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## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CRITICAL THEORY AND REASON**

*Sala Ortega y Gasset (Seminario 217)*

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*05–06 March 2024*

**TUESDAY 05 MARCH 2024**

*0830–0900hrs: Registration*

*0900–0910hrs: Welcome and Opening Remarks*

**0910–1040: Session 1–Materiality and Critique (Chair: Gavin Rae)**

**Is there a Materiality to Reason?**

*James R. Martel (San Francisco State University, USA)*

**The Last Katechon: The Role of Critical Intellectuals in the Post-Industrial Society**

*Justas Patkauskas (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy)*

**So Very Tired: The Nature and Ethics of Exhaustion**

*Sacha Golob (King's College London, England)*

*1040–1100hrs: Coffee Break*

**1100–1230hrs: Session 2–Embodiment (Chair: Cillian Ó Fathaigh)**

**Critique and Gastronomy: Notes for an Analogical Realism**

*Valeria Campos–Salvaterra (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile)*

**Critical Theory and Affect: Adorno's Concept of Touch**

*Cristina Matei (Kingston University, England)*

**What Can an Image (of the Body) Do?: Reason, Images, and Materiality**

*Emma Ingala (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain)*

*1230–1245hrs: Coffee Break*

**1245–1345hrs: Session 3–Materiality and Nature (Chair: Sacha Golob)**

**On an Unwritten Logic: Horkheimer and the Possibility of Materialist Dialectics**

*Samuel Ferns (University College Dublin, Ireland)*

**Nature and Freedom: Reconsidering the Materialist Philosophy of Spirit in Dialectic of Enlightenment**

*Wouter Vijfhuizen (Pennsylvania State University, USA)*

*1345–1545hrs: Lunch (Provided for conference speakers)*



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1545–1645hrs: Session 4–Information and Reason (Chair: James Martel)

**Which Way, Computational Singularity?**

*Kennan Ferguson (University of Wisconsin: Milwaukee)*

**Informationcritique, between Reason and Desire**

*Ashley Woodward (University of Dundee, Scotland)*

1645–1700hrs: *Coffee Break*

1700–1800hrs: Session 5–Technology (Chair: Kennan Ferguson)

**The Task of Critical Social Theory in Technological Innovation Processes**

*Lisann Penttilä (KU Leuven, Belgium)*

**From Formal–Technical Rationality to Democratic Rationalization: Critical Theory of Technology in Marcuse and Feenberg**

*Antonio Oraldi (University of Lisbon, Portugal)*

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**WEDNESDAY 06 MARCH 2024**

0915–0930hrs: *Registration*

0930–1100: Session 6–Critical Theory and Deconstruction (Chair: Gavin Rae)

**The Reason to Come: Derrida and Plato on the Future of Reasoning**

*Jack Kelleher (King's College London, England)*

**“From Name to Nomos”: the Name as Institution in Derrida**

*Cillian Ó Fathaigh (King's College London, England)*

**Deconstruction and Ethnocentrism: On Derrida's Generalized Writing**

*Ramón Macho (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain)*

1100–1120hrs: *Coffee Break*

1120hrs–1250hrs: Session 7–Decolonial Reason (Chair: Emma Ingala)

**Decolonial Rationality as Creating Relationality**

*Friso Timmenga (University of Groningen, Holland)*

**The Future Stakes of Abyssal Critique**

*David Ventura (Newcastle University, England)*

**What Exactly is Globalised in Globalising Critical Theory?**

*Tamara Caraus (University of Lisbon, Portugal)*

1250–1500hrs: *Lunch (provided for conference speakers)*



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1500–1630hrs: Session 8–Monsters, Irrationality, & Political Imaginaries (Chair: Hannah Richter)

**“The Sleep of Reason Produces Monsters”:** Monstrous doubles in Sarah Kofman's “Vatour Rouge”

*Eve Judah (University of Cambridge, England)*

**The Dialectic of Enlightenment and Freudian Drive Theory: The Irrational Ground of Reason and Political Agency**

*Gavin Rae (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain)*

**Political Reason and Imagination: Connecting Political Rationality and Political Imaginaries**

*Mattias Lehtinen (University of Helsinki, Finland)*

*1630–1645hrs: Coffee Break*

1645–1815hrs: Session 8–Politics and Ethics (Chair: Cillian Ó Fathaigh)

**Post–Truth Populism and the Enjoyment of Not–Knowing**

*Hannah Richter (University of Sussex, England)*

**Anarchism, Indigeneity, and Reason: Louise Michel's Construction of Radical Pedagogy**

*Carolyn E. Eichner (University of Wisconsin: Milwaukee)*

**Hope beyond the Anthropocene: From Denialist Optimism to Affirmative Pessimism**

*Liesbeth Schoonheim (Humboldt University, Germany)*

*1815–1820hrs: Close of Conference*

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