

CALL FOR PAPERS

In the contemporary political discourse, the fate of people are easily affected with universalized categories and concepts: citizens, strangers, others, refugees, immigrants, Americans, Mexicans, Jewish, Muslim, British, Non-British, European, non-European, etc. We seek to critique these so-called borders and de-borderings in a genuine philosophical activity of thinking and dialectic.

What is “a people”? Where does a “gathering” of people take place? What is the memory of this place? How do the pre-established organization of geography and relics—unconscious history—begin to make sense? This conference problematizes the notion of community and sheds light on the multiple forces of attraction that affect bodies coming together in a geopolitical movement. Thus, we are going to delve into the conditions under which such a gathering of “a people” might come to pass while preserving the phenomenon of their multiplicity and singularity. Also, the ecological and geographical attractions of the place which draw bodies into them. The papers are going to be put in three domains of Politics, Ecology, and Aesthetics. Here are some general titles and themes we are going to work with:

- . the interplay of law, constitutions and social contracts within and in the formation and organization of community.
- . the role of affects in political organization
- . the relation of the economy, commodity and capital in the formation of a community
- . the dialectic of nation state organization
- . emigration and adaption of nomadic body
- . environmental and ecological perspectives on human communities
- . the interplay of human ecologies, social ecologies and political ecologies
- . the intersection of animality and civilization
- . Umwelt, animal world's and ecology of affects
- . the role of imagination and narrative in community
- . the intersection of sexuality and body with community
- . history and interpretation as productive of a community
- . the community of myth and the myth of community

Submitted papers should not exceed 3500 words and should be written with the goal of a 20-minute presentation in mind. Please prepare submission for blind review, and include name, title, and institutional affiliation on a cover page.

SUBMISSIONS AND INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO

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THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

December 15th, 2016

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THE TERRITORY OF: A PEOPLE QUESTIONING COMMUNITY

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

MARCH 3D & 4TH

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