

Tactics of Resistance: Limitations and Possibilities

Second Annual Graduate Conference Hosted by the Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism

Conference Programme

Friday, October 12

1:00 – 2:00 pm Registration

Location: University College, 2nd floor, Hallway next to rooms 224-225

2:00 – 4:00 Panels

1. First Nations and Resistance of Identity

Location: Somerville House 3345

Chair: Regna Darnell

Gerald McKinley “Trickster Discourse and the Resistance of Presence.” (Theory and Criticism, UWO).

Mandy Koolen “Multicultural Myths: The (Mis)recognition of White Mixed Race Peoples in Canada” (English, McMaster University).

Jean François Bissonnette “Colonized in the Flesh: The Aboriginal Body as a Site of Resistance” (School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa).

Stacy Douglas “Re:search, Re:Surge, and Re:Sist: Re-defining the Terms of a Jurisprudence of Insurgency: A Case Study of the Water Crises in Walkerton, Ontario and Kashechewan, Ontario” (Canadian Studies and Native Studies, Trent University).

2. Tactical Media and Hyper-Surveillance

Location: University College 317

Chair: Nick Dyer-Witford

Nicole M. Lindsay “Beyond “Public Sphere”: Towards a Critical Understanding of the Socio-Technological Dimensions of Resistance.”

Nicole M. Lindsay, Communication, Simon Fraser.

Mike Arntfield “The Ghost in the Machine: From CB Scanner to Wiki-Surveillance.” (Media Studies, UWO).

Ian Reilly, “Irony, Parody, and the Politics of Fake News.” (English and Theatre Studies, University of Guelph).

Henry Svec, “Becoming Machinic Virtuosos: Guitar Hero, Rez, and Multitudinous Aesthetics.” (Media Studies, UWO).

3. Rendering the Image Legible

Location: University College 138a

Chair: Tony Purdy

Aarnoud Rommens, “The Terror of the Uncertain Sign': Tactics of Counter-Censorship in Alberto Breccia's *Buscavidas*” (Theory and Criticism, UWO).

Erin Morton, “Blank Slating the Visual/Blanking out the Conservative.” (Department of Art, Queen's University).

Cynthia Foo, “Rebels Without an Ethos: Countercultural Ethics in Tactics.” (Visual and Cultural Studies, University of Rochester).

4. Feminist Responses to Domination: Local, Secluded, Joyful?

Location: Somerville House 2348

Chair: LindaBeth Flack

Ayse Batur, “The Unconscious as the Site of Resistance and the Possibilities of a Political Psychoanalysis.” (Theory and Criticism, UWO).

Mark Kingston, “Penelope and Plurality: Cavarero's Seclusion-Based Model of Resistance.” (Philosophy, University of New South Wales).

Sherilyn Williams, “Crafting Resistance: Fighting Mass Produced with Pins and Needles.” (Media Studies, UWO).

Diana Parry, “Women’s Leisure as a Site for Resistance to Gendered Ideologies: The Politics of Leisure.” (Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, University of Waterloo).

4:00 – 4:30 Coffee Break

Location: Grad Club

4:30 – 4:45 Opening Remarks

Location: University College 224 (Conron Hall)

4:45 – 6:00 Keynote Speaker: William Haver “Communist Resistance”

Location: University College 224 (Conron Hall)

William Haver is Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Director of the Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture Program at SUNY Binghamton.

Saturday, October 13

9:30 – 10:00 am: Coffee & Snacks

Location: Grad Club

10:00 – 12:00 Panels

5. **Digital Dissent, Satire, and Blogs: Tactics of Media Resistance after 9/11**

Location: University College 224 (Conron Hall)

Chair: Paul D. Boin

Megan Boler, “Ironic Citizenship and Complicity in Spectacular Society.” (Theory and Policy Studies, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, UFT)

Catherine Burwell, “Calling on the Colbert Nation: Fan Practices and Resistance to Corporate Media Powers.” (OISE, University of Toronto).

Andréa Schmidt, “Politics for Consumption: How Bloggers Feed the War Machine.” (Independent researcher).

6. **Urban Spaces**

Location: University College 224a

Chair: Douglass St.-Christian

Nancy M. Clark, “Contested Spaces and the Generic City: Tactics for a Reflective Urbanism.” (Architecture, University of Florida).

Miriam Love, “Peripatetic Unbound: Walking, Writing and Resistance.” (Theory and Criticism, UWO).

Neslihan Demirtas, “The Tactical Acts of Gecekondu Dwellers.” (Faculty of Communication, Izmir University of Economics).

7. **The Politics of Citizenship**

Location: University College 225

Chair: Arnoud Rommens

Alex Pershai, “Resisting National Identity: Exploring Alternatives and Possibilities.” (Theory and Criticism, UWO).

Deniz Ferhatoghu, “Re-thinking Citizenship: Resistance and Hannah Arendt’s Notion of Action.” (Political Science, University of Alberta).

Jean Michel Montsion, “(Mis)Conceptualising Labour Repression in Southeast Asian Societies: Manifesting Labour Resistance Through Social Rhythms.” (Political Science, McMaster University).

Emily Rosser, “Gendered” vs. “Piropos”: Resisting Translation and Troubling the Transnational in Canada-US-Mexico Coalition Work.” (School of Women’s Studies, York University).

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Break

Location: Grad Club

1:00 – 2:15 **Keynote Speakers: BAVO (Gideon Boie and Matthias Pauwels): “The Art of Overidentification”**

Location: University College 224 (Conron Hall)

BAVO is a research team headed by architect-philosophers Gideon Boie and Matthias Pauwels. BAVO is based in Brussels and Rotterdam.

2:15 – 2:30 Coffee Break

Location: Grad Club

2:30 – 4:30 Panels

8. Nietzsche, Bataille: Resisting Resistance and Affirmation

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Chair: Călin-Andrei Mihăilescu

Timothy de Vries, “The Neurological Impasse.” (Ontario College of Art and Design).

Jason Dockstader, “Nietzsche’s Physiology of Resistance.” (Theory and Criticism, UWO).

Matthew Austin, “Bataille’s Method of Contestation.” (Theory and Criticism, UWO).

Dhruv Jain, “A Scatological Examination of Excess and Resistance.” (Social and Political Thought, York University).

Kane X. Faucher, “Ekelogy as the Last Viable Form of Sociopolitical Resistance?” (Theory and Criticism, UWO).

Melissa Ptacek, “Bataille’s Sacrifice as Resistance: Guantánamo and the Empire of Tragedy.” (Researcher at the Center for Population Economics, the University of Chicago).

9. Zizek’s Revolutionary Act

Location: University College 224a

Chair: TBA

Andrew Shmuely, “Bartleby, or the Politics of Refusal and the Search for a Space ‘Outside’” (Geography, University of Toronto).

Gregory C Flemming, “The Radical Universal: Particularity, Demand and Revolution.” (Social and Political Thought, York University).

Matthew Flisfeder, “Resistance *as* Fantasy: Zizek’s Theory of Ideology and the Impossible ‘Act’” (Joint Graduate Programme in Communication and Culture, Ryerson University and York University).

Charles Wells, “Traversing the Fantasy of Resistance: An Attempt to Articulate Zizek’s *Act* of Revolution.” (Social and Political Thought, York University).

10. Foucault/Deleuze: Points of Encounters

Location: University College 225

Chair: Mark Jull

Matt Sang, “Where there is power, there is resistance...” (Theory and Criticism, UWO).

Jeff Pastorius, “Social Movements and Their Situated Power Relations” (International and Comparative Studies and Philosophy, Huron University College).

Christopher M. Drohan, “Some Preliminary Techniques of Symbolic Warfare.” (PhD, European Graduate School of Media and Communications).

Brenden Murphy, “Logistics or Resistance.” (Philosophy, Carleton University).