

SOCIOLOGICAL REIMAGINATION: CRISIS AND CRITIQUE TODAY

The Graduate Center of the City University of New York

9:30AM-10:00AM

Registration (5409)

10:00AM-11:00AM

Keynote Address (5414)

Patricia Ticineto Clough

Troubling the Sociological Imagination: Methodological Considerations

11:15AM-12:45PM

Session I

Panel 1 / The Field of Vision (5409)

Discussant: Bill Kornblum

Marnie Brady

Shock and Awe in Midtown: Policing as Spectacle

Karen Gregory

Solves All Problems: Psychic Readers in New York City

Tsedale Melaku

Manhattanism Now and Then: A Comparative Analysis of Congestion in Midtown between the 1940s and Today

Erin Siodmak

Telling Truth and Telling Lies: Questions of Methodology

Panel 2 / Bodies and Sexualities (5414)

Discussant: Patricia Ticineto Clough

Nolen Gertz

What's Wrong With the Torturer?

Melissa Maldonado-Salcedo **The Critical Aesthetics of Disorder: The Crisis of Size in Buenos Aires**

Laura Mauldin

The Hear & Now: Deafness, Biotechnology and the Family

Alyson Spurgas

(Un)Queering Identity: The Biosocial Production of Intersex/DSD

12:45PM-1:30PM

Lunch

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1:45PM–3:15PM

Session II

Panel 3 / Labor and Accumulation in Crisis (5409)

Discussant: Eric Lichten

- Jared Hanneman **Re-thinking Unproductive Labor in Capitalism**
Elaine da Silveira Leite **Crisis or Opportunity? The Rise of Personal Finance in Times of Crisis in Brazil**
Justin Myers **The Neoliberalization of Everyday Life: Finance Capital's Debt-Bondage, Debtor's Prisons, and the Potentiality of Anti-Debt Movements**
Abe Walker **The Revolution Will Not Be Narrativized: Union Competition and Rank-and-File Power**

Panel 4 / Secularism and Religion (5414)

Discussant: Saadia Toor

- John D. Boy **The Crisis of Western Secularity: Secularization as a Spatial Process**
Jesse Carlson **'Big Children in University Chairs': Wondering about a Sociology of Miracles**
Sam Han **Auto-deconstruction of Christianity: A Political Appraisal**
Mitra Rastegar **Meet the Muslims: Ambivalent Tolerance in Post-9/11 Muslim Community Profiles in the New York Times**

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3:30PM–5:00PM

Session III

Panel 5 / Subjects of History (5409)

Discussant: Victoria Pitts-Taylor

Cathy Borck	Productions of Subjectivity: Discursive and Relational Intimacies in Contexts of Analysis
Sebastian G. Guzman	Power, Legitimacy and Crisis: the Question of Historical Continuity in Bourdieu and Habermas
Michael D. Phillips	When is Enlightenment?: Kant and Foucault on the Subject and Society
Aaron Weeks	Foucault and Freudo-Marxism

Panel 6 / Reimagined Communities and Publics (5414)

Discussant: Frances Fox Piven

Alan Bourke	Relevance, Irreverence, and Rhetoric: Reflections on the Democratization of Sociological Knowledge
Laura Lovin	Experiences and Productions of Ethnicity: From Ethnicities That Sell to Ethnicities That Stick
Francesca Manning	From Community to Communism
Lilia Raileanu	Waiting in Uncertainty
Haj Yazdiha	Cultural Hybridity: Reimagining the Collective

5:15PM–6:15PM

Closing Plenary (5409)

Sujatha Fernandes, Eric Lichten, Randy Martin, and Saadia Toor
Responding to the Crises of Our Time: Critique and the Sociological Imagination

6:30PM

Reception (5409)

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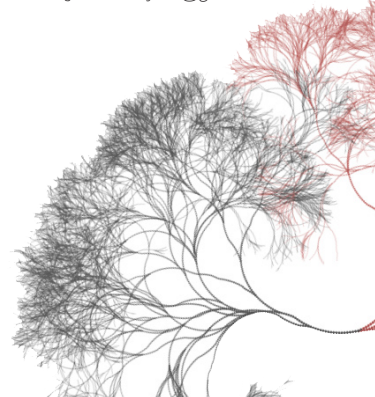
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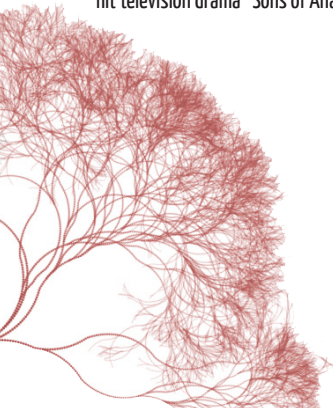
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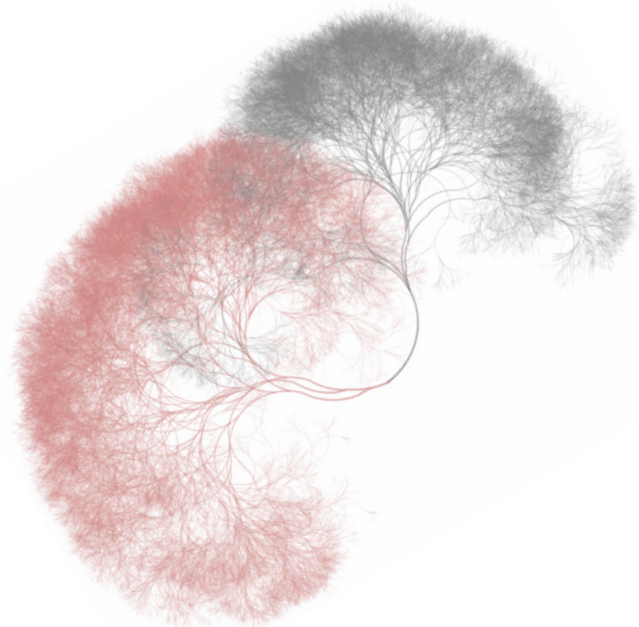
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