The Authoritarian Personality

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 + Sat., Feb. 15, 2020

Yale University

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Friday, February 14, 2020

2:30-3:00 Coffee
Rotunda

3:00-3:30 Opening Remarks: Kirk Wetters & Maurice Samuels
Room 208

3:30-5:30 Panel 1: Politics and Psychoanalysis
Room 208
Chair/Discussant: Giulia Oskian, Yale University, Political Science
Robyn Marasco, CUNY, Hunter College, Political Science
Authoritarianism and the Family Revisited
Eli Zaretsky, The New School, History
Mass Psychology Today

6:00-7:30 Keynote 1: Martin Jay, Berkeley, History
Auditorium

The Authoritarian Personality and the Problematic Pathologization of Politics

Chair/Discussant: Christina Gerhardt, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Saturday, February 15, 2020

9:00-9:30 Coffee
Rotunda

9:30-11:30 Panel 2: The Authoritarian Personality and the New Right
Room 208
Chair/Discussant: Terence Renaud, Yale University, History
Moira Weigel, Harvard University, Society of Fellows, Comp. Lit, Film and Media
Hating Theory: The Cultural Marxism Conspiracy and Right Cyberutopianism
Federico Finchelstein, The 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

11:30-1:00 Lunch

1:00-3:00 Panel 3: Racism and Antisemitism
Room 208
Chair/Discussant: Jason Stanley, Yale University, 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
Rotunda

3:30-5:30 Panel 4: Critical-Conceptual Retrospectives
Room 208
Chair/Discussant: Eliyahu Stern, Yale University, Judaic Studies
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 Wettes, Yale University, Germanic Languages and Literature
Carl Schmitt as Typus of the Authoritarian (in Adorno and Nicolaus Sombart)
6:00-7:30  Keynote 2: Peter E. Gordon, Harvard University, History
Auditorium

Realism and Utopia in *The Authoritarian Personality*

Chair/Discussant: Samuel Moyn, Yale University, History & Yale Law School

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