



HISTORICIZING SECULAR STUDIES ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES

OCT 25-26, 2019

Harvard Divinity School

Workshop Schedule

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Center for the Study of World Religions, Conference Room

42 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138



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Even though the conference room has its own separate entrance, please enter the conference room from inside CSWR, using the main gate only.

Friday, October 25, 2019

- 9:15 AM *Coffee, pastries, and fruit available*
- 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM Opening Remarks:
Michelle Sanchez, Harvard, co-organizer
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Panel 1: Provincializing Secularism
Shruti Kapila, Cambridge, “Political Theology of Sedition”
Sumantra Bose, London School of Economics, “India, Turkey and Secularism”
Birgit Meyer, Utrecht, “Church Matters: Political Secularism in Ghana and the Netherlands”
Discussant: Justin Reynolds, Harvard
- 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM *Lunch on site*
- 12:45 PM - 2:15 PM Panel 2: Political Theology and Critique
Eric Gregory, Princeton, “Political Theology and the Limits of Critique”
Peter Gordon, Harvard, “The Normative Deficit of Modernity: The Secularization Debate and the Weberian Legacy in Critical Theory”
J. Kameron Carter, Indiana, “The Secular: A Black Studies Critique of Political Theology”
Discussant: Danube Johnson, Harvard GSAS
- 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM *Coffee break*
- 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Panel 3: Secularism and the Cold War
Udi Greenberg, Dartmouth, “From Anti-Catholicism to anti-Communism: The Evolution of a Trope”
Victoria Smolkin, Wesleyan, “What Can the History of Soviet Atheism tell us Secularism?”
Cemil Aydin, UNC Chapel Hill “Geopolitics of Turkish Secularization Thesis in Secular Studies”
Discussant: Eric Stephen, Harvard GSAS
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM *Free time*
- 6:00 PM *Dinner at Temple Bar, Cambridge*

Saturday, October 26, 2019

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM *Coffee, pastries, and fruit available*

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM **Panel 4: Alternative Genealogies of the Secular**

Joseph Blankholm, UCSB, “Bad Blood in the Genealogy of the Secular”

Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College, “Moral Consolidation: Religion, Capitalism, and Institutionality”

Discussant: **Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins**, Yale

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM *Coffee break*

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM **Closing Roundtable Conversation**

Everyone (introduced by Danny Steinmetz-Jenkins, Justin Reynolds, Michelle Sanchez)

12:30 PM *Lunch on site*