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The Eighth Annual Social Theory Forum: “Italian Social Theory: From Gramsci to Agamben” University of Massachusetts Boston ♦ April 13-14, 2011

The annual **Social Theory Forum** brings together international scholars to explore social theories in global and historical contexts, examine the field's current and future state, and evaluate classical and contemporary social theory in a critical, cross-disciplinary framework. This year's conference addresses modern Italian social theory, from Galvano Della Volpe to Umberto Eco, through themes including hegemony and culture wars, globalization and resistance, state sovereignty and power, propaganda and agitation and social media. Attendees will discuss the relevance of Italian social thought for the understanding of cultural studies, semiotics, textual analysis and criticism, linguistics and psychoanalysis.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE: **Charles Lemert** (Professor of Social Theory Emeritus, Wesleyan University): “The Other Italians”; **Lauren Langman** (Professor of Sociology, Loyola University of Chicago): “Identity, Hegemony & the Reproduction of Domination (Not Always)”; **Kalpana Seshadri** (Professor of English, Boston College): “The Potentiality of Ethics in Agamben's World”; **Marios Constantinou** (Professor of Social & Political Sciences, University of Cyprus): “Negri & Contemporary Social Theory”.

Presentations & Panels include: Machiavelli's Children: Italian Radical Philosophers against the Nation-State ❖ Giovanni Arrighi's Radical Rethinking of Social Theory for the 21st Century ❖ The Perspective of the Multitude in Negri, Agamben & Virno ❖ The Abolition of the State & of Its Temporal Paradigm ❖ Consent & Coercion ❖ Regulated Society vs. Organic State ❖ The Concept of Exodus: The Creation of Autonomous Ways of Life ❖ Social Theory amid the Tear Gas: Gramsci's & Negri's Strategic Influence on the Global Justice Movement ❖ Biopolitics & Social Reality ❖ Is Gramsci Dead? ❖ Gramsci: Vanguardist or Champion of Popular Culture? ❖ Hegemony, Framing & Media ❖ New Immigrants, the Filter of “Deservingness” & the Hegemonic Justification of Privilege ❖ The Media War in Venezuela during the Chavez Era: A Study in Hegemony ❖ Race & Subalternity ❖ Princess *Homo Sacer*: Re-staging the Historical ❖ Gramsci's Intellectuals: What Do Black Public Intellectuals Got to Do with It? ❖ Hegemony & Labor ❖ Digital Labor ❖ Hegemony, Post-Hegemony & the Case of the 150 Hours ❖ Progressive Values, Reactionary Politics: Using Gramsci to Explain the Appeal of Right-Wing Movements to US Workers ❖ Gramsci & Political Institutions ❖ Journalistic & Literary Representation ❖ In Defense of Irony ❖ Profaning the Unprofaneable: Don Quixote & the Imagination ❖ Western Hegemonic Policy ❖ Colonialism & Post-Colonialism ❖ The Self & Its Sovereign ❖ Is Knowledge the Destruction of Experience? ❖ Feminist Movements ❖ Critical Encounters between Agamben & Foucault ❖ *Homo Sacer* & the Genocidal Zone of Exclusion ❖ Law & Sovereignty in Agamben ❖ Biopolitics from Foucault to Agamben ❖ The Utopian Pursuit of Death ❖ “Live by It & Die in Its Path”: Ideology & the Worldwide Caliphate ❖ The Usurped Sovereign, *Homo Sacer* & the Politics of Suicide Bombing ❖ The Social Construction of Outcasts ❖ Monsters in Contemporary Italian Critical Theory ❖ Biopower, Alienation & the Production of Madness ❖ Political Messianism ❖ Protest & Revolution

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