

Workshop: The Ambiguity of Violence as Resistance
Friday 28th June 2019
Godfrey Thomson Hall, Thomson's Land, Holyrood Road

PROGRAMME

09:30-10:00 - Welcome and coffee

10:00-11:50—SESSION ONE

Ruth Kinna (Loughborough University)
Anarchism, violence and the critique of slavery

Natasha Basu (University of Amsterdam)
Is this civil? The roles of violence and revolutionary aims in the paradigm cases of civil disobedience

Ben Smoke (Stansted 15)
How anti-deportation activists think about non-violence and violence

11:50-12:30—FILM SCREENING

Everything's Coming Together While Everything's Falling Apart: The ZAD (2017) by Oliver Ressler

12:30-13:30—LUNCH

A vegetarian lunch will be provided, with vegan and gluten free options

13:30-15.50—SESSION TWO

Carlos Frade (University of Salford)
Two critical remarks: inscriptions of violence, and insurrectionary violence

Brian Larkin (Edinburgh Peace & Justice Centre & Trident Ploughshares activist)
When does Non-violent Direct Action risk becoming violent?

James Morrissey (Extinction Rebellion)
Civil disobedience as political speech: non-violence and Extinction Rebellion

15.50-16.10—COFFEE BREAK

16.10-18.00—SESSION THREE

Neelam Srivastava (University of Newcastle)
Violence as anti-colonial ethics: the debate around armed struggle and the poetics of Third Worldism

Lea Verme (University of Edinburgh)
Activism, absolute nonviolence and alienation

John Holloway (Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla)
Under increasingly violent attack, what can we do?

18.10-19.00—RECEPTION

LIST OF SPEAKERS

Natasha Basu is a PhD researcher in Philosophy and Public Affairs at the University of Amsterdam, whose work focusses on civil disobedience against the backdrop of political and economic globalization.

Carlos Frade is Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Salford, whose work focusses on critical social theory and the relationship between power and subjectivity.

John Holloway is Professor of Sociology at the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla. He has published widely on Marxist theory, the Zapatista movement, and new forms of anti-capitalist struggle.

Ruth Kinna is Professor of Political Theory at Loughborough University. She is a co-convenor of the *Anarchist Studies Network* and her work focusses on the history and theory of radical struggles.

Brian Larkin is Coordinator of the Edinburgh Peace & Justice Centre, a member of Trident Ploughshares and a longstanding anti-nuclear activist who has been involved in resistance actions to nuclear weapons and war and was jailed indefinitely on a charge of civil contempt in the United States.

James Morrissey is a PhD candidate at the University of Edinburgh researching civil disobedience and the duties of citizenship, and is affiliated with Extinction Rebellion and Rhythms of Resistance.

Ben Smoke is one of the 'Stansted 15' convicted in December 2018 for chaining themselves to an airplane to prevent a 2017 Home Office deportation flight from taking off. He is a freelance journalist.

Neelam Srivastava is Reader in Postcolonial and Comparative Literature at the University of Newcastle whose work focusses on theories and narratives of anti-colonial violence.

Lea Verme is a Social Anthropology student at the University of Edinburgh. She has engaged in various forms of activism on Higher Education as well as documenting the University's recent imperial history.

WORKSHOP ORGANISERS

Hamish Kallin is lecturer in Human Geography, University of Edinburgh.

Maša Mrovlje is a postdoctoral research fellow at the School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh.

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