding Sports Coaching: a Foucauldian Analysis' • Marcelo Hoffman (Department of History and Social Sciences, Marian University, Indianapolis) 'Foucault and the "Lesson" of the Prisoner Support Movement' • Burcu Yalim & Emre Koyuncu 'Losing the Cherry: A Foucauldian Analysis of the Smoking Ban'
16.15-16.30		Break
16.30-18.00	Room: WBG.02	<p>Plenary 2</p> <p>Couze Venn, Emeritus Professor of Cultural Theory at the Theory, Culture & Society Centre, Nottingham Trent University and Managing Editor and Review Editor of Theory, Culture & Society</p>

Friday 9th September

9.30-10	Registration in: Student Enquiries Desk, East Building Coffee in room: WBG.02	Registration & Coffee
10-11.30	Room: WBG.02	Plenary 3 Anne Schwan , Lecturer in English Literature, Edinburgh Napier University Stephen Shapiro , Professor in the Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies, Warwick University
11.30-11.45		Break
11.45-13.35	Panel 9 Room: WBG.02	Cybernetics and Security Chair: Lisa King <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Hay (Insitute of Communications Research, Department of Media & Cinema Studies, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana) 'Reality TV as a Transactional Reality for a New <i>Homo oeconomicus</i> (and Finanical Crisis)' Kenneth C. Werbin (Contemporary Studies & Journalism, Wilfrid Laurier University) 'The Biopolitics of Intelligence: Social Media as Participatory Milieu of Security' Seb Franklin 'Biopolitics, Cybernetics and Governance'
	Panel 10 Room: WB2.02	Health and Populations Chair: Toni Wright <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heidi Samuelson (Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis) 'A Foucaultian Analysis of the "Epidemic" of Suicide among Gay Youth' Kelsey Borrowman (Department of Philosophy, Stony Brook University) 'Plasticization as Necrophilia: Death, Decomposition and the Inorganic in Foucault' Erika Mansnerus (LSE Health, London School of Economics & Political Science) 'Governance of public health risks' Tillie Curran (University of the West of England) 'Disabled children, governmentality and technologies of exclusion'
	Panel 11 Room: WB2.03	Science and Regimes of Truth Chair: Debbie Shaw <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Iveson 'The disciplinary underbelly in the margins of control' Goran Gaber (École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris) 'Genealogy as vocation' Sam Grove 'Dubious Disciplines: Science and Regimes of Truth'
13.35-14.35	Room: WBG.02	Lunch
14.35-16.00	Panel 12 Room: WBG.02	Practices of Resistance Chair: Tillie Curran <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toni Wright 'Governance, Shaping and Resistance: the "Pick-n-Mix" racial and social identities of Iraqi Kurdish women migrants in the UK' Kirsten Forkert 'Biopolitics, the self and the cuts' Rok Benčin (The Institute of Philosophy of the Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana) 'From Discontinued Subject to the Subject of (Dis)continuity?'

	<p>Panel 13</p> <p>Room: WB2.02</p>	<p>Subjectivity and the Body Chair: James Hay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriella Calchi-Novati (Department of Drama, Trinity College Dublin) 'Escaping Biopolitics: Michel Foucault & "Subversive Tattoos"' • Lisa King (Edgewood College, Madison) 'Transgendered subjectivities: Foucauldian Technologies of the Self and Radical Politics' • Darla Migan (Department of Philosophy, Stony Brook University) 'The Event of Religious Conversion as Counter-Conducts Overwhelming to Pastoral Power: The Secrets of Submission and Salvation in Augustine's Confessions'
	<p>Panel 14</p> <p>Room: WB2.03</p>	<p>Listening, Commemoration and Experience Chair: Erika Mansnerus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefanie Petschick (Department of Culture, Film and Media, University of Nottingham) 'Foucault and the Politics of Commemoration' • Matthew Lexow 'Listening to that which We Hear: Toward a Theory of Revolutionary Listening' • Luka Zevnik (University of Ljubljana) 'Foucault and the Politics of Experience'
16.00-16.30		Break
16.30-18.00	<p>Room: WBG.02</p>	<p>Plenary 4</p> <p>Mark Kelly, Lecturer in Philosophy, Middlesex University</p>



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