

Critical Social Ontology Workshop - 1st Annual Meeting
June 16th-17th, 2017
McGannon Hall - Saint Louis University, MO

Friday, June 16th

9:30 Welcome – Rm 121

10:00-11:30

Session 1a – Rm 262

- Joshua Rust (Associate Professor, Stetson University)
 - “Real Social Kinds and the Continuity Between Institutional Statuses and Technical Artifacts”
- Jules Salomone (Graduate Student, CUNY)
 - “Grades of Realism in Social Ontology”

Session 1b – Rm 211

- Larry Busk, (Graduate Student, University of Oregon)
 - “Islands of Freedom and Seas of Necessity: Arendt’s Disjunctive Political Ontology”
- Timothy Rutzou (Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale)
 - “After Naturalism: Social Ontology and the Contingent Ground of Value”

Break

11:45-1:15

Session 2a – Rm 262

- Andrew Payne (Associate Professor, Saint Joseph’s University)
 - “Apology, Shared Action and the Limits of Intention”
- Kevin Schilbrack (Professor, Appalachian State University)
 - “Religion as Joint Commitment”

Session 2b – Rm 211

- Ángeles Eraña (Investigador Titular A, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
 - “A World in Which Many Worlds Fit?”
- Jesse Winter (Graduate Student, American University)
 - “Mirrors in the Sky: The Crisis of Identity in Drone Warfare”

Lunch

2:30-4:00

Session 3a – Rm 262

- Brian Epstein (Associate Professor, Tufts University)
 - “Anchoring vs. Grounding”
- Ruth Groff (Associate Professor, Saint Louis University)
 - “Are Social Structures (a) Entities (b) Properties (c) Essences (d) Other?”

Session 3b – Rm 211

- Filipa Melo Lopes (Graduate Student University of Michigan)
 - “Misogyny and (Post-)Feminist Backlash”
- Kate Phelan (Lecturer, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology)
 - “Social Construction and the Possibility of Emancipation”

Break

4:15-5:45pm

Session 4a – Rm 262

- Tina Fernandes Botts (Assistant Professor, California State University, Fresno)
 - “The Ontology of Group Rights”
- Matthew Shields (Graduate Student, Georgetown University)
 - “The Pragmatics of Changing the Social World”

Session 4b – Rm 211

- Michael Gregory (Graduate Student, University of South Carolina)
 - “Quine, Forms of Life and the Ontological Foundation of Holism”
- Kevin Houser (Teaching Fellow, Case Western Reserve University)
 - “Reasons as Alienated Social Relations”
- Laura Martin (Graduate Student, Columbia University)
 - “The Social Ontology of Systemic Injustice”

Dinner

Informal conversation – Hotel Ignacio

Saturday, June 17th

10:00-11:30

Session 1 – Rm 121

- Vanessa Wills (Assistant Professor, George Washington University)
 - “Individual Action, Social Emergence and ‘the Laws of History’”
- Patrick Murray/Jeanne Schuler (Professor, Creighton University/Associate Professor, Creighton University)

- "The Commodity Spectrum: Simple Commodities, Commodities That Are Commodity Capital, Ex-Commodities, Potential Commodities, Quasi-Commodities"

Break

11:45-1:15

Session 2 – Rm 121

- Arto Laitinen/Arvi Särkelä (Professor, University of Tampere/Lecturer and Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Lucerne)
 - "Four Conceptions of Social Pathology"
- Robert Lawrence, (Mars Hill University)
 - "Revolution and Pathology in Non-Atomistic Social Ontology"

Lunch

2:30-4:00

Session 3a – Rm 121

- Kate Ritchie (Assistant Professor, City College of New York, CUNY)
 - "Social Structures and the Ontology of Social Groups"
- Italo Testa (Professor, Università di Parma)
 - "Habit and Critical Social Ontology"

Break

4:15-6:15

Session 4 – Rm 121

- Sally Haslanger (Professor, MIT)
 - "Against Individualism, Yet Again!"
- Doug Porpora (Professor, Drexel)
 - "Are Parameters Causes?"
- Charlotte Witt (Professor, University of New Hampshire)
 - "Voluntarism About Gender"

6:15-6:30pm

Wrap-up

- Conference is open to the public – \$0-\$30, based on what you can afford.
- There is a Critical Social Ontology Workshop fb page; website is coming soon!
- Email: criticalsocialontologyworkshop@gmail.com
- CSOW is: Ruth Groff (Coordinator); Sally Haslanger; Tony Lawson; Doug Porpora; Vanessa Wills; Charlotte Witt.