

Confronted with an arguably incomplete critique of the notion and history of sovereignty, contemporary lines of thinking have forcefully returned to the inquiry into political foundations. These theoretical approaches in philosophy and the humanities at large have attempted to find possibilities of dialogue concerning the critique of sovereign structures of power, the undoing of systemic violence, as well as the development of ideas of community and mutual aid. The conference 'Anarchē' aims to investigate the contemporary philosophical attempts at questioning traditional concepts of political foundations in order to rethink the central notion of ground or *archē*.

**With Emily Apter, Bruno Bosteels , Susan Buck-Morss, Donatella Di Cesare, Rebecca Comay, Simona Forti, Stathis Gourouris, Claudia Hilb, Peter Szendy and Miguel Vatter**

**Keynote Lecture by Catherine Malabou**

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**Anarchē**  
Conference **Philosophy, Politics, and  
the Question of the Ground**  
**7-8**  
**July 2021** **in English**  
Organized by **Damiano Sacco  
and Facundo Vega**

## Programme

**Wednesday,  
7 July 2021**

**14:30–16:30**

**Panel 1**

Miguel Vatter  
Simona Forti  
Claudia Hilb

**17:00–19:00**

**Panel 2**

Peter Szendy  
Donatella Di Cesare  
Rebecca Comay

**19:30**

Susan Buck-Morss

**Thursday,  
8 July 2021**

**17:00–19:00**

**Panel 3**

Emily Apter  
Bruno Bosteels  
Stathis Gourouris

**19:30**

**Catherine Malabou**

**Why the Need for a Philosophical Exploration  
of Anarchism Today?**

In this talk, Catherine Malabou will elaborate on the current crisis of horizontality, which can be attributed to the flexible architecture of the Internet and the factual anarchism it makes possible. Is it possible to genuinely differentiate political anarchism from anarcho-capitalism? Malabou will show that a new philosophical elaboration of anarchy is needed to sustain such a differentiation, and the extent to which the concepts of anarchy provided by some of the most prominent thinkers of the twentieth century (Schürmann, Foucault, or Rancière) can help with yet are ultimately insufficient for this task.

Catherine Malabou is a professor of philosophy at the Centre for Research in Modern European Philosophy at Kingston University (UK) and in the departments of Comparative Literature and European Languages and Studies at UC Irvine. Her last books include *Before Tomorrow: Epigenesis and Rationality* (2016, trans. Carolyn Shread), *Morphing Intelligence: From IQ Measurement to Artificial Brains* (2019, trans. Carolyn Shread), and *Le Plaisir effacé. Clitoris et pensée* (2020).