



23RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FOUCAULT CIRCLE

26-29 JUNE 2025

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 26 JUNE, DAY 1

Session 1- 9:00-10:45

Beyond “Man”: Humanism, History, and Race

Moderator: Edward McGushin (Stonehill College)

Charles A. Piecyk, Maynooth University, *After Man: A Foucauldian Analysis of Transhumanism and Posthumanism*

Daniel Schultz, Whitman College, *History and Humanism: Black Thought Confronts Foucault*

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago, *Has Jewish History Ever Been Genealogical?*

Session 2- 11:05-12:15

Sovereignty, Coloniality, and Biopolitics

Moderator: Christian Lundahl (Örebro University)

Selin Islekel, Texas A&M University, *Decolonizing Damians: The Coloniality of Sovereignty and Government by Terror*

Gabriele Leone, University of Lapland, *Biopolitical Nationalism in the Kurdish Context of Turkey: State Mechanisms of Control, Exclusion, and Survival*

Lunch - 12:30-13:55

Session 3- 14:00-15:45

Siting (Counter)-conduct: Askēsis, Heterotopia, and Self-transformation

Moderator: Daniel Schultz (Whitman College)

Zach Schwarze, Rice University, *Sex Workers and Virgin Saints: the Questionable Future of Foucauldian Askēsis*

Xiaobo Yuan, Whitman College, *Livestreaming Heterotopia: Citizen-Journalism and the Ethics of Witnessing in China*

Kurt Borg, University of Malta, *Writing as Self-(trans)formation: Foucault, Montaigne and the Essay as a Way of Life*

Keynote - 16:00-17:00

Lynne Huffer, Emory University, “Queer Minded”

Introduced by: Edward McGushin (Stonehill College)

Reception on Thursday Evening



FRIDAY 27 JUNE, DAY 2

Session 4- 9:00-10:45

Critique, Solidarity, and Forms of Life

Moderator: Anna Ahlgren (Stockholm University)

Anki Bengtsson, Stockholm University, *Critique, Authority, and Epistemic Contestation over Truth*

Dawn Herrera Helphand, Loyola University Chicago, *Critique, Counter-Conduct, and Forms of Life*

Shterna Friedman, Harvard University, *Solidarity as Totality or as Calculation?*

Session 5- 11:00-12:45

Pleasure, Politics, Life

Moderator: Anna Ahlgren (Stockholm University)

Cristian González Arévalo, Universität Freiburg, *A Potential Political Dimension of Foucault's Sodomasochism Concept*

Elena Vasiliou, University of Warwick, *Self-Destruction, Resistance, and Pleasure: Reflections on Foucault, Mbembe, and Kojeve*

Laura Ercoli, Università di Macerata, *What is Life? Life, Biopolitics, and Forms of Life in the Philosophy of Michel Foucault*

Lunch - 13:00-14:25

(business meeting during lunch)

Session 6- 14:30-16:15

Foucault and the Legacies of German Idealism

Moderator: Brad Stone (Loyola Marymount University)

Kevin Thompson, DePaul University, *Foucault on Absolute Knowing: Transcendentality and Historicity in the Diploma Thesis*

Leonhard Riep, Goethe-Universität, *Towards an Objective Method of Intuitive Understanding? Early Foucault as a Reader of Jaspers*

Shawn G. F. Huberdeau, Villanova University, *Archaeology against Anthropology: Foucault against German Philosophical Modernity*

Keynote - 16:30-17:30

Elisabetta Basso, Università di Pavia, "A Science of Madmen and of Genius': Young Foucault's Phenomenology"

Introduced by: Daniel Schultz (Whitman College)

SATURDAY 28 JUNE, DAY 3

Session 7- 9:00-10:45

Subjects and Power: Foucault in Hegelian Marxist Relief

Moderator: Lourens van Haaften (Groningen University)

Daphne Pons, Loyola University Chicago, *Foucault and Althusser*

Raffaele Maria Campanile, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, *Giving Voice to the Subalterns: From the History of the Victors to a Democratic Practice*

Matteo Gonfiantini, Liceo Montanari (Verona), *Michel Foucault: Pedagogies of Silence and Noise*

Session 8- 11:05-12:15

Revolution and Political Spirituality: Foucault in Iran

Moderator: Selin Islekel (Texas A&M University)

Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, *A Genealogy of Political Spirituality*

Giovanni Mascaretti, Università di Firenze, *What is a "Will to Revolution"? A Reappraisal of Michel Foucault's Writings on Iran*

Lunch - 12:30-14:00

Session 9- 14:05-15:15

Technologies of Governance

Moderator: Lynne Huffer (Emory University)

Alessandro Falconieri, Université Paris 8, *The Genealogy of Green Spaces in Paris: An Unfinished Project in the Collective Works of Michel Foucault*

Raylene Abdilla, University of Malta, *Governing Crises: A Foucauldian Analysis of EU Discourses on Greece and the UK*

Keynote - 16:00-17:00

Niki Clements, Rice University, "Foucault's Histories of Sexuality"

Introduced by: Anna Ahlgren (Stockholm University)

Dinner on Saturday

SUNDAY 29 JUNE, DAY 4

Session 10- 9:00-10:10

Criminality and Power

Moderator: Anki Bengtsson (Stockholm University)

Claryn Spies, Villanova University, *The Use of the Criminal*

Rebecca Robinson, Université de Montréal, *Life on the Lam in Early China*


Session 11- 10:35-11:45

History and Ontology: Desire, Selves, Subjectivity

Moderator: Kevin Thompson (DePaul University)

Jonas Oßwald, Universität Wien, *One Dialogue, Two Materialisms:
On Foucault and Deleuze*

Mads Peter Karlsen, University of Copenhagen, and Kaspar Villadsen,
Copenhagen Business School, *What is the Price of the Interview? Foucault's
Negotiation of Subjectivity in Intellectual Conversations*



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