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Force of the Imagination

Date: December 14 – 15, 2013

Description:

The conference aims to examine the contributions of the imagination and the social imaginary to social and political theory. Rethinking the role of the imagination, we believe, mandates an intercultural and interdisciplinary approach. We will therefore assemble a group of internationally renowned scholars from the areas of philosophy, political theory, comparative literature, history, sociology, and related disciplines to discuss the nature of our imaginative abilities, their import for social (inter)action, as well as for group or community formation; we will also investigate how the imagination informs our methods of analysis, as well as social critique and social transformation. Our goal is to understand how we can envision our social spaces, motivate one another to act in them, and create images of a future (or a past) that guide our endeavours here in the present.

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Speakers:

Cristina Lafont, Northwestern University

Dmitri Nikulin, the New School for Social Research

Maeve Cooke, UCD School of Philosophy

Mario Wenning, University of Macau

Nicholas Kompridis, University of Western Sydney

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