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**With  
S. Pearl Brilmyer,  
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Traditionally understood as the philosophical study of being, ontology, especially as it has been taken up in more recent critical theory, has tended to privilege notions of existence, presence, and affirmation. What is lost, repressed, or forgotten in ontological frameworks that, in so far as they do address nonbeing, understand it to be the negation of a being that is supposedly always primary?

This workshop will address the potential and limits of the 'ontological turn' for queer studies, a field long concerned with what is excluded or negated in systems of relation. In their introduction to the most recent issue of *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*, 'The Ontology of the Couple', S. Pearl Brilmyer, Filippo Trentin, and Zairong Xiang chase after a 'zero' that, they argue, must always be eliminated or dialectically synthesized in order for 'two to become one'.

# **Queer (Non)ontology**

**Thinking  
with the Zero**

**In English**

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