

THE TELOS **PAUL PICCONE** **INSTITUTE**

THE 2020 TELOS CONFERENCE

THE TELOS-PAUL PICCONE INSTITUTE, IN COLLABORATION
WITH DEUTSCHES HAUS AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, PRESENTS

AFTER THE WELFARE STATE: RECONCEIVING MUTUAL AID

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

NEW YORK CITY

THE COLLAPSE OF THE WELFARE STATE MODEL IN ADVANCED POST-INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES HAS PROMPTED A SEARCH FOR NEW FORMS OF SOLIDARITY. THE 2020 TELOS-PAUL PICCONE INSTITUTE CONFERENCE WILL HOST A FORUM OF SCHOLARS AND THINKERS FROM A VARIETY OF DISCIPLINARY BACKGROUNDS TO DISCUSS NEW UNDERSTANDINGS OF MUTUAL AID THAT ARE NOT PREDETERMINED BY CONCEPTIONS OF BIOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC, OR POLITICAL CERTAINTIES.

SPEAKERS

Keynote Speakers: CATHERINE MALABOU and REV. EUGENE RIVERS
JOSEPH BENDERSKY · ARYEH BOTWINICK · LOREN GOODMAN · JAY GUPTA
WAYNE HUDSON · KENNETH JOHNSON · TIMOTHY W. LUKE · GREG MELLEUSH
ADRIAN PABST · MARCIA PALLY · DAVID PAN · RICHARD SAKWA
GEORGES VAN DEN ABEELE · MARK S. WEINER · DAVID WESTBROOK

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CONFERENCE SUMMARY

The 2020 Telos-Paul Piccone Institute Conference

February 15–16, 2020

New York, NY

After the Welfare State: Reconceiving Mutual Aid

The collapse of the welfare state model in advanced post-industrial countries has prompted a search for new forms of solidarity. The contemporary interest in structures of mutual aid relates to the fact that we are living in an era that is clearly looking for new models of human flourishing and social development. Not only must we deal with multiple and recurring crises, but there is a growing recognition that today's normative agenda has to be much more encompassing and holistic, including issues of gender equality, fair trade, environment, and cultural and religious diversity. Are family, nation, and religion the key categories that would embed mutual aid in broader affective, ethical, and metaphysical frameworks, or are there alternative possibilities that would establish new types of networks? This conference seeks to develop new concepts of mutual aid that are not predetermined by conceptions of biological, economic, or political certainties.

To attend the conference, please RSVP to deutscheshaus.rsvp@nyu.edu

Conference Location

The conference will be held at Deutsches Haus at New York University, 42 Washington Mews, New York, NY 10003. Deutsches Haus is located in the historical setting of the Washington Mews, just north of Washington Square Park in the heart of Greenwich Village. For additional information about Deutsches Haus, visit their website at <http://as.nyu.edu/deutscheshaus.html>.

By Subway

The nearest subway stop is West 4th Street/Washington Square subway station, at the intersection of West 4th St. and 6th Ave. The stop can be reached on the A, C, and E trains as well as the B, D, F, and M trains.

From the West 4th Street station, walk north on 6th Ave. until you reach Waverly Place. Turn right on Waverly Place and walk three blocks east, passing Washington Square Park on your right, until you reach University Place. Turn left on University Place and walk half a block north until you reach Washington Mews. The entrance to Deutsches Haus will be on your left.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Registration

8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Deutsches Haus at New York University

42 Washington Mews
New York, NY 10003

Welcome

9:00 AM to 9:15 AM

Auditorium

Juliane Camfield (Director, Deutsches Haus) and Adrian Pabst (University of Kent)

Plenary 1: Foundations of Mutual Aid

9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

Auditorium

Moderator: Adrian Pabst, University of Kent

A Mutualistic Understanding of Humanity's "Baseline"

Marcia Pally, New York University

Fichte, Marx, and Mutualism

Wayne Hudson, Australian National University

Gustave Le Bon's Crowd Psychology: A Historical Caution in the Midst of the Contemporary Pursuit of Neuroscience as a Path to New Social Policies

Joseph W. Bendersky, Virginia Commonwealth University

State Sovereignty and Mutual Aid

David Pan, University of California, Irvine

Coffee/Tea

10:45 AM to 11:00 AM

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Parallel Session 1: Religion and Welfare

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Auditorium

Moderator: Timothy W. Luke, Virginia Tech

The Religious Origins of Welfare Policy: From the German Welfare State to a Renewal of Social Support in the Post-Secular Age

Doron Avraham, Bar-Ilan University

Ayahuasca and Transnational Religious Poetics

Roger Green, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Mutual Aid in Abrahamic Religions

Benedikt Koehler

Toward a Mutual Aid of Dreams

Loren Goodman, Yonsei University

Parallel Session 2: Philosophy of Mutual Aid

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Seminar Room (*for registered conference participants only*)

Moderator: Joseph W. Bendersky, Virginia Commonwealth University

Asceticism of Mutual Aid: Understanding the Capitalist and Neoliberal Order through Kropotkin and Weber

Jared Lacy, Metropolitan State University of Denver

“Here, aided by my wife”: The Life and Work of Sophie Kropotkin

Sarah A. Richter, New York University

Giorgio Agamben’s Analysis of Capitalism as Religion

Kohei Nagashima, Keio University

Escaping Freedom: The Interstitial Politics of Emmanuel Levinas

Rev. Joshua Lawrence, University of Denver–Iliff School of Theology

Lunch

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

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Parallel Session 3: Models of Mutual Aid

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Auditorium

Moderator: Marcia Pally, New York University

Mutual Aid or Public Good: Virginia Constitutionalism and Republican Ideology
Samuel Ulmschneider, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

A Social Theory of Emergency Medical Services
Mark S. Weiner, Rutgers University

The 2015 Migration Crisis and Post-Neoliberal Order
Anna G. Keller, Berea College

Does Democracy in the Age of Irony and Digital Communities Breed Mutual Aid?
Dana Neacsu, Columbia University

Parallel Session 4: The Managerial State

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Seminar Room (*for registered conference participants only*)

Moderator: Loren Goodman, Yonsei University

Mutual Aid and the Managerial State: Dominance, Trade-offs, and Hybridization
Donald W. Wortham, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Paul Piccone on Populism, the New Class, and the Limits of the Modern Left
Jacob A. Ulmschneider, Virginia Commonwealth University

Mutual Aid and Scientific Ethics: Toward a Renewal of Socialist Thought
Omer Moussaly, Université Laval and Université du Québec à Montréal

“Labor Community” after Fordism?: Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy’s Challenge to Our Time
Eugenio Muinel Paz, Dartmouth College

Coffee/Tea

3:00 PM to 3:15 PM

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Parallel Session 5: Beyond the Welfare State

3:15 PM to 4:45 PM

Auditorium

Moderator: Wayne Hudson, Australian National University

Socialism for Today: An Impossible Project?

Richard Sakwa, University of Kent

Social Capitalism

David A. Westbrook, University at Buffalo School of Law

Social Order and the End of Distributism

Greg Melleuish, University of Wollongong

Parallel Session 6: New Political Alignments

3:15 PM to 4:45 PM

Seminar Room (*for registered conference participants only*)

Moderator: Mark S. Weiner, Rutgers University

Nordic Welfare States under Attack: The Uneasy Blend of Autonomy and Intimacy
against Normative Homogeneity

Pekka Sulkunen, University of Helsinki

Negative Solidarity and the “New Right”

Chet Lisiecki, Colorado College

Subsidiarity for Mutual Aid: A Replacement for the Welfare State?

Kenneth D. Johnson, Valdosta State University

Refreshments

4:45 PM to 5:00 PM

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Saturday, February 15, 2020

First Keynote Presentation

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Auditorium

Moderator: David Pan, University of California, Irvine

Mutual Aid at the Age of Contemporary Anarchism

Catherine Malabou, University of California, Irvine, and Kingston University, UK

Dinner (for paid conference registrants only)

7:30 PM

Knickerbocker Bar & Grill

33 University Place

New York, NY 10003

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Sunday, February 16, 2020

Second Keynote Presentation

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Auditorium

Moderator: Adrian Pabst, University of Kent

Keynote Speaker:

Eugene F. Rivers III, Co-founder and Director, Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies; Pastor of the Azusa Christian Community Church; Co-founder of the Boston TenPoint Coalition; and Co-chair of The National TenPoint Training Institute

Coffee/Tea

10:00 AM to 10:15 AM

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Sunday, February 16, 2020

Plenary 2: Contemporary Perspectives

10:15 AM to 11:45 AM

Auditorium

Moderator: Greg Melleuish, University of Wollongong

Mutualism: Post-Liberal Politics in an Age of Anger

Adrian Pabst, University of Kent

Can the Precariat Be Organized?

Georges Van Den Abbeele, University of California, Irvine

Mutual Aid as Magnum Force

Timothy W. Luke, Virginia Tech

Horizontal vs. Verticality: New Readings in the Understanding of Religion
and the Organization of Politics

Aryeh Botwinick, Temple University

Roundtable

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Auditorium

Chair: Adrian Pabst, University of Kent

With Catherine Malabou, Marcia Pally, Eugene Rivers, Wayne Hudson, and Richard Sakwa