BEING IN-HUMAN: THE CRITICAL THEORY AND LAW OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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17-19 November 2011

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday 17 November

1.00-2.15pm: Registration (Venue: Clore Management Centre Foyer)

2.15-5.00pm (Venue: Clore Lecture Theatre B01)
Patricia Tuitt (Dean, Birkbeck Law School) Welcome
Paul Gilroy, Fanon’s refusal: race and the value of the human
Conor Gearty, Politics by another means? Human rights and social democracy
Druclilla Cornell, Black existentialism, new humanism, and the critique of human rights
Chair: Joanna Bourke

5.30-7.30pm: Reception, sponsored by Cambridge University Press (Venue: Jeffery Hall, Institute of Education)

Friday 18 November

9.30-11.00am (Venue: Jeffery Hall, Institute of Education)
Anna Grear, Framing the project
Gerd Oberleitner, Does enforcement matter?
Chair: Conor Gearty

11.00-11.30am: Coffee/Tea

11.30-1.00pm (Venue: Jeffery Hall, Institute of Education)
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1.00-2.00pm: Lunch (Clore Foyer)

2.00-3.20pm (Venue: Clore Lecture Theatre B01)
Samuel Moyn, Rival cosmopolitanisms and the recent history of human rights
Paul Patton, Historical Normativity and the Basis of Rights
Chair: Elena Loizidou

3.20-3.35pm: Coffee/Tea

3.35-5.00pm (Venue: Clore Lecture Theatre B01)
John Milbank, Against human rights
Joseph Slaughter, Pathetic fallacies; or, when did we begin to think that it’s all about us?
Chair: Susan Marks
Saturday 19 November

9.30-10.50am (Venue: Clore Lecture Theatre B01)
Walter Mignolo, Humanitas, anthropos and rights: Further reflections on ‘who speaks for the ´human´ in human rights’?
Patrick Hanafin, Relating difference: Rights and the governance of life
Chair: Oscar Guardiola-Rivera

10.50-11.05am: Coffee/Tea

11.05-1.00am (Venue: Clore Lecture Theatre B01)
Pheng Cheah, Second generation rights as biopolitical rights
Oscar Guardiola-Rivera, Higher law or human rights?
Chris Himsworth, Devolved human rights
Chair: Patrick Hanafin

1.00-1.40pm: Lunch (Venue: Clore Foyer)

1.40-3.00pm (Venue: Clore Lecture Theatre B01)
Julia Chryssostalis, Rights, subjectivity and genealogies of the person
Margot Salomon, From NIEO to Now: The unfinishable story of economic justice
Chair: Patricia Tuitt

3.00-4.20pm (Venue: Clore Lecture Theatre B01)
Bruce Robbins, The Beneficiary: Cosmopolitanism, Humanitarianism, and Inequality
Martin Scheinin, Resisting Panic
Chair: Michelle Everson

4.20-4.40pm: Tea/Coffee

4.40-6.00pm (Venue: Clore Lecture Theatre B01)
Chantal Mouffe, Democracy, human rights and cosmopolitanism: An agonistic approach
Costas Douzinas, Right, disobedience, resistance
Chair: Fiona Macmillan

Sunday 20 November

1.00-3.00pm (Venue: Malet Street B34)
Slavoj Zizek, The Silent Voice of a New Beginning

Conference Organisers: Costas Douzinas (Birkbeck School of Law, Conor Gearty (LSE Law Department), Patrick Hanafin (Birkbeck School of Law) and Valerie Kelley (Birkbeck School of Law).