2017 Focus on the Funk: Coup d’Funk

Birkbeck School of Law, Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities, Birkbeck Institute for the Moving Image and the Royal College of Art

Friday 19 May – Monday 22 May 2017
Birkbeck, University of London, London WC1E 7HX

Programme

Friday 19 May 2017 - 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m
Room B33, Malet Street main building, Torrington Square main entrance.

14.00-14.30: Arrival and Introduction to Coup d’Funk: Eddie Bruce-Jones, Leticia Da Costa Paes (Birkbeck, University of London) & Kojo Koram (University of Essex)

14.30-15.30: HE M. President of Brazil Dilma Rousseff

15.30-17:00: A Very Brazilian Coup. HE M. Dilma Rousseff in Conversation w/Oscar Guardiola-Rivera plus Audience Q+A

Saturday 20 May 2017 - 10.00 a.m.- 6.00 p.m
Room B34, Malet Street main building, Torrington Square main entrance.

10.00-11.00: Day Opening Speech: Lewis R. Gordon (University of Connecticut, USA)
Introducted and Chaired by Oscar Guardiola-Rivera

11.00-12.30: Decolonise Our Minds: Anti-Racist Studies and Struggle in Post-Brexit Britain
Professor Robbie Shilliam (Queen Mary University of London), Dr Kehinde Andrews (Birmingham City University), Gracie Mae Bradley (Against Borders for Children) and Ash Sarkar (#Stop Trump Campaign/Novara Media). Chaired by Kojo Koram (University of Essex & Birkbeck)
12.30-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.00: The Coup on Campus: Resisting the Return of Colonial Knowledge
Production: Ceylan Begüm Yıldız (Birkbeck), Subhir Shina (SOAS). Chaired by Dr Kerem Nisancioglu (SOAS)

14.00-15.30: Biocolonialism, Resistance, Becoming Minority: Shela Sheikh (Goldsmiths College), Jean-Christophe Goddard (Universite Tolouse) & Gabriela Cunha (Artist, Researcher and Playwright, Brazil). Chaired by Leticia Paes (Birkbeck).

15.30-15.45: Break

15.45-16.45: Race, Death and the Law: Eddie Bruce-Jones & Olumide Popoola (Goldsmiths), in conjunction with the Birkbeck Centre for Race and Law.

16.45-18:00: Day Closing Speech: Eduardo Mendieta (University of Pennsylvania, Winner of the 2017 Frantz Fanon Award) Introduced & Chaired by Oscar Guardiola-Rivera (Birkbeck)

Saturday 20 May 2017 - 7.00 p.m – 8.30pm
Venue to be confirmed.

Book and Magazine Launch. “Creolizing Hegel”, edited by Michael Monahan and Consented (Issue 2)
Monday 22 May 2017 - 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m
Room B33, Malet Street main building, Torrington Square main entrance.

14:00- 15:30: The Law of the Father, Fascism, Funk.
Dr Rose Sydney Parfitt (University of Kent/University of Melbourne), Noor Mirza & Brad Butler (Museum of Non-Participation), Professor Avery Gordon (University of Santa Barbara/Birkbeck Law School Visiting Professor)

15.30-17:00: A Very Mexican Coup, with Lydia Cacho and Anabel Hernández, co-authors of The Sorrows of Mexico: An Indictment of Their Country's Failings by Seven Exceptional Writers, in association with Mclehose Press and the.

Organised by: Oscar Guardiola-Rivera, Leticia Da Costa Paes & Kojo Koram