Thursday 16 June 2011

Programme

15.00 – 15.30 Welcome

15.30 –16.00 Introduction

16.00 – 17.00 Boris Buden (Berlin)

Dislocation of Utopia.
In-between Capitalism and Socialism

17.00 – 18.00 Bini Adamczak

(Frankfurt a. M.)
The Feeling of Revolution.
Queer Questions of 1917

18.00 –18.30 Break

18.30 – 19.30 Daniel Loick

(Frankfurt a. M.)
Post-Sovereign Politics.
Lessons from Benjamin

19.30 – 20.30 Karen Tongson

(Los Angeles)
Inland Emperors.
Sexuality at the End of

the Suburbs

20.30

Reception

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.

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