Speakers and Commentators


Richard Peterson (Philosophy, Michigan State University); Author of Democratic Philosophy and the Politics of Knowledge (1996).

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This fourth workshop in social and political thought at MSU will be a forum for addressing the provocative ways in which recent scholarship situates Critical Theory in contemporary analyses of Capitalism in relation to normative questions ‘of a global scale.’ In this sense, the workshop will discuss the status and relevance of a critique of Capitalism in its global form in contemporary Critical Theory. An important aspect of this discussion is the extent to which a normative analysis of Capitalism can be related to an analysis of the immanent tendencies of Capitalism. Participants will confront and examine recent shifts of Critical Theory away from a Marxian notion of the critique of political economy, and the viability of critiques of Capitalism in light of recent conceptions of economic crises and accelerating globalization.

**Program**

All sessions will be held in the RCAH Theater, lower level, Snyder Hall.

**Friday, October 4**

9:00-9:10 Opening Remarks, Matt McKeon (chair of the Department of Philosophy)

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10:20-10:45 Comments: Todd Hedrick (MSU)

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:15 Discussion

12:15-1:45 Lunch Break

**Saturday, October 5**

9:30-10:30 Carol C. Gould (CUNY Graduate Center): *Democratizing the Workplace: The Critical Theory of Democracy and a Global Ethic of Self-Management*

10:35-11:00 Comments: Richard Peterson (MSU)

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Discussion

Lunch/Departure

6:30 Reception, Kyle Whyte’s and Kristie Dotson’s place

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