

Junior Theorists Symposium

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Organized by Isaac Reed, University of Colorado and Erika Summers-Effler, University of Notre Dame

8:15-8:45 Breakfast

8:50-9:00 Opening remarks

9:00-10:50 Session I: Legitimate Knowledge and its Discontents

Heroes, Devotees, Addicts and Nostalgics. Repertoires of engagement in the quest for self transcendence

Claudio E. Benzecry, University of Connecticut

Toward a Theory of Scientific Legitimacy

Brian Dick, University of California-Davis

Theory: general, middle range, variation-finding, inspiring

Monika Krause, New York University

Think tanks and the production of *policy-knowledge* in America: on the notion of an interstitial field

Thomas Medvetz, University of California, Berkeley

Commentary on Papers from Session 1

Jeffrey Alexander, Yale University

11:10-1:00 Session 2: Selves and Social Situations

The Feeling Subject and the Reflexive Self: Bridging Cartesian Dualism

Michal Pagis, University of Chicago

Consumer Demand as Socially Constituted

Frederick Wherry, University of Michigan

The Hierarchy of Senses and Situated Punishment

King-To Yeung, Princeton University

Murder Matters: Fatal Physical Violence as a Form of Productive Power

Laurel Westbrook, University of California-Berkeley

Commentary on Papers from Session 2

Anne Rawls, Bentley College

1:00-2:30 Lunch

2:30-4:00 Session 3: Institutions and Organizations: New Theoretical Developments

Expanding the Terrain of Welfare State Theory: Core Concepts and New Policy Arenas

Tasleem J. Padamsee, University of Michigan

Adaptation, reproduction and social change in the institutional analysis of organizations: a dual cognition model

Omar Lizardo, Notre Dame University

Institutional Autonomy: Revisiting Old Institutional Analysis From the 'Inside Out'

Seth Abrutyn, University of California-Riverside

Commentary on Papers from Session 3

Randall Collins, University of Pennsylvania

4:00-4:15 Closing Remarks