

Manufacturing and Framing Austerity Workshop

Skylight Room, Commons Building, McMaster University
October 30th – November 1st, 2014

Day 1 – Thursday October 30th, 2014

9:30–10:00: Coffee, Light Breakfast, Opening Remarks

10:00 – 12:00: Session 1

IDEOLOGY & THEORY OF AUSTERITY

John Clarke (Open University): “Articulating Austerity and Authoritarianism: re-imagining moral economies?”

Sorin Mitrea (McMaster University): "The Dialectical Internalization of Austerity"

Ellen Russell (Wilfrid Laurier University): “Framing the Economic Case for Austerity: The “Expansionary Fiscal Contraction” Hypothesis”

12:00–1:30: Lunch

1:30–3:30: Session 2

LIVING WITH AUSTERITY

Donna Baines (McMaster University): Careless: Care, Coercion and Control in Long Term Care Work

Yanqiu Rachel Zhou (McMaster University) & Shih-Jiun Shi (Taiwan National University): “Pension reforms in the context of the global financial crisis: A reincarnation of pension privatization through austerity?”

Susan Barrass and John Shields (Ryerson University): “Immigration in an Age of Austerity: Morality, the Welfare State and the Shaping of the Ideal Migrant”

3:30–3:45: Break

3:45–5:45: Session 3

CLASS, RESISTANCE, ALTERNATIVES

Neil Burron (Independent Researcher): “The Unmaking of Parliamentary Politics? Austerity and Political Crisis in Europe”

Peter Graefe and Hubert Rioux (McMaster University): "Austerity of Imagination: Attempts to move beyond austerity in Quebec"

Eric Pineault (Université du Québec à Montréal): "Austerity and the Disappearing Middle Class"

Gary Teeple (Simon Fraser University): "Austerity: State Indebtedness as Class Struggle"

Day 2 – Friday October 31st, 2014

9:30–10:00: Coffee and Light Breakfast

10:00–12:00: Session 1

STATE RESPONSES AND IMPACT

Marjorie Griffin Cohen (Simon Fraser University): "Austerity's Role in Economic Crises: The Relationship Between Social Reproduction and Economic Performance"

Simon Lee (University of Hull): "Made in England: An Evaluation of The Cameron-Clegg's Plan 'A' for Austerity and 'Re-Balancing', 2010-2015"

Brendan O'Rourke and John Hogan (Dublin Institute of Technology): "Frugal Comfort from Ireland: Marginal tales from an austere isle"

John Peters (Laurentian University): "Post-Democracy and the Politics of Inequality: Policy Responses to the Financial Crisis and the Great Recession"

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STATE RECONFIGURATION

Bryan Evans (Ryerson University): "The Production of Economic Policy Advice in the Neoliberal State"

Meghan Joy and John Shields (Ryerson University): "Austerity and the Non-profit Sector: The Case of Social Impact Bonds"

Heather Whiteside (University of British Columbia): "Profiting off austerity: private finance for public infrastructure"

Stephen Wilks (University of Exeter): "Downsizing Government and the Rise of the Public Services Industry"

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INTERNATIONAL STATE RECONFIGURATION

Christoph Hermann (University of Vienna): "From Austerity to Structural Adjustment: The Impact of the Crisis on European Social Models"

Stephen McBride (McMaster University): "Constitutionalizing Austerity"

Dieter Plehwe (WZB Berlin Social Science Research Center): "Fighting the financial crisis or consolidating austerity? Reconnecting interests and ideas in the Eurobond debate"

Richard Woodward (University of Hull): "Offshore financial centres in an austere world: The continuing story of a death foretold"