

Henri Lefebvre. A project of critical social theory.

International Conference

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Sociology.

auditorium Drakopoulou in the Central Building and online

1st Day: Monday, 6 June 2022

Opening address (10:30-11:00)

By the Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, prof. Meletios-Athanasios C Dimopoulos, the Dean of the School of Economics and Political Sciences, prof. Nikolaos Iriotis, the President of the Department of Sociology, associate prof. Eleni Rethymiotaki and the organizers.

Critical Thought (11: 00-12:30)

1. **Kanishka Goonewardena (11:00-11:30)**
Henri Lefebvre and the Concept of Totality.
2. **Chrysoula Mitsopoulou (11:30-12:00)**
Some aspects of Lefebvre's contribution to the understanding of "ideology".
3. **Nikos Folinas (12:00-12:30)**
Commodity Fetishism in Lefebvre's thought or the Political character (?) of a non-political concept.

Break (12:30-13:00)

Politics and Marxism (13:00-14:30)

1. **Stefan Kipfer (13:00-13:30)**
Henri Lefebvre and the national question(s): dilemmas and actualities of historical anti-fascism.
2. **Rob Shields (13:30-14:00)**
Exploded politics of space: Lefebvre's Bodies, Households, Urbanisms.
3. **Yannis Flytzanis (14:00-14:30)**
Henri Lefebvre. A heterodox reader of Marx: polis, politics and democracy.

Lunch (14:30-17:00)

Production of space and (un)equalities (17:00-19:00)

1. **Dina Vaiou (17:00-17:30)**
Encounters of gender and (urban) space, drawing on the work of Henri Lefebvre.
2. **Christian Schmid (17:30-18:00)**
Henri Lefebvre and the Theory of the Production of Space.
3. **Laurence Costes (18 :00-18 :30)**
La possibilité d'une ville plus égalitaire et accessible ? Le droit à la ville d'Henri Lefebvre.
4. **Dimitris Karydas (18:30-19:00)**
Citiescapes of philosophy: Lefebvre and Kracauer mapping a project of modern thought

2nd day: Tuesday 7 June 2022

Utopia and the Law (11: 00-12:30)

1. **Chris Butler (11:00-11:30)**
Dwelling, space and utopia in the politics of inhabitation
2. **Francesco Biagi (11:30-12:00)**
The Marxian legacy in defense of utopian thinking. Notes on Lefebvre's thought
3. **Eleni Rethymiotaki (12:00-12:30)**
Georges Gurvitch and Henri Lefebvre: eclectic affinities and disagreements

Break (12:30-13:00)

Commons and Rythmanalysis (13:00-14:30)

1. **Stavros Stavrides (13:00-13:30)**
Reclaiming the City as Commons: The Right to the City as Performed through Urban Commoning.
2. **Guido Borelli (13:30-14:00)**
The Body as Theorist: Lefebvrian Rhythmanalysis as a Method of Critical Research
3. **Marianna Charitonidou (14:00-14:30)**
Henri Lefebvre and Cornelius Castoriadis's autogestion: Reinventing the relationship between public space and collective imaginary

Lunch (14:30-17:00)

Roundtable Discussion: The prospects of Critical Social Theory (17:00-19:00)

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

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Professor in the Environmental Studies department at York University. He researches in the fields of Politics, Urban Studies, and Critical Social Theory.

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Laboratory Teaching Staff at the Department of Political Science and History, Panteion University, where she teaches social theory.

Schmid, Christian

Professor of Sociology at the Department of Architecture, ETH Zurich. He published on planetary urbanization, comparative urban analysis, theories of urbanization and of space and particularly on Lefebvre's theory.

Shields, Rob

Professor of Sociology at the University of Alberta, Canada and Henry Marshall Tory Endowed Research Chair in Sociology at the same University.

Stavrides, Stavros

Professor at the School of Architecture, National Technical University of Athens. He teaches architectural design and theory.

Vaiou, Dina

Professor Emerita of the National Technical University of Athens. Analysis of space & approaches from a gender perspective.

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