The Authoritarian Personality
Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 + Sat., Feb. 15, 2020
Yale University
Conference Co-organizers: Christina Gerhardt, Robyn Marasco, Kirk Wetters
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Friday, February 14, 2020

2:30-3:00 Coffee

3:00-3:30 Opening Remarks: Kirk Wetters & Maurice Samuels

3:30-5:30 Panel 1: Politics and Psychoanalysis
Chair/Discussant: Giulia Oskian, Yale, Political Science
Robyn Marasco, CUNY, Hunter College, Political Science
Authoritarianism and the Family Revisited
Eli Zaretsky, New School, History
Mass Psychology Today
Claudia Leeb, Washington State University
The Importance of Psychoanalysis in *The Authoritarian Personality*

6:00-7:30 Keynote #1: Martin Jay - Christina Gerhardt to introduce Martin Jay
*The Authoritarian Personality and the Problematic Pathologization of Politics*

Saturday, February 15, 2020

9:00-9:30 Coffee

9:30-11:30 Panel 2: The Authoritarian Personality and the New Right
Chair/Discussant: Terence Renaud, Yale, History
Moira Weigel, Harvard, Society of Fellows, Comp. Lit, Film and Media
Hating Theory: The Cultural Marxism Conspiracy and Right Cyberutopianism
Federico Finchelstein, New School, History
Fascist Liars and the Authoritarian Personality
Samir Gandesha, Simon Fraser University, Dept. of the Humanities
In the Force-field Between Neo-Conservatism and Neo-Liberalism:
The Uncanny Return of Authoritarianism
1:00-3:00  Panel 3: Racism and Antisemitism  
Chair/Discussant: Jason Stanley, Yale, Philosophy

Jack Jacobs, CUNY, Political Science  
**Antisemitism and Racism in the Era of Trump: The Relevance of Critical Theory**  
Asad Haider, The New School, Philosophy  
**Racial Ideology**  
Joseph Winters, Duke, Religious Studies  
**Toward an Ethics of the Negative:**  
Adorno, Black Studies, and the Refusal of Affirmation

3:00-3:30  Coffee break

3:30-5:30  Panel 4: Critical-Conceptual Retrospectives  
Chair/Discussant: Eliyahu Stern

John Abromeit, Buffalo State, History  
**The Concept of Pseudo-Conservatism as a Link between The Authoritarian Personality and Early Critical Theory**  
Christina Gerhardt, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa  
**The Relevance of The Authoritarian Personality Today**  
Kirk Wetters, Yale University  
**Carl Schmitt as Typus of the Authoritarian (in Adorno and Nicolaus Sombart)**

6:00-7:30  Keynote  
Peter Gordon, Realism and Utopia in The Authoritarian Personality  
Samuel Moyn to introduce Peter Gordon