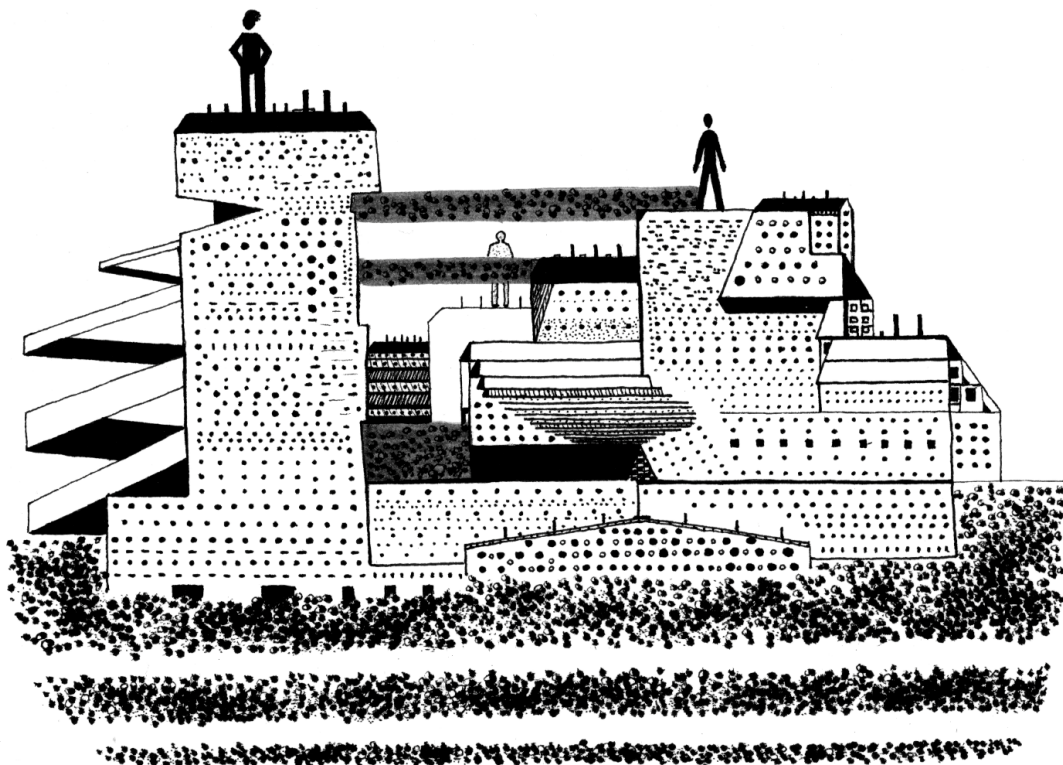


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### Conference Organizers:

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##### Opening Remarks and Welcome

**Pavlaína Cermanová**, Deputy Director, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences

**Ondřej Lánský**, Head of Department of Political Philosophy and Globalization Research, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences

9.00 – 9.30

9.45 – 11.15

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| <p>Room A: <i>The New Politics of Campus</i><br/><b>Steven Winter</b>: Democracy and the Humanities.</p> <p>Chair: <b>Maeve Cooke</b></p> | <p>Room B: <i>The End of Peace?</i><br/><b>Benjamin Andrew Schupmann</b>: Reconciling Ideals and Self-Preservation: Militant Democracy as Constitutional Reason of State<br/><b>William A. Barbieri</b>: Ecological Agency and the Mechanisms of War</p> <p>Chair: <b>Alessandro Ferrara</b></p> | <p>Room C: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br/><b>Pierre-François Noppen</b>: On Thinking the Alternative: Adorno on Freud and the Constitution of Immanence<br/><b>William Paris</b>: Utopia and Repetition</p> <p>Chair: <b>María Pía Lara</b></p> |
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11.30 – 13.00

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| <p>Room A: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br/><b>Federica Gregoratto / Italo Testa</b>: Futurity and the Life of Critique. Romantic Wanderings in Critical Theory<br/><b>Peter E. Gordon</b>: The Rationalist Presuppositions of Critical Theory<br/><b>Patrick O'Mahony</b>: Communicative Reason and the Critical Theory of the Future</p> <p>Chair: <b>Maeve Cooke</b></p> | <p>Room B: <i>Globe/Earth/Planet/World</i><br/><b>David Martinez</b>: Towards a Digital Lifeworld? Communicative Action in the New Era<br/><b>Luca Hemmerich</b>: Economic Democracy and the Ecological Crisis<br/><b>Esteban Torres</b>: Postcolonial World Society: A Proposal for Critical Theory</p> <p>Chair: <b>Martin Saar</b></p> | <p>Room C: <i>The End of Peace?</i><br/><b>Stephanie Graf / Laurin Mackowitz / Andreas Oberprantacher / Florian Pistrol</b>: Metaphors at War: The Figurative Underpinnings of Violent Conflict (Joint Panel)</p> <p>Chair: <b>Simone Chambers</b></p> |
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Lunch Break (120 min.)

15.00 – 16.30

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| <p>Room A: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br/><b>Ranier Carlo Abengaña</b>: 'Workers of the World, Relax!': Denaturalising Work and the Fight for Free Time<br/><b>Jonathan Klein</b>: The Future of Capitalism: Alienation and the Pathology of Unrealized Potential</p> <p>Chair: <b>Martin Saar</b></p> | <p>Room B: <i>Oligarchy/Plutocracy/Kleptocracy</i><br/><b>Øjvind Larsen</b>: From Habermas to Trump: AI-digitalization &amp; AI-capitalization of the Public Spheres: The Production of New Forms of Totalitarianism in Modern Democratic Societies?<br/><b>Maximilian Priebe</b>: Feudal Landholding in Digital Space? Reading Franz Oppenheimer in the "Second Gilded Age"<br/><b>Onni Hirvonen</b>: Wealth as an Inherent Problem of Democracy</p> <p>Chair: <b>Simone Chambers</b></p> | <p>Room C: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br/><b>Hunter Raymond Hilinski</b>: Forgotten, Unforgotten Days: Ernst Bloch's Critique of Fascism<br/><b>Yik Long Leung</b>: On Repression: Bodily Remainder and Social Transformation in Adorno and Butler<br/><b>Samu/elle Striewski</b>: Drag as Critical Genealogy</p> <p>Chair: <b>Peter Gordon</b></p> |
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Plenary: **Jonathan White**: *The Future as a Political Idea*

Chair: **Simone Chambers**

16.45 – 18.00

| Thursday, May 15th, 2025  |   |   |
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| <b>Plenary: María Pía Lara: <i>The Stolen Narratives from the Left: The Ultra Right Promises of Restoration</i></b>   |   |   |
| 9.30 – 10.45  |   |   |
| <b>Plenary: Jeffrey A. Winters: <i>Domination through Democracy: Why Oligarchs Win</i></b>  |   |   |
| 11.00 – 12.30   |   |   |
| 12.45 – 14.15   |   |   |
| Room A: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br><b>Greta Favara / Dimitrios Efthymiou:</b> The Art of Timing: Rethinking Normative Prescriptions in Political Philosophy<br><b>Miriam Schröder:</b> Imagining Futures in the Afterlife of Slavery<br><br><i>Chair: Peter J. Verovsek</i>  | Room B: <i>The End of Peace?</i><br><b>Andrew Poe:</b> Prelude to the End of Police: A New Reading of Benjamin's "Critique of Violence"<br><b>Shterna Friedman:</b> The Dark Side of Solidarity: Foucault on Civil War<br><br><i>Chair: Hartmut Rosa</i>                  | Room C: <i>Globe/Earth/Planet/World</i><br><b>Simon Reiners:</b> The Corporeal Resistance of In-human Lives. Adorno's Anti-humanism in More-than-human Times<br><b>Lena Nowak-Laird:</b> What Does it mean to Perform an Immanent Critique of Metaphysics?<br><br><i>Chair: Federica Gregoratto</i>                                   |
| Lunch Break (120 min.)  |   |   |
| 16.15 – 17.45   |   |   |
| Room A: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br><b>Tivadar Vervoort:</b> Everyday Resistance and Social Critique: Towards a Dialogue Between Contemporary Critical Theory and the Sociology of Everyday Life<br><b>Michael Ivo Räber:</b> Can Play and Improvisation Function as Tools for Emancipation from Domination?<br><br><i>Chair: Federica Gregoratto</i> | Room B: <i>Oligarchy/Plutocracy/Kleptocracy</i><br><b>Marina Calloni:</b> The Fragility of Democracy and the Rise of the Sophocrats<br><b>Ştefan Fircă:</b> Kleptocrats and Charismatic Leaders. Profiling Dark Heroes in Literary Culture<br><br><i>Chair: Eva Erman</i> | Room C: <i>Globe/Earth/Planet/World</i><br><b>Peter Schulz:</b> Materialities of Water. Elements for a Critical Theory of Nature in the Anthropocene<br><b>Ebru Kizilkaya Unal:</b> Temporal Alienation in the Anthropocene<br><b>Roderick Condon:</b> What Kind of Science is Earth System Science?<br><br><i>Chair: Simon Susen</i> |
| Soccer game evening, organized by Eva Erman, Patrick O'Mahony, and Jiří Krejčík.  |   |   |

| Friday, May 16th, 2025   |  |   |
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| <b>Plenary: Stephan Lessenich: <i>Authoritarian Derealization</i></b>  |  |   |
| 9.30 – 10.45   |  |   |
| <b>Plenary: Annabelle Lever: <i>The Right to Stand and the Democratic Value of Elections</i></b>   |  |   |
| 11.00 – 12.15  |  |   |
| 12.30 – 14.00  |  |   |
| Room A: <i>Globe/Earth/Planet/World</i><br><b>Susan Buck-Morss:</b> A Planetary Public Sphere<br><b>Martin Renz / Julius Schwarzwälder:</b> Revolutions of the Senses: Un-Unseeability and Spaces of Appearance<br><br><i>Chair: María Pía Lara</i>                    | Room B: <i>The End of Peace?</i><br><b>Johan Van der Walt:</b> Inevitable Ends of Peace? Notes on Hegel's Awkward Distinction between Civil Society and the State<br><br><i>Chair: Eduardo Mendieta</i>                    | Room C: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br><b>Tomas Stølen:</b> Democratic Education and the Withering of Experience: Dewey and Adorno<br><b>Julia Costet:</b> Engaging Experience for Feminist Futures: Feminist Theory as Social Practice<br><b>Tim Heyse:</b> „Choose the Right Side of History!“ A Philosophical Analysis of a Political Slogan<br><br><i>Chair: Hugh Miller</i> |
| Lunch Break (120 min.)   |  |   |
| 16.00 – 17.30  |  |   |
| Room A: <i>Oligarchy/Plutocracy/Kleptocracy</i><br><b>Eduardo Mendieta:</b> Algorithmic Sovereignty: AI and Legitimacy<br><b>Eva Erman:</b> Automated Public Decision-Making and Democratic Legitimacy: The Problem of Context<br><br><i>Chair: Alessandro Ferrara</i> | Room B: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br><b>Benjamin Brisson:</b> Towards a Critical Liberalism<br><b>Judith Vega:</b> Future Normativity: Non-Violent Sovereignty for Governmental Lifeworlds<br><br><i>Chair: Maeve Cooke</i> | Room C: <i>Globe/Earth/Planet/World</i><br><b>Abigail Iturra:</b> The Limits of Eco-Marxism<br><b>James William:</b> The Future of the Last Generation<br><b>Lea Gekle:</b> Adorno's Social Theory as an Analysis of the Social World and its "Concrete Possibilities"<br><br><i>Chair: Peter Gordon</i>  |
| <b>Plenary: Maeve Cooke / James Ingram / Gesche Keding / Christoph Menke:</b> „Theorie der Befreiung“ („Theory of Liberation“) and „Transitioning Critical Theory: Openings Towards the Future“ (Book-Panel)   |  |   |
| 17.45 – 19.30  |  |   |
| <i>Chair: María Pía Lara</i>   |  |   |

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| Saturday, May 17th, 2025  |  |   |
| Plenary: Jeta Mulaj: <i>A Critique of Fragmented Subjectivity</i>   |  |   |
| 9.30 – 10.45  |  | Chair: <i>María Pía Lara</i>  |
| Plenary: Ina Kerner: <i>The Coloniality of Global Inequality</i>  |  |   |
| 11.00 – 12.15   |  | Chair: <i>Eduardo Mendieta</i>  |
| 12.30 – 14.00   |  |   |
| Room A: <i>Globe/Earth/Planet/World</i><br><b>Albert Sobottka:</b> Religiously Motivated Political Participation in Right-wing Movements. Roots of Christian Zionism em USA and Brazil<br><b>Petra Gūmplová:</b> From Distributive to Ecological Justice for the Seabed Global Commons<br><br>Chair: <i>N. N.</i>   | Room B: <i>Oligarchy/Plutocracy/Kleptocracy</i><br><b>Marco Solinas:</b> Freedom of Speech? On The New Digital Media Plutocracy<br><b>Peter J. Verovsek:</b> Deliberative Democratic Leadership: Theorizing the Role of Leaders in Habermas’s Discursive Political Theory<br><b>Ondřej Lánský:</b> The Spirit of Democracy in the Age of Oligarchy<br><br>Chair: <i>Hartmut Rosa</i> | Room C: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br><b>Mark Gorthey:</b> Moral Articulation, Hermeneutical Injustice & Contemporary Critical Theory<br><b>Kurt Mertel:</b> Re-Thinking World-Disclosure and Critique: An Appropriative Proposal<br><b>Ľubomír Dunaj:</b> Between Daoism and Critical Hermeneutics. A Prolegomenon to a Global Philosophy<br><br>Chair: <i>Eduardo Mendieta</i>                                |
| Lunch Break (120 min.)  |  |   |
| 16.00 – 17.30   |  |   |
| Room A: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br><b>Kiran Banerjee:</b> Re-imagining the Future of Refugee Agency in a Non-Ideal World<br><b>Guido Barbi:</b> How to Evaluate Different Solidarities? On the Temporality and Contradictory Origins of a Political Concept<br><b>Sarah Bufkin:</b> Frantz Fanon and the Antiracist Politics of Disalienation<br><br>Chair: <i>Hartmut Rosa</i>  | Room B: <i>Oligarchy/Plutocracy/Kleptocracy</i><br><b>Robin Maialeh:</b> Reified Agency and Oligarchic Power: Unequal Dynamics in Market Systems<br><b>Vojtěch Svěrák:</b> Dismantling Fossil Fuel Oligarchy: Group Responsibility and the Polluter Elite<br><br>Chair: <i>Ondřej Lánský</i>   | Room C: <i>Globe/Earth/Planet/World</i><br><b>Gianfranco Casuso:</b> Formal-Informal Codependency: Popular and Solidarity Economy, and the Need of a Global Approach<br><b>Leonardo Fiorespino:</b> Democratic Foundation and the Boundary Problem: One Solution to Two Paradoxes<br><b>Joe Grim Feinberg:</b> Political Theory Beyond the Political<br><br>Chair: <i>Alessandro Ferrara</i>                  |
| 17.45 – 19.15   |  |   |
| Room A: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br><b>Karolina Enquist Källgren:</b> Constellation Capitalism: on Social Form and the New as Praxis<br><b>Marjan Ivković:</b> Therapeutic Trust as Non-identity: How Intersubjective Relations Can Subvert Capitalist Structural Domination<br><b>Nikolai Repenning-Janssen:</b> Limited Horizons: Digital Mediation and the Challenges of Imagining beyond Digital Consumer Capitalism<br><br>Chair: <i>Ondřej Lánský</i> | Room B: <i>The End of Peace?</i><br><b>Hugh Miller:</b> Günther Anders: Anti-Apocalyptic Thinking and the End of Time<br><b>Tomáš Korda:</b> Non-Kantian Reading of Hegel’s Struggle of States for Recognition<br><br>Chair: <i>Kiran Banerjee</i>   | Room C: <i>Globe/Earth/Planet/World</i><br><b>Leonhard Riep:</b> World and Transcendental Experience in Early Foucault<br><b>Arianne Conty:</b> Fudo Instead of World: Privileging Place Instead of Time<br><b>Simon Clemens:</b> Toward a Theory of the Cosmos. On Isabelle Stengers’ Proceduralism<br><br>Chair: <i>Hugh Miller</i>   |
| Group dinner at 20.00 hrs.  |  |   |
| Sunday, May 18th, 2025  |  |   |
| Plenary: Simon Susen: <i>Senses of Time: From the Future via the Present to the Past (and Back Again)</i>   |  |   |
| 9.30 – 10.45  |  | Chair: <i>Martin Saar</i>   |
| 11.00 – 12.30   |  |   |
| Room A: <i>Imagining Futures</i><br><b>Roberta Sala:</b> Believing in a more Reasonable Political Debate: beyond the Binary Interpretation of Unreasonableness<br><b>Krassimir Stojanov:</b> Human Dignity as Moral Motivational Source of Progressive Radical Protest Movements<br><b>Debora Spini:</b> Back to the Future. Investigating Modern Temporality<br><br>Chair: <i>Ondřej Lánský</i>  | Room B: <i>Oligarchy/Plutocracy/Kleptocracy</i><br><b>Sarah Bianchi:</b> Fear, Transnational Justice and Human Rights<br><b>Manuela Santamaría Moncada:</b> Schemes of Violence and Regression: Refeudalization, Delegation, Aggressiveness<br><br>Chair: <i>Simone Chambers</i>   | Room C: : <i>Globe/Earth/Planet/World</i><br><b>Ricardo Gonçalves:</b> The Public Sphere Fragmentation Diagnosis: Emerging Trends, Continuities, and Democratic Challenges<br><b>Lucas Dagostini Gardelin:</b> Law and Politics in the Dispute over the Meanings of Universal and Particular: Jurisgenerativity and Democratic Iterations in the Critical Theory of Seyla Benhabib<br><br>Chair: <i>N. N.</i> |