

“After 1948: Realignments in Politics and Culture”

Thursday and Friday, April 26-27, 2012

Sawyer Seminar (2011-12) on

“Around 1948: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Global Transformation”

The Franke Institute for the Humanities at the University of Chicago

1100 East 57th Street, JRL S-102, Chicago, IL 60637

Wednesday, April 25

4:30-6:00 p.m. Screening of "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin"

Thursday, April 26

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Light breakfast refreshments

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Opening Panel: Disalignments and the Postwar Left

Chair: Dipesh Chakrabarty, Lawrence A. Kimpton Distinguished Service Professor, Departments of History and South Asian Languages & Civilizations

John Kelly, Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Chicago

"Nehru, the Nation-State and Bandung: Zhou, Highland Asia, and the Actual Politics of Decolonization"

Michael Dawson, John D. MacArthur Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Political Science, The University of Chicago

"The Sundering: The Dis-Entangling of Black Radical Movements and Post-World War II Degenerate Politics in the U.S."

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Panel: Realignments of South Asia

Chair: Leela Gandhi, Professor, Department of English, The University of Chicago

Mona Bahn, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, DePauw University

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Rochona Majumdar, Associate Professor, South Asian Languages & Literatures, The University of Chicago

"Decolonization and Film Cultures: An Indian Perspective"

Commentary: Paola Iovene, Assistant Professor, East Asian Languages & Civilizations, The University of Chicago

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 - 4:15 p.m.

Panel: Politics Disaligned: Civil Rights, Anticolonial, and Anti-Nuclear Activism in the Case of Bayard Rustin

Chair: Deborah Nelson, Associate Professor, Department of English, The University of Chicago

Nancy Kates, Independent Documentary Filmmaker

Commentary: Adam Green, Associate Professor, Department of History, The University of Chicago

Commentary: Judy Hoffman, Senior Lecturer, Cinema & Media Studies and Department of Visual Arts, The University of Chicago

4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Break

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Keynote Address: "Economentality: How the Future Entered Government"
Timothy Mitchell, Professor, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies, Columbia University

Chair: Lisa Wedeen, Mary R. Morton Professor, Department of Political Science, The University of Chicago

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Reception

Friday, April 27

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Light breakfast refreshments

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Panel: Africa's Late Colonialism

Chair: Stephan Palmie, Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Chicago

Fred Cooper, Professor, Department of History, New York University

"French Africa, 1947-48: Reform, violence, and uncertainty in a colonial situation"

Adam Ashforth, Professor, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan

"South Africa, 1948: *Apartheid* in the twilight of Empire"

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Panel: Invisible Colonies? Legality, (Neo-)Colonialism, and Disalignment in the Americas during the Post-War Era

Chair: Agnes Lugo-Ortiz, Associate Professor, Romance Languages & Literatures, The University of Chicago

Efren Rivera-Ramos, Professor, School of Law, University of Puerto Rico
 "Colonial Alignments: Puerto Rico after 1948"

Laura Gotkowitz, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh
 "Democracy and Decolonization in Bolivia, "around 1948" and Today"

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 - 4:15 p.m.

Panel: Things to Come - Realignment and Aspirations: The Circulation of Jazz after 1948

Chair: Kaley Mason, Assistant Professor, Department of Music, The University of Chicago

Travis Jackson, Associate Professor, Department of Music, The University of Chicago
 "Beyond Playing the Changes: Jazz Strategies, Technologies, and Experiments around and after 1948"

Danielle Fosler-Lussier, Associate Professor, School of Music, Ohio State University
 "Postwar Aspirations and State Support for Jazz: Writing the History of 'the Jazz Tours'"

4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Break

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Roundtable and Reception: Legacies: "Where Do We Go From Here?" (M.L. King, Jr.)

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Reception

Sawyer Steering Committee: Leela Gandhi (English), Dimitris Kousouris (History), Deborah Nelson (English), James Sparrow (History), Lisa Wedeen (Political Science); with John Kelly (Anthropology) and Agnes Lugo-Ortiz (Romance Languages & Literatures), The University of Chicago

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