

2023 Critical Social Ontology Workshop Program

Opening Zoom Welcome – 9am CDT, Saturday, March 25th

Session 1 – 9:30-11am CDT

“On Conceptualizing Society”

Kenakis Leledakis, Assistant Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece)

“Who Are We? Cavell on the Sociality of Intelligibility”

Alexander Altonji, Graduate Student, New School for Social Research (USA)

Session 2a – 11:15am-1:15pm CDT

“Black Love”

Justin Clardy, Assistant Professor, Santa Clara University (USA)

“Must We Start With Gender? Theorizing Gender Oppression”

Ella Zhang, Graduate Student, University of British Columbia (Canada)

“Beyond Necessity vs. Contingency: An Expanded Conception of Capitalist Modalities”

Pat Hope, Graduate Student, Stanford University (USA)

Session 2b – 11:15am-12:45pm CDT

Moderator: Ruth Groff

“Discussion of Social Positioning Theory”

Tony Lawson, Professor, University of Cambridge (UK)

Doug Porpora, Professor, Drexel University (USA)

Session 3 – 2:15pm-3:45pm CDT

“A Case for Process Ontology”

Jason Ānanda Josephson Storm, Professor, Williams College (USA)

“Is Change in the Nature of Social Kinds Possible?”

Setareh Ezzatabadi, Graduate Student, University of Calgary (Canada)

Session 4 – 4:00-5:30 CDT

“Social Ontology: Roy Bhaskar and Alain Badiou”

Farid Saberi, Graduate Student, University of Alberta (Canada)

“Theorizing the Social: Causal Powers and the Proper Location of Human Agency”

Charles Varela, Research Associate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (USA)

Saturday Evening Zoom Bar/Pub Hangout – 6-7pm CDT, or longer ...
Sunday Morning Zoom Welcome – March 26th, 9:00-9:15am CDT

Session 1a – 9:30-11:00am CDT

“Putting the ‘Social’ into Social Ontology of Disability”

Shelley Tremain, Coordinator of BIOPOLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (Canada)

“Interdependence as an Existential Social Ontology in Disability Justice and Pragmatist Care Ethics”

Àger Pérez Casanovas, Graduate Student, University of Barcelona (Spain)

Session 1b – 9:30-11:00am CDT

“An Ontology of Value”

Nuno Ornelas Martins, Professor, Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Portugal)

“Social Movements and a Need for a New Metaphysical Account of Social Groups”

Mohammad Shokri, Graduate Student, University of Calgary (Canada)

Session 2 – 11:15am-1:15pm CDT

“The Critical Social Ontology of Inalienable Human Rights”

Priscilla Alderson, Professor Emerita, University College London (UK)

“Moral Realism and the Generative Notion of Causality”

Steve Ash, Centre for Critical Realism (UK)

“How Power and Normative Concerns Emerge Together in Niche Constructed Environments”

Torsten Menge, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University in Qatar (Qatar)

Session 3 – 2:15pm-3:45pm CDT

“Freedom and Economy in Marx: An Analysis of Marxist Philosophy of History Through Social Ontology”

Doğa Öner, Graduate Student, Stony Brook University (USA)

“On the Metaphysics of Self-Valorizing Value: Hegel, Aristotle & the Critique of Capital”

Ruth Groff, Associate Professor, Saint Louis University (USA)

Session 4 – 4pm-5:30pm CDT

Moderator: Tony Lawson

“Social Positioning and the Question of Power”

Emanuele Lobina, Associate Professor, University of Greenwich (UK)

“Change of Structure in Cambridge Social Ontology”

Josef Menšík, Assistant Professor, Masaryk University (Czech Republic)

Zoom closing – 5:30-5:45pm CDT