

APT 2020

Virtual Conference Program

November 7-13, 2020



Saturday, November 7, 1:00pm (EST)

Pre-Conference Workshop:
The Politics of Care

Hosted by the Standing Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (SCEDI)

What is ‘care’? Who cares, and who takes care? How is caring enmeshed with citizenship, transnational political economies, and with the reproduction of exclusions, oppressions, and discriminations, as well as of privileges and entitlement? In what ways can care be rethought and reframed politically? In this Pre-conference Workshop we will ‘think care’ as a political category that is deeply gendered, racialized, classed, and geographized, focusing on #blacklivesmatter and the dynamics and impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic. All registered participants will do a set of readings provided by the co-conveners before our discussion. Please note: registration for this event was held separately.

Co-conveners: Deva Woodly (New School for Social Research) and Rachel H. Brown (Washington University in St. Louis). Chair: Verónica Zebadúa-Yáñez (University of Virginia).

Saturday, November 7, 4:00pm (EST)

Roundtable:
Political Theory Beyond the Academic Job Market
*A Discussion for Job Seekers, Faculty Mentors, and Everyone
Concerned about Precarity in Academia*

Hosted by Standing Committee for Mentoring and Professional Development (SCMPD)

We all know that there are far fewer stable and well-paid academic positions for political theorists than there are PhDs on the market - but what can we - as job seekers, as faculty mentors, and as an Association - do about it? How can we respond ethically to the increasing dependence of universities and colleges on a precarious and underpaid workforce? How might it enhance our research and our teaching to think more expansively about the role of PhD training? This session brings together three PhDs with experience off the tenure-track to explore how we can think beyond the traditional – and increasing unavailable – academic career path.

Panelists: Katina Rogers (PhD in comparative literature; administrator, researcher and faculty at the Graduate Center, CUNY; author of *Putting the Humanities to Work*), Luke Mayville (PhD in political theory and political activist/founder of Reclaim Idaho), and Marissa Guerrero (PhD in political science and Program Officer at the Packard Foundation).

Session 1: Monday, November 9, 1:00-2:15pm

Perspectives on the Carceral State

Elliot Mamet, Duke University

Plato and Prison Abolition

Ben Jones, Penn State University

Police Obligations to Vulnerable Aggressors with Diminished Culpability

Kathryn Heard, Dickinson College

The Religious Life of Legal Death

Facilitator: Alex Tuckness, Iowa State University

The Politics of Climate Change

John Meyer, Humboldt State University

Populism as Climate Justice's
Pharmakon

Emily Ray, Sonoma State University

The Marketplace of Survival: Anti-democratic prepping for climate change

Jennifer Rubenstein, University of Virginia

Bottom-up Emergency Claim-making

Facilitator: Michael Christopher Sardo, Occidental College

Mo Money Mo Problems

Eric MacGilvray, Ohio State University

Markets and the Birth of Liberalism

Laurie Naranch, Siena College

Bodies in Relation: Materialisms in
Adriana Cavarero, Giorgio Agamben,
and Maurizio Lazzarato

Jacob Swanson, Cornell University

Aristotle and the Use of Money

Facilitator: Emily Nacol, University of Toronto

Colonial Violence and Indigenous Resistance

Yann Allard-Tremblay, McGill University	The Flying Heads of Settler Colonialism
Angelica Bernal, UMass-Amherst	From Resource to Source: Anti-Extractivism and Indigenous Resistance in the Political Thought of Geo
Tal Correm, New York University	The Grey Zones of Violence in Political Resistance

Facilitator: Tacuma Peters, Michigan State University

Session 2: Monday, November 9, 4:00-5:15pm

Solidarity in the Plural

Danielle Hanley, University of Pennsylvania	Grief, Rage, and Solidarity: Menis in Homer's Iliad and Euripides' Hecuba
Philip Yaure, Virginia Tech	Humility and Empathy in Emancipatory Politics
(Jason) Toby Reiner, Dickinson College	The Concept of Siblinghood

Facilitator: Susan Bickford, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Climate and the Polis

Lisa Ellis, University of Otago	Collective Implications of Discrete Decisions in Environmental Policy
Andy Scerri, Virginia Tech	Secession, climate change denial, and legitimacy in the Anthropocene
Rebecca Ploof, City College of New York	A Fruit for Every Clime? Rousseau, Freedom, and Environmental Politics

Facilitator: John Meyer, Humboldt State University

Shadows of Colonialism

Yasmeen Daifallah, UC-Santa Cruz

A Decolonial Historicism? Historicism as Anti-Positivism in Contemporary Arab Thought

Juman Kim, Towson University

The Time and Space Are Out of Joint: Zainichi's Postcolonial Melancholia

Lucy Britt, UNC-Chapel Hill

Fugitivity, Resistance, and the Memorial Landscape of U.S. Slavery

Facilitator: Ali Aslam, Mount Holyoke College

American Radicalisms

Michael Gorup, New College of Florida

The Radical Thirteenth Amendment: Abolition, Slavery, and (Neo)Republicanism

Lisa Gilson, Bates College

Thoreau on the Practice of Individualism and Collective Resistance

Ian Zuckerman, Stanford University

Emergency Powers vs. the State of Exception: Martial Law in the Early American Republic

Facilitator: Michael Illuzi, Lesley University

Session 3: Tuesday, November 10, 1:00-2:15pm

Politics Without States

Russell Fox, Friends University

Cities and Making Populism Local

Gizem Sozen, University of Victoria

Debating Sexual Difference: Proudhon and the Saint-Simonian Feminists

Joanna Wuest, Princeton University

The Impossibility of Liberation: Queer Political Thought Since the New Left

Peng Yu, Earlham College

Not I: Rumor and Anarchism

Facilitator: Craig Borowiak, Haverford College

Destructive Dynamics and the Perils of Pride

Eric Cheng, University of Toronto

Populism, Liberal Democracy, and the Need to Take Civic Trust Seriously

Masa Mrovlje, University of Edinburgh

Women Traitors in the Grey Zone: Contesting the Gendered Dynamics of Betrayal in Resistance Movement

Sourish Ghosh, Jadavpur University

Exception and Embrace: Analyzing the K-Wave in North-East India

Andreas Avgousti, Columbia University

Counsels to the Athenian Democracy: on Isocrates' Cyprian Orations

Facilitator: Matt Simhonton, Arizona State University

On Multiplicity

Tamar Malloy, UC-Boulder

Contingent Recognition

Vijay Phulwani, George Washington Univ.

When is it Better to be Unorganized? Hannah Arendt on the Jewish Councils

Martín Plot, CONICET

The Plurality of Horizons. A Continental and Pragmatist Approach to Democratic Pluralism

Facilitator: Annabel Herzog, University of Haifa

The Limits of Equality

Annelien De Dijn, Utrecht University

Republicanism and Egalitarianism: A Historical Perspective

Jennifer Forestal, Loyola University Chicago
Lexi Neame, Stanford University

Votes, dollars, and bots: Enumeration Amplification and Democratic Representation

Emma Rodman, University of Washington

The Inegalitarian Equality of the Declaration of Independence

Facilitator: Lucas Swaine, Dartmouth College

Session 4: Tuesday, November 10, 4:00-5:15pm

Politics of Exception

Anna Daily, UC-Boulder

“Bitches be crazy”: Mental Illness Rhetoric in the Social Discipline of Women

Andrew Dilts, Loyola Marymount University

The Whiteness of Human Capital

Fabián Flores Silva, PUC-Chile

Social isolation as ‘refusal-desiring’: lessons from the so-called ‘isolated indigenous peoples’

Nina Hagel, Wesleyan University

Between Nature and Artifice: Rousseau and the Stakes of Authenticity

Facilitator: Heather Pincock, Kennesaw State University

Violent Orders

Owen Fite, UC-Boulder

Deviant and Respectable Violence:
Reevaluating Performances of
Citizenship

Somia Youssef, Duke University

Discerning Domination Through Civil-
Military Relations: A Probabilistic
Approach

Facilitator: Helen Kinsella, University of Minnesota

Nasty Bits, Primitive Accumulation, and National Debt

Robert Sparling, University of Ottawa

“As With the Stroke of an Enchanter’s
Wand”: Marx on National Debt and the
State

David Suell, University of Michigan

Conservation Enclosure, Primitive
Accumulation, and Capitalist World-
Making in Maasailand

Jordan Fallon, Virginia Tech

‘Culinary Man: Tracing Normative
Subjectivities, ‘Nasty Bits’ and Culinary
Assemblages

Facilitator: William Roberts, McGill University

Fantastic Nations

Ali Çaksu, Yildiz Technical University

Civil Religions vs. Islam in Muslim
Lands: A New Khaldunian Puzzle about
an Old Problem?

Arturo Chang, Northwestern University

Finding the Republicans of
Nacogdoches: Popular U.S.
Commitments to Pan-American
Emancipation in the

Lilly Goren, Carroll University

“I, Alone, Can Fix It:” Nostalgia,
Nationalism, and Marvel Superheroics

Facilitator: Keally McBride, University of San Francisco

Wednesday, November 11, 1:00pm (EST)

Annual APT Business Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend; we'll update the membership on our finances, plans for future conferences, and more. Please note: elections this year will be held electronically through the APT website and will be open throughout the 8-day conference period.

Wednesday, November 11, 4:00pm (EST)

Book Proposal Workshop

Hosted by Standing Committee for Mentoring and Professional Development (SCMPD)

This workshop combines attention to specific book proposal drafts with general advice on writing book proposals; it is designed to provide feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of a particular book proposals as a way of offering general advice for first-time book proposal writers.

Guest editor: Rob Tempio, Publisher (Ancient World, Philosophy & Political Theory), Princeton University Press

Authors and Discussants:

- Kye Barker, University of California, Los Angeles
 - Discussant: Alison McQueen, Stanford University
- Luise Papcke, New York University
 - Discussant: Jeffrey Church, University of Houston
- Kevin Pham, Gettysburg College
 - Discussant: Loubna El Amine, Northwestern University
- Michelle Weitzel, University of Basel
 - Discussant: Davide Panagia, University of California, Los Angeles
- Verónica Zebadua-Yanez, University of Virginia
 - Discussant: Linda Zerilli, University of Chicago

Session 5: Thursday, November 12, 1:00-2:15pm

Navigating the Paradoxes of Freedom

Catherine Power, University of Toronto	Estienne de la Boétie's Voluntary Intolerance
Gianna Englert, Southern Methodist University	Class, Empire, and Tocqueville's Politics of Grandeur
Jeffrey Church, University of Houston	The Inescapability of Teleology
Inés Valdez, Ohio State University	Kant, the Mediterranean, and the Construction of Europe

Facilitator: Alex Livingston, Cornell University

Colonial Intersectionalities

Mylene Freeman, University of Virginia	Cyborg Feminism and Indigenous Resurgence
Alisa Kessel, University of Puget Sound	The politics of protection: Race, gender, sexuality, and the construction of the victim in American
Andres Henao Castro, UMass-Boston	The Colonial Formulas of Sexuation

Facilitator: Adam Dahl, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Paradoxes of Sovereignty

William Selinger, University College London	Montesquieu and the Theory of Limited Sovereignty
Katelyn Kelly, UC-Irvine	An Eclectic Analysis for An Eclectic Term: Sovereignty

Michiel Bot, Tilburg University

“The Hardest Part About Sanctuary”: On
Municipal ID Cards

Juan Pablo Aranda Vargas, UPAEP

Public enemies rather than terrorists: Is a
just war possible?

Facilitator: Jeremy Elkins, Bryn Mawr College

Politics and the Uses of the Arts

Ashley Biser, Ohio Wesleyan University

Art-making and the possibility of
politics: Arendt on the world-building
capacity of artistic object

Michelle Kundmueller, Old Dominion Univ.

Hobbes’s Iliad: Solitary, Poor, Nasty,
Brutish, and Short?

Lori Marso, Union College

The Camera as Democratic Technology

Yingqi Tang, Yale University

Time, Nature, and the Politics of Play:
Schiller’s Aesthetic Letters as a
Pedagogic Text

Facilitator: Kennan Ferguson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Session 6: Thursday, November 12, 4:00-5:15pm

Feminist Freedoms

Amneris Chaparro, UNAM

Paint it purple: feminist interventions as
epistemological break?

Loubna El Amine, Northwestern University

The political status of women in the
ancient Chinese Classics

Michaele Ferguson, UC-Boulder

The Early Deaths of Feminist Political
Theory

Facilitator: Robyn Marasco, Hunter College

Enslaved Bodies, Liberal Projects

Sara-Maria Sorentino, University of Alabama	The Intrusion of Slavery into the Time of Schmitt's Hamlet or Hecuba
Natali Levin Schwartz, UC-Santa Cruz	Theorizing Political Testimony in the 21st Century
Robinson Woodward-Burns, Howard Univ.	Rethinking the Declaration's Silence on the Atlantic Slave Trade

Facilitator: Anand Commissioning, California State University-Long Beach

Bodies, Health, Justice

Claire McKinney, College of William & Mary	When is distrust just? Epistemic Injustice, Expertise, and Gender in Health Activism
Nancy Hirschmann, Univ. of Pennsylvania	Disability and Positive Liberty
Alvin Chen, Academia Sinica	Liberal Political Theory and Public Health Ethics: The Relevance of the Liberalism of Fear

Facilitator: Ella Myers, University of Utah

The Effects of Affects

Patrick Giamario, UNC-Greensboro	The End of Laughter? Agelasty vs. Gelopolitics in an Age of Right-wing Humor
John McMahon, SUNY Plattsburgh Danielle Hanley, University of Pennsylvania	Guns, Affect, and White Solidarity
Amit Ron, Arizona State University Abe Singer, Loyola University Chicago	What Marketers need to know about democracy?

Facilitator: Susan Liebell, Saint Joseph's University

Session 7: Friday, November 13, 1:00-2:15pm

On Necropolitics

Ayten Gundogdu, Barnard College

Precarious By Law: Rethinking
Vulnerability at the Border

Nichole Marie Shippen, LaGuardia CC

The Necropolitics of Settler Colonialism:
Border Town Violence and Spectral
Death

Matthew Stein, Temple University

Black Lives Matter as an Existential
Response to Necropolitics

Facilitator: Jonathan Havercroft, University of Southampton

On Truth and Lies

Dogan Baskir, İzmir Ekonomi Üniversitesi

Truths and Lies within Politics: Hannah
Arendt in the so-called Times of “post-
truth”

Kaishuo Chen, Boston College

On the Key Parallels between the Novum
Organum and An Outline of a Theory of
Civilization

Desiree Weber, College of Wooster

Rules All the Way Down?: Navigating
Certainty and Doubt in Political Norms

Facilitator: Alexander Moon, Ithaca College

*Rethinking Voting in the Age of Electoral Clusterf**k*

Attila Mraz, Harvard University

The Ethics of Supported Voting: What
Counts as Support as Opposed to Abuse?

Arina Cocoru, New York University

What’s Wrong with the Desire for
Reelection?

Prithviraj Datta, Franklin & Marshall College Are Responsible Two-party Systems
Effective at Tackling Domination? A
Skeptical Inquiry

Facilitator: Benjamin Arah, Bowie State University

The Aesthetics of Agonism and War

Kyumin Ju, University of Toronto	Beauty in St. Augustine's Eudaimonistic Conception of Peace
Emma Planinc, Notre Dame University	Right Against Rights
Cigdem Cidam, Union College	From Aesthetics of Resistance to Aestheticization of Politics

Facilitator: Mihaela Czobor-Lupp, Carleton College

Session 8: Friday, November 13, 4:00-5:15pm

Roots for Radicals

John Grant, Western University	How Socialists See: On the Socialist Worldview from Polanyi to Taylor to Now
Daniel Skidmore-Hess, Georgia Southern Univ.	"To Root up the Foundations of Society:" The Life and Thought of Abner Kneeland and His Contribution
Samuel Bagg, Oxford University	Organizing as Democratization: A Democratic Realist Synthesis

Facilitator: Scott Ritner, Temple University

What's Right Thinking

William Dixon, Bard College

The Grand Politics of Virtue: Some Critical Reflections on Nietzsche's Reading of Machiavelli

Michael E. Morrell, Univ. of Connecticut

In Defense of Empathy

Rachel Nusbaum, Brown University

Political Responsibility: A Necessary Concept

Facilitator: Giunia Gatta, Università Bocconi

Race and the Politics of Solidarity

Lawrence Svabek, University of Chicago

T. Thomas Fortune and the Problems of Figuring Racial Justice in Economic Terms

Brooks Kirchgassner, Univ. of Connecticut

Enemies of the State: Poor Whites, Black Power, and the Politics of Solidarity

Farhana Loonat, Skagit Valley College

Dissecting The "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" Illusion for Women Faculty of Color

Facilitator: Alisa Kessel, University of Puget Sound

The System We Call Democracy

Brookes Brown, Clemson University

Why Some Citizens Have a Duty to Vote

Avery White, Ohio State University

Experiments in Living: Experience as Persuasion in Deliberative Systems

Tomer Perry, Minerva Schools at KGI

An egalitarian division of labor in deliberative democracy: representative as facilitator

Facilitator: John Min, College of Southern Nevada