RADICAL PHILOSOPHY ASSOCIATION
BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
FACING CATASTROPHE:
ENVIRONMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND MEDIA

PROGRAM
THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER—13 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2021

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DAY 1: THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER

11:10-11:20: WELCOME—Zoom Room 1

SESSION 1 11:30-12:50

Zoom Room 1: Immigration, Health Care, and Radical Imagination
- Miguel Becerra: Weaponizing the Womb: Violence against Pregnant Women in the U.S. Immigration Detention System
- Jessica Dillard-Wright, Jane Hopkins-Walsh, and Brandon Blaine Brown: Embracing Radical Imagination: Drifting toward Possibility in Nursing
- Jennifer Bulcock: Detained Care: An Ethical, Political, and Policy-Based Analysis of Medical Care in U.S. Immigration Detention Facilities

Zoom Room 2: INVITED GROUP: Caribbean Philosophical Association
Shifting the Geographies of Disaster
- Juan Ruiz Cortes, On Insensibility & Essential Undocumented Workers
- Douglas Ficek, The Idol of Whiteness Must Fall: Reflections on Racial Transvaluation
- Dana Francisco Miranda, Dreading Disaster: Bad Faith and Conviction in the Wake of Failure
- Rosario Torres-Guevera, Resisting Disaster at the Community College

Zoom Room 3: BOOK SESSION: Cynthia Kaufman’s Challenging Power: Democracy and Accountability in a Fractured World
- AUTHOR: Cynthia Kaufman
- Speaker: Andrew Scerri
- Speaker: Paul Pacheco Vega
SESSION 2: 12:50-2:00PM

**Zoom Room 1:** Radical Arendtian Perspectives
- Joel Bock, Alienation and Impending Catastrophe: Hannah Arendt, Günther Anders, and the Technological Condition of the Modern Age
- Sarah Tyson, World-Building on or with the Land? Land Back, Indigenous Theory, and Hannah Arendt
- Christian Lotz, Arendt Reads Luxemburg

**Zoom Room 2:** BOOK SESSION: Carlos Sanchez and Francisco Gallegos, *The Disintegration of Community: On Jorge Portilla’s Social and Political Philosophy*
- AUTHORS: Carlos Sanchez and Francisco Gallegos
- SPEAKER: Amy Oliver
- SPEAKER: Jose Manuel Cuellar

**Zoom Room 3:** Radical Institutional Change
- Mark Reiff, The Union as a Basic Institution of Society
- Ruthanne Crapo Kim and Athena V. Colman, Pandemic Pedagogies: Decolonizing Higher Education

SESSION 3: 2:10-3:20PM

**Zoom Room 1:** Fascism and the Far Right
- Claudia Leeb and Joan Braune, Women and the Extremist Right: A Feminist Critical Theory Perspective
- Joan Braune with Claudia Leeb, Catastrophism, Accelerationism, and Resisting Fascist Creep
- David Schweickart, The Radical Right's Stealth Plan for American Academia

**Zoom Room 2:** INVITED GROUP: Center for Global Justice
Rebuilding Society Together
- Bob Stone, Threats of Extinction, Capitalism’s Crisis, & Sartre’s Notion of “Integral Humanity”
- Betsy Bowman, How to End Capital’s Reign
- Cliff Durand, Socialist Construction and Commoning
**Zoom Room 3:** PANEL: Thinking Through Crisis: Lived Experience and Historical Criticism

- Iaan Reynolds, Education, Violence and the Lure of Crisis
- Delia Popa, The Crisis of the Lifeworld and the Criticism of Forms of Life
- Danielle Kutner, Confronting Catastrophe: History and the Critique of Progress in Walter Benjamin and Theodor Adorno

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**SESSION 4: 3:30-4:40**

**Zoom Room 1:** Disability and Climate Crisis

- Rhea Ienni, Disability and Opacity
- Elyse Purcell, Rationing Care for Lives Worth Living: Discrimination, Disability, and the COVID-19 Crisis

**Zoom Room 2:** PANEL: The Frankfurt School: Updated and Revised

- Asaf Angemann, Queer Spaces and the Frankfurt School
- Maggie Walker, Geography and Marcuse
- Corey McCall, The Authority of Things in Benjamin and Fanon

**Zoom Room 3:** PANEL: Remote Control: New Perspectives on Social Critique in the Era of Social Media Isolation and Alienation

- Chair and Mentor: Taylor Hines
- Alexa Bozzano, The administration and domination of time in the virtual world
- Samuel Gonzalez-Freedson, Profits of deceit: The culture industry, fake news, and social media
- Thomas Lobato, Pseudo-individuality, self-commodification, and the eclipse of autonomy online
- Evelyn Raccula, Eros, thanatos, and nature: Analytic social psychology and ecocritique

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**4:40PM: Social Time via Gathertown**

Gathertown is a webspace for us to virtually gather socially for some camaraderie. Please register for Gathertown before the event. Here is some useful information: https://support.gather.town/help/movement-and-basics
DAY 2: FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER

11:10-11:20: WELCOME — Zoom Room 1

SESSION 5: 11:30-12:40:

**Zoom Room 1**: Philosophy for Catastrophic Times

- Amanda Parris, Philosophy in the Time of Catastrophes
- Melissa Burchard, Catastrophe and the Fragile Assumptions of Philosophy
- Emre Gurer, Prefigurative Transformation of Sensibility: A Marcusean Reading of the Radical Qualities of Counter-Spaces

**Zoom Room 2**: INVITED GROUP: APA Committee on LGBTQ+ Issues
Trans Philosophy: On Curiosity, Catastrophe, and Change

- Amy Marvin, Tipping Points: How Trans Curiosity Fuels Trans Backlash
- Brooklyn Leo, Trans World Traveling: Rethinking Social Death, Abjection, and Catastrophe
- Perry Zurn, Ecologies of Trans Activism

**Zoom Room 3**: Book Session: Margaret McClaren’s *Women’s Activism, Feminism, and Social Justice*

- AUTHOR: Margaret McClaren
- SPEAKER: Cory Aragon
- SPEAKER: Mechthild Nagle

SESSION 6: 12:50-2:00:

**Zoom Room 1**: Race Hope and Resistance

- Adam Burgos and Khalil Saucier, Self-Defense in the Face of Catastrophe: Dialogues in Non-Non-Violence
- Marzoup Alnusf, Theses on Global Racial Capitalism

**Zoom Room 2**: INVITED GROUP: International Herbert Marcuse Society
One-Dimensionality, Media Spectacle, and the Protean Self: Critiquing and Confronting Contemporary Global Crises
Chair: Andrew T. Lamas
Douglas Kellner, Media Spectacle, the Collapse of Trump’s Authoritarian Presidency, and Democratic Futures: A Marcusean/Frankfurt School Prospective
Arnold L. Farr, When the Chickens Come Home to Roost: One-Dimensional Thinking and Possible Environmental and Political Catastrophe
Lauren Langman, Great Refusals Redux: From Changing Character to Changing Society

**Zoom Room 3: Beyond Sustainability: Extinction, Genocide, Ecocide**

- Chair: Christian Lotz
- Marjolein Oele, Facing the Catastrophe of Oceanic Extinction: Acknowledging Loss and the Power of Language
- Lauren Eichler, Ecocide is Genocide: Decolonizing the Definition of Genocide
- Johannes Abel, The Impossibility of Sustainability and the Reversal of Time

**SESSION 7: 2:10-3:20PM:**

**Zoom Room 1: BOOK SESSION: Cory Wimberly’s How Propaganda Became Public Relations: Foucault and the Corporate Government of the Public**

- AUTHOR: Cory Wimberly
- SPEAKER: Megan Hyska
- SPEAKER: Anna Weider

**Zoom Room 2: Surviving Catastrophe**

- Teelin Lucero, Cartographies of Catastrophe
- Eyo Ewara, Flattening the Curve: Avoiding Catastrophe through Anti-Racist “Inoculation”
- Lucille Richard, Politicizing Survival in Catastrophe Times: Environmentalism, Biopolitics, and the Question of the Differential Exposure to Harm and Death

**Zoom Room 3: Humanism in the 21st Century**

- Rich Daniels, Marx’s Notion of Human Freedom
- Jennifer Eagan, Humanism at a Distance: Can Technology Mediate Liberation?
- Alesky Tarasenko-Struc, Humanism: A Defense

**SESSION 8: 3:30-4:40: Zoom Room 1**

**KEYNOTE:**
The Resilience of Data-Driven Inequality:
DAY 3: SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER

11:10-11:20: WELCOME—Zoom Room 1

SESSION 9: 11:30-12:40:

**Zoom Room 1:** Resisting Neoliberalism and Neocolonialism

- Ryan Knight, Agrarian Reform and Neoliberal State-Making in Contemporary Mexico
- Phillip Opsasnick, Toward a Theory of Neocolonial Governmentality
- George Fourlas, Hope in the Ruins of Empires: Anticolonial Myth and Praxis

**Zoom Room 2:** BOOK SESSION: Sarah Vitale, Obed Fausto, and Jason Powell, *The Weariness of Democracy: Confronting the Failure of Liberal Democracy*

- EDITORS: Sarah Vitale & Obed Fausto
- SPEAKER: Jason Powell
- SPEAKER: Richard Schmitt

**Zoom Room 3:** INVITED GROUP: International Herbert Marcuse Society
One-Dimensionality, Race and Genderlessness: The Radical Thought of Herbert Marcuse

- Chair: Arnold Farr
- Nicole Mayberry, Color-Blind Racism and One-Dimensionality: Imagining Marcusean Conditions of Freedom Through the Black Radical Tradition
- Andrew Lamas, Gender and Genderlessness: The Radical Black Feminism of Angela Y. Davis

SESSION 10: 12:50-2:00

**Zoom Room 1:** Rethinking Poststructuralism
• Fred Evans, Deleuzian Cosmopolitanism and the Axiomatics of Capitalism
• Brendan Brown, Black Cogito and the History of Unreason: Sylvia Wynter’s Unsettling and Overturning the Debate between Foucault and Derrida
• Constanza Filioy, The Continuity Hypothesis of Dialectical Thought? Responses to the Crisis of Social Constructivism

**Zoom Room 2**: INVITED GROUP: Philosophy Born of Struggle
Black Radical Philosophies of Technology in the Digital Age

• Jared A. Ball, Our Newton’s Laws: Understanding Media as Imperialism
• Patrick D. Anderson, Lumpen Consciousness in the Digital Age: Eldridge Cleaver on the Great Colonial Usurpation of Technology
• Lizzie O'Shea, Fanon and Digital Self-Determination

**Zoom Room 3**: Biology, Ecology, and Building a Better World

• Kieran Aarons, Exile and Fragmentation
• Karsten Struhl, The Path of Ecosattva
• Larry Busk, Whose State of Exception? Critical Theory and the Climate Emergency

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**SESSION 11: 2:10-3:20**

**Zoom Room 1**: BOOK SESSION: Kris Sealey’s *Creolizing the Nation*

• AUTHOR: Kris F. Sealey
• SPEAKER: Nathifa Greene
• SPEAKER: Anwar Uhuru

**Zoom Room 2**: Anarchism, Self-Determination, and Warfare

• Jared Bly, Lenin, Luxemburg, and the Right of Nations to Self-Determination
• Anders Bartonek, Carl Schmitt and the Threat of Partisan Warfare
• Gerard Kuperus, Following the Ants: Toward Anarchy

**Zoom Room 3**: Protest and Collective Action Today

• Chair: Philip Opsasnick
Jennifer Kling, Determining Who—and What—to Target in Response to Structural Injustices (or, How to Aim a Protest)
Patrick Murray and Jeanne Schuler, Dispossessed: Rendering Action into Behavior in the Age of Surveillance Capitalism
Chiara Elisa Muller, Power as a Collective Practice: The Establishment of a New Political Polity

SESSION 12: 3:30-4:40

Zoom Room 1: Motherhood, Gender, and Sexuality
Lane Hepburn, (Bi)Gendering the “Fag”: Desiring Being-with-Guys
Sarah LaChance Adams, What is a Mother? A Critical Examination

Zoom Room 2: Fostering Critical Resistance
Nicholas David Jones, Literary Refuge for the Homeless: Georg Lukács and the Emancipatory Architecture of the Realist Novel
Ashley Borhrer, Beyond the World of Equal Privilege: Fanon, Cesaire, and Hamer on Liberation
William Parkhurst, Making Visible a History of Epistemological Violence: Transcribing Primary Archival Sources on Minority Philosophy

Zoom Room 3: BOOK SESSION: Kristin Waters, Maria W. Stewart and the Roots of Black Political Theory
Author: Kristin Waters
Speaker: Dianne Bartlow
Speaker: José Jorge Mendoza

SESSION 13: 4:40-5:50-- Zoom Room 1
KEYNOTE:
What’s Left Of Freedom?
WENDY BROWN

5:50 PM: Social Time via Gathertown