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NEWS AND EVENTS

Student News

Great News for Politics Alumni

Brian Milstein was selected for an 18 month postdoctoral position at the Free University in Berlin under the Einstein Fellowship program.

Daniela Mansbach accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Wisconsin-Superior

James Ingram won the prestigious Montreal Political Theory Manuscript Workshop Award for his revised dissertation "Radical Cosmopolitics: The Ethics and Politics of Democratic Universalism." His work is the subject of a day-long workshop next month. Find the workshop program here: <http://profs-polisci.mcgill.ca/abizadeh/GRIPP-2011-Workshop.htm>.

Sociology Student Publications and Presentations

Sociology student **Despina Lalaki** will publish two articles in the coming year. Her work "On the Social Construction of Hellenism: Cold War Narratives of Modernity, Development and Democracy for Greece" will be published in the *Journal of Historical Sociology* in 2012, and will be available on line earlier. In

addition, Lalaki's article "Soldiers of Science, Agents of Culture: Archaeologists in the Service of the Office of Strategic Services" was accepted for publication by *Hesperia: the Journal of the American School of Classical Studies*, a journal focusing on Greek classical archaeology, classical studies, and history.

Despina will present at several conferences this year, including the LSE 5th Biennial Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus, held June 2-3, 2011, the University of Birmingham Institute of Archaeology & Antiquity Center for Byzantine, Ottoman & Modern Greek Studies, June 27-28, 2011, and at the Modern Greek Studies Association 22nd Biennial International Symposium at New York University October 13-16, 2011.

NSSR Events

The New School Annual Lecture in Latin American History

Monday, May 2nd 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Professor **Tulio Halperin Donghi** of the University of California, Berkeley, will present a lecture entitled "Half a Century of Latin American Historiography in a Changing World, Testimony from a Participant Observer." The event will inaugurate The New

School's first annual lecture in Latin American History.

This event is sponsored by The NSSR History Department, the Janey Program in Latin American Studies at The New School for Social Research, and *the Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History*.

Location: 66 W 12th Street, Room 510
Admission: Free; no tickets or reservations required

Politics Speakers Series: Peter Thomas

Tuesday, May 3rd 2011, 6:00 pm

The Department of Politics invites you to a talk by **Dr. Peter D. Tomas**, entitled "Gramsci and the Autonomy of the Political."

Dr. Peter D. Thomas is Lecturer in the History of Political Thought at Brunel University. He has studied and worked at the University of Queensland, Freie Universität Berlin, L'Università "Federico II", Naples, and the Universiteit van Amsterdam. He has previously been a research fellow at the Finnish Academy, Helsinki, and the Jan van Eyck Academy, Maastricht, and has been a recipient of Australian, German, Italian and Dutch research fellowships. He has published widely on Marxist political theory and philosophy (particularly Gramsci), the history of political thought and the history of philosophy.

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

**The Hannah Arendt and Reiner Schurmann
Symposium: The Anarchist Turn**

Thursday and Friday, May 5th and 6th 2011
10:30 am – 8:00 pm

The New School for Social Research's Philosophy
Department invites you to the Hanna Arendt and
Reiner Schurmann Symposium entitled The
Anarchist Turn.

Thursday's speakers include: Simon Critchley, Chiara
Bottici, Mitchell Verter, Cinzia Arruzza, Laura Corradi,
Banu Bargu, Judith Butler, and Ben Morea.

Friday's speakers include: Todd May, Andrej
Grubacic, Cindy Milstein, Stephanie Wakefield,
Stephen Duncombe, Alberto Toscano, Miguel
Abensour.

Location: 55 W 13th Street, 2nd floor
Theresa Lang Student Center
Admission: Free; no tickets or reservations
required

Constitutional Revolutions and Counter Revolutions

Thursday – Saturday, May 5th – 7th 2011
10:00 am – 9:30 pm

This conference will explore the law and politics of revolutions using recent examples. It will compare Hungary and South Africa - two important cases of the post 1970s multiple-stage, round table-led constitutional transformations - with India, where a constitutional revolution leading to one of the most powerful of world constitutions occurred in the classical way through an unlimited constitutional assembly. It will also be looking at Israel, whose revolution was through the use of bold judicial interpretations of the two Basic Laws, and Latin America.

The New School is where Hannah Arendt, the author of *On Revolution* introduced many of the ideas that still inform the conversation. It's long been involved in supporting democratization projects in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Israel and Palestine, and the Middle East, and it has increasingly focused on India to learn from its successes and failures: from its inspiring struggles against colonialism to become one of the world's largest constitutional democracies.

The program for the three day event is available here: [http://www.newschool.edu/uploadedFiles/NSSR/Departments and Faculty/Sociology/Documents/05-05-2011-](http://www.newschool.edu/uploadedFiles/NSSR/Departments%20and%20Faculty/Sociology/Documents/05-05-2011-)

[Constitutional%20Revolutions%20and%20Counter%20Revolutions.pdf.](#)

Location: 55 W 13th Street, 2nd Floor
The Hirshon Suite
Admission: Free; no tickets or reservations
required

Work, Retirement Security, and America's Future

Tuesday, May 10th 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Low-wage jobs with few benefits are a fact of life in our intensely competitive economy. But today, millions of Americans in low-wage positions have little financial stability and even less hope of a secure retirement. What does this scenario mean for society, for American politics, for our economic future? Is there any hope for policy solutions that spur collaboration between labor and business, Democrats and Republicans, to create more high-quality jobs and financial security for entire generations? Or are labor and industrial policy relics of the past?

This event will feature a keynote speech by **Andy Stern**, former president of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU); founder, Change to Win; and a fellow at Georgetown University. Following his talk, Mr. Stern will join a conversation with **Catherine Rampell**, editor of the Economix blog of the *New York Times*, and others.

This event is co-sponsored by SCEPA and the Center for New York City Affairs at The New School.

Location: 55 W 13th Street, 2nd Floor
Theresa Lang Student Center
Admission: Free; no tickets or reservations
required

Kaleidoscope: Writing Across the Genres

Tuesday, May 10th 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Flash readings of work by full-time faculty in Writing, including: Alexandra Chasin, Siddhartha Deb, Margo Jefferson, Albert Mobilio, Robin Mookerjee, Mark Statman, Wendy Walters, Andrew Meier, and Mark Greif. The event will also feature readings by alumni, including The Ugarte Collective.

Sponsored by Lang@25 and the Literary Studies Program.

Location: 65 W 11th Street, 5th Floor
Wollman Hall
Admission: Free; no tickets or reservations
required

India's World

Tuesday and Wednesday, 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.

The 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 complete 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.

Philosophy Thursday Night Workshop
Mitchell Miller: Plato's Philebus and the
'Unwritten Teachings'

Thursday, May 12th 2011, 6:00 pm

Mitchell Miller of Vassar College will present a paper
entitled "Plato's Philebus and the 'Unwritten
Teachings.'"

This paper considers the possible fits of several sets
of texts – Aristotle's report of Plato's unwritten
teachings in Metaphysics A6 and two obscure but
seminal passages in Plato's Philebus – in hopes that
the full mosaic they allow will at once illuminate each
of the three and point to a Platonic whole.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEADLINES

Spring 2011 Fee Board

Any Student who participated in academic conferences during the winter or spring semester of 2011, may receive limited reimbursement for the costs incurred (some registration fees and some travel & accommodation expenses) from the Fee Board. The deadline for submission this semester will be **Friday, May 13 at 5pm**.

If you wish to be reimbursed, please read and follow these directions carefully.

The Graduate Faculty Student Senate allocates a limited amount of funds to the Fee Board each year.

That board may reimburse conference registration fees, as well as legitimate travel and accommodation expenses. In order to be considered for reimbursement you must submit the following documents:

1. a completed Fee Board Application briefly summarizing the expenses you are seeking reimbursement for.
2. Original ITEMIZED receipts, boarding passes, travel ticket stubs, etc. Credit card statements are not sufficient since they do not include an itemized account of what is to be reimbursed. Hotel bills and conference registration receipts must include the nature of each charge. While priority will be given to itemized receipts, if one cannot be provided, please make your best effort to provide a substitute (a print-out of the conference home page including fees, etc.).
3. A copy of the conference program indicating when and where you presented a paper, and that you represented the New School while doing so.

If you wish to be considered for reimbursement for more than one conference you attended you must submit a single application for each conference. Do not submit materials for multiple conferences within a single application. Submit these documents to the Office of Academic Affairs (open Monday - Friday, 10am – 6 pm). The office is located at 6 East 16th Street room 1007D. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, May 13 by 5pm.**

****NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED****

****IF YOU ARE MAILING YOUR APPLICATION, IT
MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 13****

After May 13th the Fee Board convenes to assess each submission. Subsequent to this meeting, each request for reimbursement will be approved by Academic Affairs and forwarded to the New School University Accounting department for processing. Successful applicants should receive checks by mail by the beginning of June- the Fee Board cannot guarantee the time of receipt. No further notification will be sent out to students who receive or do not receive reimbursement. Copies of all reimbursements and unused original receipts are held in the Office of Academic Affairs.

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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 Friday, May 6th**. 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>.

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.

Workshops

Graduate Student Research: Insights on Funding and the New School Process

Wednesday, May 4th 2011, 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Attend this workshop to hear from two experienced researchers and grant-seekers who will offer

valuable tips on applying for research grants and fellowships. The focus of this session is on funding for psychology and other social science fields. Presenters will share insights about NIH, NSF, SSRC, Fulbright, Ford Foundation, and research in the international domain. Learn about the IRB at The New School and other processes and resources available to graduate students hoping to obtain funding for their research.

Location: 66 W 12th Street, Room 510
Malcolm Klein Reading Room
Admission: Free; RSVP at
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