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RADICAL DEMOCRACY

CONFERENCE

w/ keynote address by ANDREW SCHAAP, University of Exeter

The Department of Politics at The New School for Social Research, in collaboration with the Institute of Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University, is sponsoring a two-day graduate student conference interrogating the concept, history, practices and implications of radical democracy. We strive to assess the legacy of antiquity of contemporary radical democratic theory, as well as explore the work of contemporary theorists such as Abensour, Arendt, Castoriadis, Mouffe, Negri, Rancière, and Wolin. We invite you to submit abstracts on any theme pertaining to the history, meaning, development and application, or critique of the concept of "radical democracy;" we also encourage discussions about methodology and the study of radical democratic movements.

We look for paper submissions that touch upon any of the themes listed below. In addition, we strongly encourage complete panel proposals with up to four papers; as well as papers exploring other relevant and related topics.

- indigenous democratic movements
- promises, limits, and critiques of the concept of radical democracy
- philosophical foundations of radical democracy
- technology and mediums of (radical) democracy
- consensus building
- agonistic democracy
- engendering radical democracy (race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and class)
- philosophy of community
- contemporary radical social struggles
- anarchism, communism, and radical democracy
- democracy and radical republicanism
- participatory / direct democracy
- agency and autonomy
- state and nation
- democracy and capitalism / imperialism
- democracy and tyranny
- sacrifice and violence
- revolution and reform

Please submit a 300-word abstract by **January 20th 2012**

Participants will be notified by February 10th 2012

Presenters are asked to submit final copies no later than March 19th 2012

For the submission of abstracts or additional information,

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