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CLO - Clore Management Centre, Torrington Square, London WC1E 7JL

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Thursday 22 June

17.30 – 18.00 CLO B01 Foyer	Registration
18.00 – 19.30 CLO Room B01 Live streaming in MAL Room B35	Keynote lecture Unspeakable Acts: The Tongues of M. NourbeSe Philip M. NourbeSe Philip (Poet, Thinker, Activist) <u>Chair:</u> Marina Warner (Birkbeck, University of London) <i>Followed by a book-signing with M. NourbeSe Philip</i>

Friday 23 June

10.00 – 11.30 MAL Room B35	Parallel panel session 1 Trouble for girls: Growing up in rape culture Katherine Angel (Birkbeck, University of London) Holly Bourne (Author) Marianne Forsey (Brook Advisory) Catherine Johnson (Author, Screenwriter)
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	<u>Chair:</u> Julia Bell (Birkbeck, University of London)
10.00 – 11.30 CLO Room B01	<p>Parallel panel session 2</p> <p>Women and Power? Feminism and shifting gender patterns in neoliberal times</p> <p>Rahila Gupta (Freelance Writer, Journalist and Activist)</p> <p>Patricia Lewis (University of Kent)</p> <p>Nina Power (University of Roehampton and Royal College of Art)</p> <p>Catherine Rottenberg (Goldsmiths, University of London)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Lynne Segal (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
10.00 – 11.30 MAL Room B36	<p>Parallel panel session 3</p> <p>Who cares? The care emergency and feminist responses</p> <p>Lisa Baraitser (Birkbeck, University of London)</p> <p>Debbie Field (Consultant Nurse, Complex Ventilation, Royal Brompton Hospital, London)</p> <p>Pat Oakley (Former Special Adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee on Health and currently supporting the following Dept. of Health and NHS England’s Policy Programmes: 7 Day Services Review; Cardiac Care Services Review, and the Genomics Strategy)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Carolyn Burdett (Birkbeck, University of London) and Jo Winning (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
10.00 – 11.30 MAL Room B33	<p>Parallel panel session 4</p> <p>Gender, Brexit and Trump: Nationalism and Borders</p> <p>Anita Biressi (University of Roehampton)</p> <p>Nadine El-Enany (Birkbeck, University of London)</p> <p>Sara Farris (Goldsmiths, University of London)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Kate Maclean (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
11.30 – 12.00 CLO – B01 Foyer	Tea and coffee (provided)
12.00 – 13.30 MAL Room B36	<p>Parallel panel session 1</p> <p>Queer Milk</p> <p>Jeffrey Baker (Birkbeck, University of London)</p> <p>Amber Jacobs (Birkbeck, University of London)</p> <p>Melanie Jackson (Slade School of Fine Art, UCL)</p> <p>Esther Leslie (Birkbeck, University of London)</p> <p>Sharon Tugwell (Birkbeck, University of London)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Lisa Baraitser (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>

<p>12.00 – 13.30 CLO Room B01</p>	<p>Parallel panel session 2</p> <p>Sexual violence and coercion in the UK and across the world</p> <p>Sundari Anitha (ASHA and University of Lincoln)</p> <p>Hannana Siddiqui (Black feminist activist on violence against women, including at Southall Black Sisters)</p> <p>East End Sisters Uncut (a feminist direction group fighting cuts to domestic violence services in East London)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Joanna Bourke (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
<p>12.00 – 13.30 MAL Room B33</p>	<p>Parallel panel session 3</p> <p>Gender, Brexit and Trump: Elections and populism</p> <p>Rosie Campbell (Birkbeck, University of London)</p> <p>Erin Sanders McDonagh (University of Kent)</p> <p>Tony Perucci (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)</p> <p>Fintan Walsh (Birkbeck, University of London)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Kate Maclean (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
<p>12.00 – 13.30 MAL Room B35</p>	<p>Parallel panel session 4</p> <p>Generations of women</p> <p>Fatemeh Ebtehaj (Independent Scholar)</p> <p>Chris MacDonald (Retired Teacher)</p> <p>Mathelinda Nabugodi (Newcastle University)</p> <p>Tamara Novis (SOAS, University of London)</p> <p>Jean Owen (Independent Scholar)</p> <p>Ricarda Vidal (King’s College London)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Naomi Segal (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
<p>13.30 – 15.00</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>15.00 – 17.00 CLO Room B01</p>	<p>Parallel breakout session 1</p> <p>Generations of women</p> <p>Fatemeh Ebtehaj (Independent Scholar)</p> <p>Chris MacDonald (Retired Teacher)</p> <p>Mathelinda Nabugodi (Newcastle University)</p> <p>Tamara Novis (SOAS, University of London)</p> <p>Jean Owen (Independent Scholar)</p> <p>Ricarda Vidal (King’s College London)</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Naomi Segal (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>

15.00 – 17.00 MAL Room G16	Parallel breakout session 2 Documentary activism Xiaolu Guo (Novelist and Filmmaker)
15.00 – 17.00 MAL Room B35	Parallel breakout session 3 B. Ruby Rich (Curator, Critic and Film Activist)
15.00 – 17.00 MAL Room 153	Parallel breakout session 4 Why the UK's border regime is a feminist emergency Marchu Girma (Women for Refugee Women)
15.00 – 17.00 MAL Room B33	Parallel breakout session 5 There Is No Word For It: The (Trans) Mangina Monologues. Verbatim Theatre as activism Laura Bridgeman <u>Facilitator:</u> Julia Bell (Birkbeck, University of London)
15.00 – 17.00 MAL Room 152	Parallel breakout session 6 Collaborative writing: A talk and workshop Natasha Soobramanien (Author) Luke Williams (Birkbeck, University of London)
15.00 – 17.00 MAL Room B30	Parallel breakout session 7 Feminist emergency: The art field Angela Dimitrakaki (Edinburgh College of Art) Kerri Jefferis (Artist) Sophie Chapman (Artist) Kirsten Lloyd (Edinburgh College of Art) Helena Reckitt (Goldsmiths, University of London) Hilary Robinson (Middlesex University) Lara Perry (University of Brighton) Marina Vishmidt (Goldsmiths, University of London)
15.00 – 17.00 MAL Room B36	Parallel breakout session 8 The gendered dynamics of power Torkild Thanem (Stockholm Business School) Agnes Bolsø (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) Lynne Segal (Birkbeck, University of London) Catherine Rottenberg (Goldsmiths, University of London)
17.00 – 18.00 CLO B01 Foyer	Tea and coffee (provided)

18.00 – 19.30 CLO Room B01	Keynote lecture Women and Islam – Feminist Emergency: thoughts and themes Leila Ahmed (Harvard University) Due to the still threatened US travel ban, Leila Ahmed will be addressing the Conference by skype <u>Chair:</u> Qudsia Mirza (Birkbeck, University of London)
19.30 – 20.30 CLO B01 Foyer	Wine reception – For all speakers and attendees

Saturday 24 June

10.00 – 11.30 CLO Room B01	Keynote lecture uBuntu feminism Drucilla Cornell (Rutgers University), Karin van Marle (University of Pretoria) <u>Chair:</u> Oscar Guardiola-Rivera (Birkbeck, University of London)
11.30 – 12.00 CLO B01 Foyer	Tea and coffee (provided)
12.00 – 13.30 CLO Room B01	Parallel panel session 1 Feminism, racism, anti-racism Avtar Brah (Birkbeck, University of London) Reni Eddo-Lodge (Journalist and Author) Ann Phoenix (University College London) <u>Chair:</u> Nydia Swaby (SOAS, University of London)
12.00 – 13.30 MAL Room B35	Parallel panel session 2 Sexual difference in the new millennium Juliet Jacques (Freelance writer) Catherine Malabou (Kingston University, University of California - Irvine) Juliet Mitchell (University of Cambridge) Jacqueline Rose (Birkbeck, University of London) <u>Chair:</u> Amber Jacobs (Birkbeck University of London)
12.00 – 13.30 MAL Room B36	Parallel panel session 3 Sex work Charity Ann (Sex Worker and Activist) Angela Dimitrakaki (Edinburgh College of Art) Maggie O'Neill (University of York) Laura Watson (Spokeswoman for the English Collective of Prostitutes) <u>Chair:</u> Julia Laite (Birkbeck, University of London)

<p>12.00 – 13.30 MAL Room B33</p>	<p>Parallel panel session 1 Radical transfeminist perspectives on justice Chryssy Hunter (London Metropolitan University) Nat Raha (University of Sussex) Kuchenga Shenje (Activist and Writer) Mijke van der Drift (Goldsmiths, University of London) Wail Qasim (Activist and Writer) <u>Chair:</u> Sarah Lambie (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
<p>13.30 – 15.00</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>14.30 – 16.30 Please note the earlier start time for this session Cinema</p>	<p>Parallel breakout session 1 <i>Under the Skin of the City</i> (Rakshan Bani-Etemad, Iran 2001, 1 hour 36 mins) Film-screening introduced by Laura Mulvey (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
<p>15.00 – 16.30 MAL Room B36</p>	<p>Parallel breakout session 2 Gender, Brexit and Trump Shaista Aziz (Journalist, Comedian and Documentary Filmmaker) Ruth Pearson (Women’s Budget Group) Victoria Sharkey (MediVisas)</p>
<p>15.00 – 16.30 MAL Room B35</p>	<p>Parallel breakout session 3 Feminism and Pornography Feona Attwood (Middlesex University) Mandy Merck (Royal Holloway, University of London) Constance Penley (University of California-Santa Barbara) <u>Facilitator:</u> Jacqueline Rose (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
<p>15.00 – 16.30 MAL Room B30</p>	<p>Parallel breakout session 5 Anti-austerity skills-share: Everyday activism around gender, disability and mental health Victoria Lopez (Disabled People Against the Cuts) Claire Glasman (WinVisible) Eleanor Lisney (Sisters of Frida) Lamis Bayer (Mental Fight Club and the Dragon Café) <u>Facilitator:</u> Elinor Hynes</p>

<p>15.00 – 16.30 MAL Room B33</p>	<p>Parallel breakout session 6 Subversive Storytelling: A workshop Julia Bell (Birkbeck, University of London) Marina Warner (Birkbeck, University of London)</p>
<p>15.00 – 16.30 CLO Room B01</p>	<p>Parallel breakout session 7 No space to breathe – Violence against women and girls Betty Sio (The Project, Aotearoa) Zlakha Ahmed (Apna Haq, Rotherham) Marai Larasi (Imkaan, London) <u>Facilitator:</u> Camille Kumar (Women and Girls Network)</p>
<p>16.30 – 17.00 CLO B01 Foyer</p>	<p>Tea and coffee (provided)</p>
<p>17.00 – 18.30 CLO Room B01 Live streaming in MAL Room B35</p>	<p>Closing keynote Poetry Readings Patience Agbabi (Poet, Performer, Mentor and Fellow, Oxford Brookes University) Denise Riley (Poet and Teacher) <u>Chair:</u> Ursula Owen (Editor and Publisher) <i>Followed by a book-signing with Patience Agbabi and Denise Riley</i></p>