

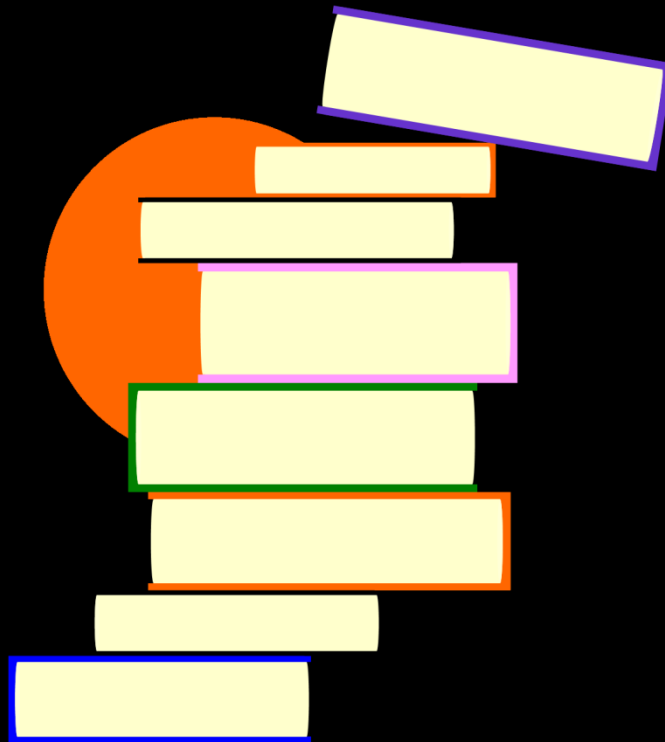


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Faculty of Human, Social, and Political Science

CRISIS AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Towards Alternative Horizons



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

26 September—27 September 2014

Department of Sociology | University of Cambridge

Welcome

Welcome to our conference, **Crisis and Social Change: Towards Alternative Horizons**. Welcome, also, to the Department of Sociology, at the University of Cambridge.

What is the nature of the crisis we are living through?

Does it represent an historical rupture, or just 'history repeating itself'?

What diagnoses does the crisis raise?

What exactly is wrong with societies today?

How should those wrongs be righted?

To what end?

What kind of future would we like to build?

What horizons are in view?

Which future should we strive for?

The purpose of this conference is not only to ask such questions, but to provide bold answers to them. Such answers, drawing upon the legacies of critique, may range from diagnosis to treatment, from deconstruction to reconstruction, from negation to vision. But, abstract though they may sometimes be, such answers share one important aim: to bring us from crisis to progress.

We hope you enjoy the conference.

The Crisis and Social Change Conference Team

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:00 Morning keynote (Seminar Room) | **Prof Greg Philo**, University of Glasgow

10:00 – 11:00 Concurrent panels

Crisis and Critical Junctures

OR

Rethinking Social Movements

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee

11:30 – 13:00 Plenary panel 1

The Great Recession, and Varieties of Social and Political Responses

Chair: TBC

Prof Larry King, Dept. of Sociology, Cambridge

Prof John Kelly, Dept. of Management, Birkbeck

Dr Jeff Miley, Dept. of Sociology, Cambridge

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Plenary panel 2

Mobilisation, Social Change, and Revolution

Chair: Dexter Dias QC

Dr David Lane, Dept. of Sociology, Cambridge

Prof Jane Wills, Dept. of Geography, Queen Mary University of London

Dr Manali Desai, Dept. of Sociology, Cambridge

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee

16:00 – 17:00 Concurrent panels

Financial Capitalism: Economists, the City and the State

OR

Environmental and Economic Crisis: Rethinking Relations Between Nature and Society

17:00 – 18:00 Evening keynote | **Prof Ted Benton**, University of Essex, introduced by Peter Dickens

18:30 – 20:00 Conference Dinner at the *University Centre*

SATURDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:00 Morning keynote (Seminar Room) | **Prof Donatella della Porta**, European University Institute

10:00 – 11:00 Concurrent panels
Social Movements in Local Social Context
OR
Media and Voices of the Marginalized

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee

11:30 – 12:30 Concurrent panels
Alternative Economic Spaces
OR
Education and Society: National and Global Perspectives on Crisis and Renewal

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Concurrent panels
Labour, Work and Precariousness
OR
Critical and Emancipatory Thought and Action

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee

15:00 – 16:00 Concurrent panels
Youth, Discourse and Activism in Social Movements
OR
Radically Rethinking Democracy

16:00 – 17:00 Evening keynote (Seminar Room) | **Prof Göran Therborn**, University of Cambridge

17:00 – 18:30 Soap box and drinks

19:00 Conference Dinner at *Sala Thong*

PANEL PAPERS

Crisis and Critical Junctures | Chair: Marcos Gonzalez Hernando

1. Dimitris Christopoulos | Panteion University of Social and Political Science | dimitrischristopoulos@yahoo.gr

Crisis as transition

2. Dr Artemisa Montes Sylvan | Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis | artemisa_m1@hotmail.com

Defining the role of social actors before crisis and its effects: strategies for strengthening civil society participation

3. Morena Tartari | University of Padova | morenatartari@gmail.com

Social actors amid crisis, the role of the media and the horizon of the public sphere. Remarks about Italian condition

Labour, Work and Precariousness | Chair: Alex Wood

1. Catarina Principe | Humboldt University, Berlin | catarinaprincipe@gmail.com

"They want us precarious, we will be rebellious"

2. Tania Toffanin | University of Padova | tania.toffanin@unipd.it

Work and life in Mediterranean welfare countries after the crisis: a gender perspective

3. Ozde Nalan Koseoglu | Maastricht University | ozdekoseoglu@gmail.com

Prisoners: underprivileged wage-workers or just 'slaves of the state'?

Social Movements in Local Social Context | Chair: Kusha Sefat

1. Olga Zelinska | The Graduate School for Social Research, Warsaw | ozelinsk@sns.edu.pl

Maidan: reinventing Ukrainian civil society?

2. Tiago Carvalho | University of Cambridge | tmlc3@cam.ac.uk

Mobilizing in a local context: the popular assembly of Barreiro, Portugal, 2011-2014

3. Alex Wood | University of Cambridge | ajw250@cam.ac.uk

The rise of the network labour movement: the Case of OUR Walmart

Youth, Discourse and Activism in Social Movements | Chair: Ben Abrams

1. Karolina Krelinova | Dartmouth College Graduate | karolina.krelinova@gmail.com

Challenging the mythical nation: liberal youth activism in Belgrade, Serbia

2. Sevasti-Melissa Nolas | University of Sussex | s.nolas@sussex.ac.uk

Connectors: from children's participation to ethics in childhood

3. Mike O'Donnell | University of Westminster | odonnell18@btinternet.com

Nineteen sixties radicalism in the united states and contemporary radicalism compared

Rethinking Social Movements | Chair: Ben Abrams

1. Steven Speed | Salford Star | slspeed@icloud.com

The Battle of Barton Moss

2. Rosa Vasilaki | University of Bristol | e.r.vasilaki@bristol.ac.uk

Seeing like a PIG: the crisis in Greece from a different perspective

3. Erdem Colak | Ankara University | erdemcolak42@gmail.com

From occupation of public spaces and forums/initiatives to an alternative polity

Alternative Economic Spaces | Chair: Torsten Geelan

1. Sofa Gradin | Queen Mary University of London | s.p.gradin@qmul.ac.uk

Radical routes and alternative avenues: how cooperatives can be non-capitalist

2. Charles Masquelier | University of Surrey | c.masquelier@surrey.ac.uk

Unleashing the emancipatory power of the 'spirit of service': G. D. H. Cole and dialogical coordination

3. Emma Greeson | University of California, San Diego | egreeson@ucsd.edu

Sustainability in secondhand markets: theorizing alternatives to and derivatives of the excesses of capitalism

Economic and Environmental Crises: Rethinking Relations between Nature and Society |

Chair: James Addicott

1. Mike Brock | University of East Anglia | michael.brock@uea.ac.uk

Interacting with local wildlife to achieve alternative inter-connectivity in modern society

2. Laurajan Obermuller | University of St Andrews | ljo@st-andrews.ac.uk

My Guyana El Dorado, alluring to all: Akawaios perspectives on forest conservation

3. Nitkia Nagar | Symbiosis International University | nitinagar007@gmail.com

Striking a balance: analyzing the relationship between energy and the environment from an economic and a legal perspective

Education and Society: National and Global Perspectives on Crisis and Renewal | Chair: TBC

1. Eric Lybeck | University of Cambridge | erl37cam.ac.uk

The coming crisis of academic authority

2. Nicolas Fleet | University of Cambridge | ngf22@cam.ac.uk

Knowledge, labour, and critique: for a sociology of the 2011 student movement in Chile

3. Mike Finn | Liverpool Hope University | finnm@hope.ac.uk

The never-ending 'crisis': historical perspectives on contemporary debates in British higher education

Media and Voices of the Marginalized | Chair: Torsten Geelan

1. Benjamin Anderson | Simon Fraser University | bja19@sfu.ca

Opportunity in crisis: the hopeful future of alternative media in an age of capitalist crisis

2. Henry Silke | Dublin City University | henry.silke2@mail.dcu.ie

Ideology, power and the potentials for resistance: notes from the Irish crisis

3. Andy Hodder | University of Birmingham | a.j.hodder@bham.ac.uk

Union use of social media: a study of the University and College Union and Twitter

Critical and Emancipatory Thought and Action | Chair: Marcos Gonzalez Hernando

1. Michael Murphy | Royal Holloway, University of London | michael.murphy.2012@live.rhul.ac.uk
Beyond the end of history: the multiple horizons of Watsuji Tetsurō
2. Jeffery R. Webber | Queen Mary, University of London | j.r.webber@qmul.ac.uk
Haunted by the legend of better days: romantic Marxism and extractive capitalism in the Andes
3. Mette Bak | University of Brighton | mettebak494@hotmail.com
#Becoming Human

Financial Capitalism: Economists, the City and the State | Chair: Peter W. Walsh

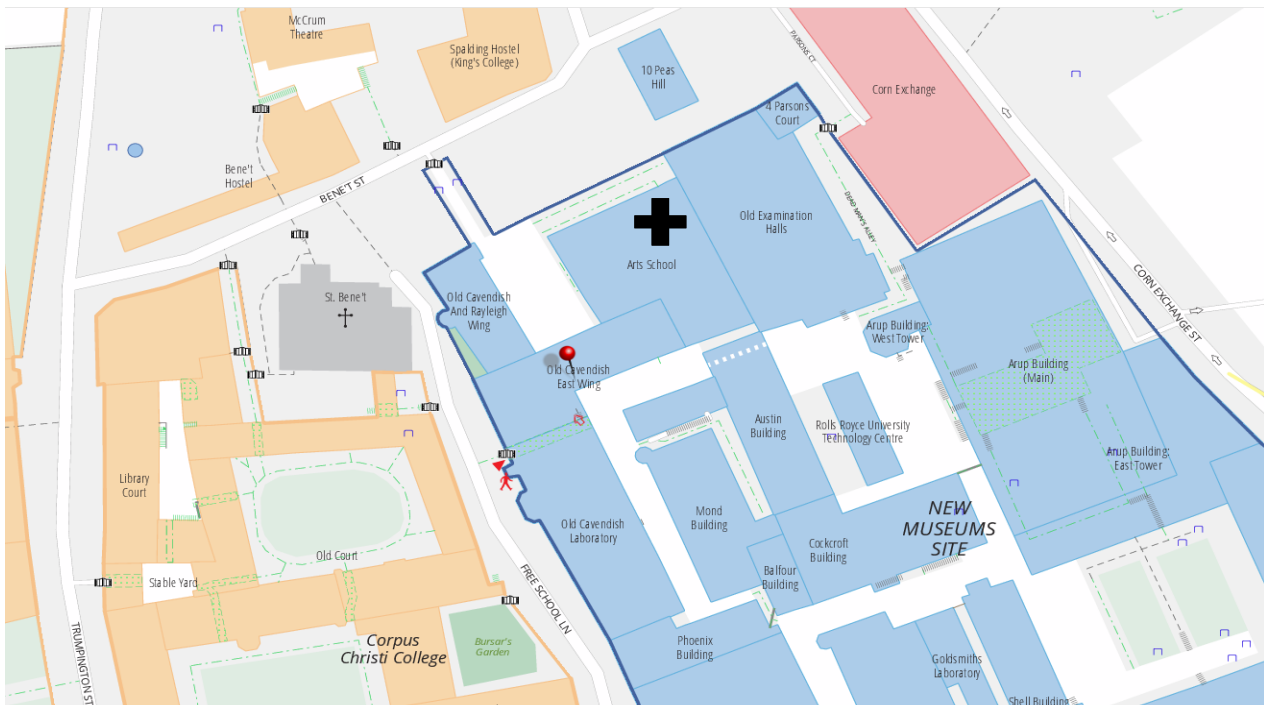
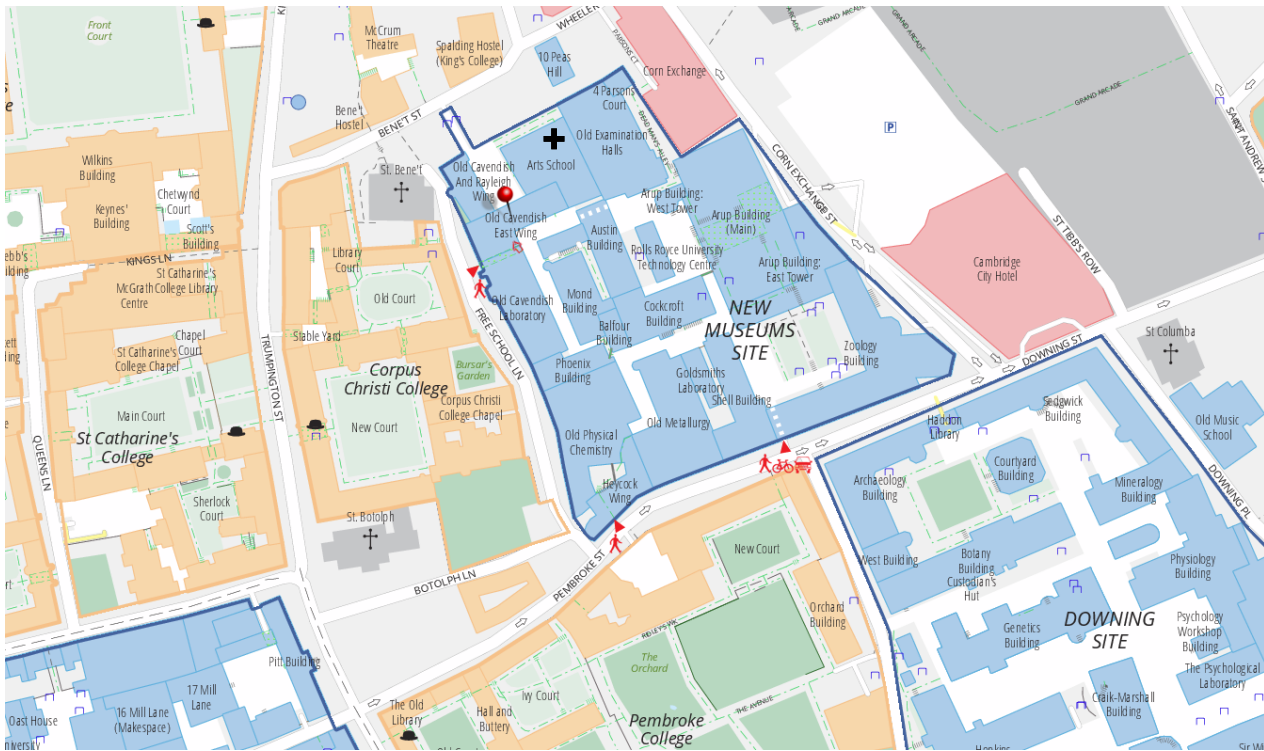
1. Alex Simpson | University of York | as1520@york.ac.uk
Our interests or theirs? Cultures of market practice within the City of London
2. Alice Pearson | University of Cambridge | alicelara1gmail.com
Disciplining homo economicus? An ethnography of undergraduate economics students
3. Pablo Iglesias-Rodríguez | VU University Amsterdam | p.iglesiasrodriguez@vu.nl
Financial capitalism post-crisis: towards greater social efficiency?

Radically Rethinking Democracy | Chair: Charlotte Proudman

1. Rune Møller Stahl and Andreas Møller Mulvad | University of Copenhagen | rune.stahl@gmail.com/acmm@ifs.ku.dk
The myth of bourgeois democracy
2. Atashi Gosh | University of Calcutta | atashi24@gmail.com
Giving Gotham to its people?: the fallacy of hyperdemocracy in India
3. Bandelin Sebastian | Philipps-Universität Marburg | atzeb@gmx.net
Experience and radical democracy

DIRECTIONS

The conference takes place at the Department of Sociology, and the Arts School, both at the University of Cambridge's New Museums Site. In the maps below, the Department of Sociology is marked with a pin, and the Arts School with a black cross.



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