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NEWS AND EVENTS

Faculty News

What’s The Cost of Climate Change? SCEPA’s Willi Semmler Investigates

Willi Semmler, a professor of economics at The New School for Social Research and a faculty fellow of the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis (SCEPA), has received a second grant from the Alex C. Walker Foundation to support his research into the economics of climate change.

The foundation, which is dedicated to finding market approaches for addressing economic imbalances and protecting the environment, became a New School funder for the first time when it supported SCEPA’s 2010 conference on “The Economics of Climate Change,” led by Professor Semmler. That event established an international platform for post-Copenhagen discussion about the urgency of climate change and the need to overcome the standoff in international negotiations—read SCEPA’s online report
to the Walker Foundation.

The foundation considered the conference such a success that they have partnered with Semmler and SCEPA to prepare a second workshop scheduled for September 23rd and 24th, 2011. This event will bring together government officials, policy analysts, business leaders, and scholars from many different countries and institutions to address how economies can make the transition from high carbon-intensive to low carbon-intensive technology. The discussion will be organized around four topics: ongoing research on alternative energy policies, the cost of alternative energy supplies in the transitional stage, desirable sources of low carbon dioxide energy supply in the final stage, and the impact of the diverse energy policies on employment.

Professor Semmler also recently secured support from Oxford University Press to edit an *Oxford Handbook of the Macroeconomics of Global Warming*. This volume will include papers presented at the two conferences and additional contributions from well-known experts in the field.

**NSSR Events**

**Slavery, Emancipation and the New Left: The Work of Robin Blackburn**
Friday, April 1st 2011, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
The History Department of Lang College and the New School for Social Research is sponsoring a day-long conference devoted to exploring the work of Robin Blackburn. Topics include the role of slavery in the rise of the West, the vision of the plantation as a pioneering “modern” enterprise, Haiti, emancipation and the history of human rights, and the trajectory of a New Left intellectual, centering on the question what is the meaning of and what are the prospects for a left today? Speakers include Stanley Engerman, Orlando Patterson, James Oakes, Ada Ferrer, Sybille M. Fischer, Samuel Moyn, Nancy Fraser, Goran Therborn, and Van Gosse.

The conference schedule is available by email from history@newschool.edu.

Location: 80 Fifth Ave., 5th Floor, Room 529
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

Student Conference: Radical Democracy
Monday and Tuesday, April 4th – 5th 2011, 9:00 am – 6:15 pm

The Department of Politics at The New School for Social Research, in collaboration with the Institute of Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University, presents a two-day graduate student conference interrogating the concept, history, and implications of radical democracy.
Conference participants will discuss the legacy of antiquity on contemporary radical democratic theory and explore the work of contemporary theorists such as Abensour, Arendt, Castoriadis, Mouffe, Negri, Rancière, and Wolin. The conference features five student panels as well as a closing roundtable discussion with renowned scholars including Andreas Kalyvas, Nadia Urbinati, Stathis Gourgouris, and Todd May of Clemson University, who will deliver the keynote address.

Location: Monday’s events will be at 6 E 16th Street, Room 1103. Tuesday’s events take place at Columbia University.

Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

Economics Department Seminars

4:00 pm, 6 E 16th Street Room 1103

April 11th: Guy Standing, University of Bath, “The Precariat and the Current Slump”
6:00 pm, 6 E 16th Street Room 1103

April 12th: Derrick Hamilton will discuss the role of skin shade in determining wage and marriage outcomes.
4:00 pm, 6 E 16th Street Room 1103
April 26th: **Ron Blackwell**, chief economist for the AFL-CIO, will be giving a lecture on job creation in the economic recovery.
4:00 pm, 6 E 16th Street Room 1103

May 10th: **Andy Stern**, former president of the Service Employees Union International (SEIU), “Good Jobs are the Fulcrum of Economic Security for Children and the Elderly”
6:00 pm, Teresa Lang Student Center, 55 W 13th Street

**Philosophy Thursday Night Workshop, Lenny Moss**
Thursday, April 7th 2011, 6:00-8:00 pm

April 7th: **Lenny Moss** of the University of Exeter will present a paper entitled "Inferential Semantics, the Extended Mind, and Kant's Fourth Question in the Light of a 'Second Detachment."

Brandom's anti-representationalist philosophy of language and the work of Andy Clark (and many others) on the "extended" (but also "embodied", "embedded", "enactive" and "emotive") nature of human cognition, all threaten to burst the bounds of traditional analytic philosophies of language and of mind respectively and to gesture, once again, toward the unavoidability of Kant's famous fourth question (Was Ist Der Mensch?). This talk will offer a recontextualization of Brandom's semantics and Clark's cognitive science in the light of a
renewed and radicalized (philosophical) anthropology that draws on a new concept of a "second detachment" in anthropogenesis.

Location: 6 E 16th Street, Room 1103
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

Biopolitical Thought and Neo-Vitalism: A Talk by Cary Wolfe
Thursday, April 7th 2011, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

The drift of contemporary biopolitical thought has generally been thanatological, as exemplified by Agamben’s suggestion that the Nazi death camps are the ur-form of the biopolitical moment in which we live. The Italian political philosopher Roberto Esposito has suggested that finding an alternative to this thanatological dead end is possible only if we understand the fundamentally “immunitary” logic of biopolitics. Drawing on the work of Foucault, Derrida, and others, Cary Wolfe explores the possibilities and limitations of Esposito’s search for an affirmative biopolitics.

Cary Wolfe is the Bruce and Elizabeth Dunlevie Professor and Department Chair of English at Rice University. His works include Critical Environments (1998), Animal Rites (2003), and the edited collection Zoontologies (2003). In What Is Posthumanism? (2009), Professor Wolfe weaves together themes addressed in his previous two volumes: animal studies, systems
theory, pragmatism, and poststructuralism. He has also worked on two multi-author volumes: *Philosophy and Animal Life* (2008), with Stanley Cavell, Cora Diamond, John McDowell, and Ian Hacking; and *The Death of the Animal: a Dialogue* (2009), with Paola Cavalieri, Matthew Calarco, Harlan Miller, and J.M. Coetzee. Professor Wolfe is currently completing a short book on biopolitics, biophilosophy, and species difference and editing the series Posthumanities, which he founded at the University of Minnesota.

**Location:** 6 E 16th Street, Room 906-913  
**Admission:** Free, no tickets or reservations required

**Scholars in Exile**  
Friday, April 8th 2011, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

At this special event politicians and academics will discuss the plight of scholars who face imprisonment or persecution around the world.

A panel of scholars will discuss their own experiences being forced into exile from their home countries. This panel includes:

**Mohsen Sazegara**, journalist and pro-democracy political activist; former Iranian Deputy Prime Minister in Political Affairs  
**Shemeem Burney Abbas**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Gender Studies and Literature, State University of New York at Purchase College,
And a Palestinian scholar of gender studies who wishes to remain anonymous.

The event also includes a special Address from Senator Patrick Leahy, United States Senator for Vermont.

Please see the event page at: http://newschool.edu/cps/endangered-scholars/events/

Location: 66 West 12th Street
John Tishman Auditorium
Admission: Free, but seating is limited. RSVP to cps@newschool.edu.

Harm Reduction in Addiction Treatment
Friday, April 8th 2011, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Department of Psychology concentration in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling presents a daylong workshop. Presenters include Dr. Lisa Litt on “Harm Reduction and Symptom Management in the Treatment of Traumatic Stress and Addiction”, Dr. Arnold Washton with “Flexible Goals and Pathways for Change in Substance Abuse Treatment: An Integrative Client-Centered Approach to Abstinence, Moderation, and Harm Reduction”, and Dr Joseph Ruggiero presenting “Integrative Approaches to Treating Substance Use within the LGBTQI Community.”
This workshop is approved by NYSOASAS for six clock hours of Renewal and Initial credit. Enrollment is limited.

Location: Kellen Auditorium, 66 5th Avenue
Admission: $50 for New School students, faculty, and staff, $25 for CMHSAC students

The registration and payment form is available here: http://www.newschool.edu/uploadedFiles/Events/NSSR/Harm%20Reduction%20form.pdf

Slavenka Drakulić and Katha Pollitt in Conversation on a Guided Tour through the Museum of Communism
Friday, April 8th 2011, 6:00 pm

Croatian journalist, Slavenka Drakulić, whose latest novel A Guided Tour through the Museum of Communism is coming out in February, and Katha Pollitt from The Nation discuss Drakulic's new book,
Europe after the "velvet revolution," what happened after the dream of democracy was realized, and the problems and disappointments that Eastern Europeans face today.

Location: 66 5th Ave, Room 101, Kellen Auditorium
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

**Politics Speaker Series, Albena Azmanova**
Tuesday, April 12th 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm


Location: 80 5th Avenue, Room 529
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

**Anthropology Public Lecture Series, Beatrice Fraenkel**
Wednesday, April 13th 2011, 6:00 pm
Beatrice Fraenkel, Director of the Anthropology of Writing Program at L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, delivers a lecture as part of the NSSR Anthropology Public Lecture Series.

Location: 80 5th Avenue, room 529
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

4th Annual People in Support of Women in Philosophy Colloquium
Thursday, April 14th 2011, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Join the People in Support of Women in Philosophy (PSWIP) for their 4th Annual Colloquium featuring Professor Judith Butler from UC Berkeley presenting an original paper entitled “Hannah Arendt and the Politics of the Street.” Professor Cinzia Arruzza will moderate the discussion, which will include responses from two PSWIP members. A reception for all attendees will follow.

Location: 66 5th Ave, Room 101, Kellen Auditorium
Admission: Free, but seating is limited. RSVP with your name and affiliation to wip@newschool.edu.
**Power and the History of Capitalism**  
Friday and Saturday, April 15th and 16th 2011

The Power and the History of Capitalism conference seeks to sharpen our long-term historical perspective on relations of power, politics, and modern capitalism. We ask how capitalism and its periodic crises have revised political rights and responsibilities, reconfigured political practices and institutions, and redistributed wealth. Conversely, we aim to analyze how power relations have shaped economic outcomes. The ongoing crises of contemporary capitalism invest these questions with new urgency. The key-note speakers will be Joyce Appleby and Stephen Mihm. The full schedule can be obtained by email from history@newschool.edu.

Location: 65 W. 11th Street and 66 W. 12th  
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

**Politics Speakers Series, Partha Chatterjee**  
Tuesday, April 19th 2011, 6:00 pm

The Department of Politics invites you to a talk by Partha Chatterjee entitled, “For the Happiness of Mankind: The conceptual Apparatus of Modern Empire.”

Location: 80 5th Avenue, Room 529  
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required
Coming Out in the Developing World: Exploring Eastern Europe’s Hidden Closets, Gay Porn and Human Rights
Tuesday, April 19th 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

What does it mean to be gay in Eastern Europe? While Czech gay porn stars sweeten the American porn market, creating an idyllic Eastern Europe for the viewer, in Belgrade, Serbia, an October gay pride parade was racked with violence as anti-gay protesters threw Molotov cocktails and stones at police, injuring 140 people. This panel seeks to evaluate the present state of LGBT rights and issues in Central and Eastern Europe and address some of the extant tensions and paradoxes between the flourishing gay pornography industry in the Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary and the seemingly growing homophobia in other parts of the region.

Panelists include: Michael Lucas, gay pornographic actor, director and activist and founder/CEO of Lucas Entertainment; Jeffrey Escoffier, one of the founders of OUT/LOOK: National Lesbian and Gay Quarterly, has
published widely on LGBTQ history, politics, culture, sexuality, music, and dance.

Location: 66 West 12th Street, room 510
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

A Psychotherapy for the People
Friday, April 29th 2011, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

This presentation traces the development of psychoanalytic technique to the dialogues between Sigmund Freud and Sandor Ferenczi in the context of pronounced poverty and destitution following World War I. The speakers argue that these dialogues, which served as precursors to contemporary, especially relational, psychoanalysis, also inspired Freud’s call for greater psychoanalytic engagement with the poorest and most vulnerable people. The speakers also address the relevance of this history for contemporary theory (enactment, mutuality, new relational experience) in light of Freud and Ferenczi's responsiveness in adapting psychoanalysis to work with the poor.

Speakers include Daniel Gaztambide, MA, doctoral candidate at Rutgers University; Paul Wachtel, PhD, professor of psychology at City College and CUNY Graduate Center, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis; and Neil Altman, PhD, adjunct clinical professor, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, and editor emeritus, Psychoanalytic Dialogues.
For more information visit
http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=24638

Location: 66 W 12th Street, Room 404
Admission: Free, but reservations are limited. RSVP to ferenczicenter@newschool.edu

India's World
Thursday and Friday, May 10th and 11th 2011

The Center for Public Scholarship at The New School presents the 24th Social Research conference. Join us as noted experts on India connect the dots between key issues in contemporary Indian life, discussing the government, economy, policy, and culture. This public conference will engage speakers and audience in conversation, leading to deeper understanding of the ways in which India is influenced by the world--and the world by India.

Our Keynote Speaker Amitav Ghosh, author of The Glass Palace, The Hungry Tide, and Sea of Poppies, will present at 6:00 pm on May 10th.

May 11 sessions will feature:
Ajit Balakrishnan, Rediff.com (on Internal and Global Dimensions of India's IT Revolution)
Aromar Revi, Indian Institute of Human Settlements and TARU (on India's Gray Educational Markets)
Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Tata Institute (on Tensions between Research, Graduate Training, and Undergraduate Teaching in the Natural and Physical Sciences)

Sheldon Pollock, Columbia University (on Crisis in the Classics)

Lawrence Cohen, UC Berkeley (on Different Kinds of Waiting: The Verdict of Surgery in Contemporary India)

Ranjani Mazumdar, Jawaharlal Nehru University (on Surveillance, Terrorism and Cinema of the Contemporary)

Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago Divinity School (on Puritanism, Censorship and Self Censorship in Colonial and Post Colonial Hinduism)

Mukulika Banerjee, London School of Economics (on Elections as Communitas)

Gopal Guru, Jawaharlal Nehru University (on Mobile Dalit in Incredible India: The Limits of Liberalism)

Suvir Kaul, University of Pennsylvania (on The Crisis in Kashmir With Regard to Partition, Sovereignty, and National Security in India)

Find the program online at: www.newschool.edu/cps/indias-world/program

Location: 66 West 12th Street
           John Tishman Auditorium,

Admission: Free for students, faculty, and alumni; all others $15; RSVP at cps@newschool.edu.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEADLINES

Course Evaluations Online

NSSR will continue conducting course evaluations online for the spring 2011. Online evaluations save class time and paper and provide important feedback to NSSR faculty and administrators. Because the end of the semester is a very busy time for everyone, particularly students, the online submission process is quick and much easier than filling out the same form in class. (Note: If you are taking classes at another division of The New School, please follow the course evaluation process for that division.)

Spring 2011 online evaluations will be available to students for their NSSR courses starting Monday, April 18 until Monday, May 9. Please note that the deadline has changed to be the same date for all courses.

Unfortunately we cannot make exceptions or extend these deadlines as university policy calls for evaluations to be submitted before grades are entered.
Get Academic Planning and Scholarship Information and Key Student Resources Online

NSSR students can find lots of useful resources on the Current Students link on the New School website. This page compiles some commonly requested documents and information, including resources for

- Consortium Classes
- Internal and External Funding Opportunities
- PhD Guidelines
- Grades and Transcripts
- The Academic Calendar
- Student Reading Group Information

And many, many more. Just go to www.newschool.edu and click on the link to The New School for Social Research and you will see ‘Current Students’ at the bottom left of the page.

Commencement 2011
The New School's 75th Commencement Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center North on 11th Avenue and 40th Street.

Information regarding tickets, caps and gowns, and divisional ceremonies is available on the New School website here: http://www.newschool.edu/commencement/2011/default.aspx.
EXTERNAL FUNDING AND CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Academic Affairs provides external funding and scholarships information and career guidance to New School for Social Research students. Services include: (1) providing students with scholarships and funding information; (2) assisting NSSR students with CV, cover letter and resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search strategies; (3) workshops and information sessions on various topics including: CV workshops (every month), SPIN database tutorial (twice a semester), Grant Writing workshop, Fulbright workshop, and information sessions on Academic and Non-Academic Careers in Social Sciences.

Career Services Office Hours
Individual appointments can be made Monday through Friday by appointment. Send an email to kraemerb@newschool.edu, or call 212.229.3790.
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Chronicle of Higher Education

The Chronicle of Higher Education, a great source of news, information, and job postings for college and university faculty members and administrators, is available for review and reading in the Office of Academic Affairs.

Funding Opportunities

Career Hub

This month the NSSR Office of Career Services launched the new career blog. You can find it on the New School website here: http://blogs.newschool.edu/nssr-career-hub/#jal.

This resource contains up-to-the-minute information on fellowships, internships, and job
opportunities from all over the world. Be sure to factor the new Career Hub into your search for jobs and funding and maximize your possibilities.

**New Economics Job Databases**

The Office of Career Services generated two new online databases for students of economics seeking job or internship opportunities. These are found online at [http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=61564](http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=61564).

Each file offers a range of opportunities to students in the field of economics. The Financial Firms database provides a compilation of investment banks, consulting firms, and other financial institutions that hire economists, as well as a list of headhunters who recruit and staff services specifically for financial firms. The Economic Internship Directory lists organizations that offer internship positions to students in the economics or related fields.
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