

Workshop on Critical Theory
In Co-operation with *Informal University*, Berlin

*"Timetable: -Few things separate more profoundly the mode of life befitting an intellectual from that of the bourgeois than the fact that the former acknowledges no alternative between work and recreation... But one could no more imagine Nietzsche in an office, with a secretary minding the telephone in an anteroom, at his desk until five o'clock, than playing golf after the day's work was done. Only a cunning intertwining of pleasure and work leaves real experience still open, under the pressure of society." (Adorno, *Mimima Moralia*, §84)*

Time-Frame: August 25th-26th, 2010

Workshop Venue: Raumerweiterungshalle
Markgrafendamm 24c (S-Bahnhof Ostkreuz)
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Wed. August 25th

Session I: 10:00 – 12:00

Walter Benjamin and Anthropological Materialism

Chair: **Sami Khatib**

Presenter: **Marc Berdet:**

Some (Provisionary) Theses on Phantasmagoria

Presenter: **Johannes Steizinger:**

Zwischen emanzipatorischen Appel und melancholischem Verstummen: Walter Benjamins Jugendschriften

Presenter: **Paola Ferruta**

Walter Benjamin's Thematization of a both Ancestral and Post-Historical Unity of the Masculine and Feminine in the Wake of Modernity's Obsession with Catastrophic Progress

Break

12:00 – 1:00

Session II: 1:00-3:00

Intersections between Historical Materialism and Theology

Chair: **Paula Schwebel**

Presenter: **Leena Peterson**

Reconsidering Utopia

Presenter: **Sami Khatib**

How to Read Benjamin? The NOW of Recognizability and Messianic Time

Presenter: **Stefano Marchesoni**

Eingedenken. Aufzeichnungen für ein Forschungsprojekt

Break

3:00-3:40

Session III: 3:40 – 5:00

Exceptional States: Benjamin, Schmitt, Landauer

Chair: **Leena Peterson**

Presenter: **Paula Schwebel**

Benjamin's Monad and the Dissolution of Political Theology

Presenter: **Jan Rolletschek**

A Wedge in Time. On the (Anti-)Ethical and Political Implications of the Remnant in the Writings of Walter Benjamin and Gustav Landauer

Thurs. August 26th

Morning Session only: 10:00-1:00

Rountable discussion

All presenters and discussants

We will use this time to discuss possible future collaborations, as well as topics of interest that came up the previous day's workshop.