



Anticolonialism as Theory Symposium

Program Schedule

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Welcome, 315 Wheeler

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Panel 1, 315 Wheeler

CHAIR: Debarati Sanyal

DEBORAH THOMAS

“Sovereignty, Possession, Surrender: Caribbean Futures”

YOGITA GOYAL

“On Failure”

MINKAH MAKALANI

“Emancipate the World: C.L.R. James, Walter Rodney, and Decolonizing Black Power in the Caribbean”

11:10 am – 12:40 pm

Panel 2, 315 Wheeler

CHAIR: Praseeda Gopinath

LEELA GANDHI

“Nonviolent, Nonperformative”

POULOMI SAHA

“A Political Theory of the Séance”

SONALI THAKKAR

“The Reeducation of Race”

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Speaker Lunch, 330 Wheeler

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm

Roundtable 3, 315 Wheeler

CHAIR: Angela Naimou

KANEESHA PARSARD

“Siphon, or Revisiting Sylvia Wynter’s ‘Novel and History, Plot and Plantation’ (1971)”

FARAH BAKAARI

“Qabyo: A theory of (Anti)Coloniality”

NIJAH CUNNINGHAM

“African Dawn and the Heliological Metaphor of Decolonization”

ALEXIA ALKADI-BARBARO

“Pauulu Kamarakafego and Audley Moore on Plantation Logics as Debris of the Colony at the Dawn of Decolonization (c. 1945-1970)”

LEILA BEN ABDALLAH

“Unsettling Occupation: Anticolonial Organizing and the 1969 Takeover of Alcatraz Island”

RESPONDENT: Neetu Khanna

Roundtable 4, Anthony Hall, Native Community Center

CHAIR: Asha Nadkarni

ANNA STIELAU

“Tense Presents, Present Tenses: Unsettling the Contemporary in South African Anticolonial Visual Culture”

STÉPHANE ROBOLIN

“Reading an Antiapartheid Library”

LEILA NETI

“Filthy Rich, Filthy Water”

NADINE ATTEWELL

“A Matter of Life and Death: Care, Survival, and Anticolonial Thought Under Occupation”

RESPONDENT: Swati Rana

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Roundtable 5, 315 Wheeler

CHAIR: Supriya Nair

NAJNIN ISLAM

“Indian, Madrasi, Creole Lexicons of Race, Caste, and Anticolonialism in Postemancipation British Guiana”

KELVIN NG

“Itineraries of Self-Respect: Anti-Casteism as Anti-Colonialism, c. 1929 – 1940”

ADITYA BAHL

“Green, Red: The Lost Archives of the Punjabi Underground, 1960s-1970s”

STEPHANIE REIST

“Transatlantic Fugitive History in Beatriz Nascimento’s ‘Ôrí’”

RESPONDENT: Yanie Fecu

Roundtable 6, Anthony Hall, Native Community Center

CHAIR: Nasser Mufti

BANU SUBRAMANIAM & SUSHMITA CHATTERJEE

“Matters of Science: The (Anti)colonial Roots of Vitalism”

KARTIK MAINI

“On Learning to Love the World: Swami Sahajanand Saraswati and the Occluded Lives of Ascetic Anticolonialism”

SONALI PERERA

“Languages of Rights, Ideologies of Colonialism”

RONALD MENDOZA-DE JESÚS

“Assuming a Body? Abject Sovereignty and Racialized Anthropogenesis in Giannina Braschi’s ‘Close-Up’”

RESPONDENT: Sukanya Banerjee

5:00 pm

Speaker Cocktails & Dinner, The Faculty Club

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Speaker Breakfast, Wheeler 330

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Panel 7, 315 Wheeler

CHAIR: Kalyan Nadiminti

MRINALINI CHAKRAVORTY

“Anticolonialism’s ‘Homosexual Territory’”

DAVID ENG

“The History of the Subject and the Subject of History”

SHAKIRAH HUDANI

“Rethinking Anti-colonial Theory from the African Metropolis”

11:10 am – 12:40 pm

Panel 8, 315 Wheeler

CHAIR: Sangeeta Ray

JILL JARVIS

“Forget Decolonizing: Atomic Visions from the Radioactive Sahara (After Mahmaddoun Hawad)”

CHRISTINA LEÓN

“Suture/Knot: Raquel Salas Rivera’s Trans Poetics of Anticolonial Return”

MARÍA JOSEFINA SALDAÑA-PORTILLO

“Aura + Mexican Gothic + Zombies = Latinx Speculative Fiction as Post-Revolutionary Imagination”

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Speaker Lunch, 330 Wheeler

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm

Panel 9, 315 Wheeler

CHAIR: Greta LaFleur

ESMAT ELHALABY

“Between Gaza and the Third World”

ANTHONY ALESSANDRINI

“At the Level of Description, Any Decolonization is a Success: Anti-Colonialism Now”

ZAHID CHAUDHARY

“The Afterlife of Hysteria”

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Closing Salon, 315 Wheeler
5:00 pm	Closing Reception, Tilden Room, MLK Center
8:00 pm	Afterparty, Beta Lounge

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