

Every historical attempt to construct society after an Idea teaches: where utopia is, there wreckage will come into being. So we have been told, and do in part believe. The empire of capitalist parliamentarism, sovereign police, and conventional scepticism is built with the ruins of futures past. This symposium invites four inventive, provocative, and engaged thinkers to reflect upon utopia and its wreckages, to help us understand the valences of realisation and ruination, of wreaking and wrecking, within socialist/post-socialist, sovereign/post-sovereign, imperial/post-imperial, feminist and queer political programmes.

Programme

15.00 – 15.30	Welcome	18.30 – 19.30	Daniel Loick (Frankfurt a. M.) Post-Sovereign Politics. Lessons from Benjamin
15.30 – 16.00	Introduction		
16.00 – 17.00	Boris Buden (Berlin) Dislocation of Utopia. In-between Capitalism and Socialism	19.30 – 20.30	Karen Tongson (Los Angeles) Inland Emperors. Sexuality at the End of the Suburbs
17.00 – 18.00	Bini Adamczak (Frankfurt a. M.) The Feeling of Revolution. Queer Questions of 1917	20.30	Reception
18.00 – 18.30	Break		

Symposium

Utopia



Wreckage

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