

THEORIES AND PRAXES OF DIFFERENCE: Revisiting Edward Said in the Age of New Globalizations

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SOCIAL THEORY FORUM

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005

8:30-9:30 REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

9:30-10:00 OPENING STATEMENTS

- **J. Keith Motley**, Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston
- **Winston Langley**, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Political Science and International Relations, UMass Boston

10:00-10:45 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- **Charles Lemert**, Andrus Professor of Sociology at Wesleyan University, and Professor of Sociology at the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis
"Exiles and Globalization: Said's Difference"

10:45-12:30 PANEL 1: POLITICS OF ORIENTALISM

- **Khalidoun Samman**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Macalester College, Minnesota
"Modernizing, Occidentalizing, and Orientalizing the Self in the Middle East"
- **Ehud Adiv**, Ph.D., Department of Sociology and Political Science, Open University, Haifa, Israel
"Leftist Perspectives on the Challenge of Globalization: Marxism, Post Colonialism, or Republican Nationalism"
- **Leila Farsakh**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, UMass Boston
"What Future for Palestine: Independence, Binationalism or Bantustans"
- **Hormoz Shahdadi**, Ph.D., Adjunct Faculty, Political Science Department, UMass Boston
"Orientalism as Praxis"

12:30-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-3:15 PANEL 2: PSYCHOANALYSIS OF DIFFERENCE

- **Manoel Tosta Berlinck**, Sociologist & Psychoanalyst; Professor at the State Univ. of Campinas and Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil
"Social Historical Paths to Psychopathology"
- **Michal Ginach**, Psya.D., The Institute for the Study of Violence, Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis
"Blaming the Victims Revisited or Who Is the Bigger Victim: Israeli Fantasies in the Context of the Conflict with the Palestinians"
- **Frank Scherer**, Doctoral Candidate, Social/Political Thought Program, York University, Toronto
"Oriental(ist) Scenes: Orientalism of Psychoanalysis/Psychoanalysis of Orientalism"
- **Siamak Movahedi**, Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, UMass Boston
"The Fear of Influence and the Narcissism of Minor Differences"

3:15-4:00 DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

- **Bruce Mazlish**, Professor Emeritus of History, M.I.T.; Director, The New Global History Initiative; Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
"Edward Said: The Colonial Spirit in a Globalizing World"

4:00-6:00 PANEL 3: CLASH OF ORIENTALISMS

- **Esther Kingston-Mann**, Professor of History/American Studies, UMass Boston
"Constructing Russia: An 'Oriental' or an 'Occidental' Empire?"
- **Agnes Czajka**, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Sociology, York University, Toronto
"The African Orient: Edward Said's Orientalism, and Western Constructions of Africa"
- **Caroline Brown**, Assistant Professor of English, UMass Boston
Sally Bould, Professor of Sociology, University of Delaware
"Jamaica Kincaid and the Post-colonial Project"
- **Milton Butts, Jr.**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UMass Boston
"Invisibility and Dissent: The Quest for Social Justice"
- **Jorge Capetillo-Ponce**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UMass Boston
"Reactions inspired in Edward Said's work to the Theoretical Bases of Samuel Huntington's 'The Hispanic Challenge'"

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005

8:00-9:00 REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

9:00-9:45 DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

- **Hamid Dabashi**, Professor of Persian and Comparative Literature, Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University
"Edward Said and the Crisis of Representation"

9:45-12:00 PANEL 4: INTELLECTUALS AND POLITICS OF DIFFERENCE

- **Neil McLaughlin**, Associate Professor of Sociology at McMaster University and the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council
"Globalization and Autonomy" Project
"Said as a Global Public Intellectual: Intellectual Heroes and Academic Professions"
- **Panagiota Gounari**, Assistant Professor, Applied Linguistics Graduate Program, UMass Boston
"Rethinking Politics of Difference: The Role of Public Intellectuals"
- **Shahla Haeri**, Director of Women's Studies Program, and Associate Professor of Anthropology, Boston University
"Fascination with Difference: Bridging the Gap, Conducting Fieldwork Among Equals"
- **Jemadari Kamara**, Associate Professor of Africana Studies, UMass Boston
Tony Van Der Meer, Adjunct Professor of Africana Studies, UMass Boston
"Constructing Decolonizing Methodologies: Racialization, Globalization, Reconciliation and Reparations"
- **Chris Gauthier**, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
Jennifer McFarlane-Harris, Department of English and Women's Studies Program, University of Michigan
"Verdi's Disciplined Subjects: Radamès, Amneris, and the Power of the Panopticon"
- **Mohammad H. (Behrooz) Tamdgidi**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UMass Boston
"Orientalist and Liberating Discourses of East-West Difference: Revisiting Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat"

12:00-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-3:00 PANEL 5: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF ORIENTALISM

- **Pamela Irving Jackson**, Director of the Justice Studies Program, and Professor of Sociology, Rhode Island College
- **Peter Zervakis**, Dr. phil., Project Manager, Bertelsmann Foundation, Guetersloh, Germany
- **Roderick Parkes**, Researcher, Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), Bonn, Germany
"Religion, the Strength of the Nation State and Assimilation: A Contextual Analysis of the Integration of Muslims in Four Western Societies"
- **Fouad Bourgetta**, Professor, University of Annaba, Algeria
- **Sally Bould**, Professor of Sociology, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware
"Oil Revenues and Problematic Development: The Case of Algeria"
- **Samuel Zalanga**, Associate Professor of Sociology, Bethel University
"Hegel's Philosophy of Freedom, God, and the State as World-Historical Discourse on Power and Domination: The West versus the Rest of the World in Edward Said's Critical Hermeneutic"
- **Mehmet Kucukozer**, Doctoral Candidate in Sociology, CUNY-Graduate Center
"Reevaluating State Formation and Transformation in Light of the Current Debate on 'Failed States'"
- **Anil K. Jain**, Ph.D., Social Scientist and Publisher, Munich, Germany
"Differences in Difference"

3:15-4:45 PANEL 6: ORIENTALISM AND MASS CULTURE

Moderator and Discussant: **Rajini Srikanth**, Honors Program Director and Associate Professor of English, UMass Boston

- **Orkideh Behrouzan**, M.D., University of Oxford-Clinical Medicine Department, England
"The Homeless Mind: The Fate of Persian Identity in Exile"
- **Solen Sanli**, Doctoral Candidate in Sociology, New School University
"Veiling as Identity Politics: The Case of Turkey"
- **Atossa Movahedi**, American University, Washington D.C.
"Hyperreal Enemy and the War as a Spectator Sport"
- **Bart Bonikowski**, Graduate Student, Department of Sociology, Duke University
"Flying While Arab (Or Was It Mulim? Or Middle Eastern?): A Theoretical Analysis of Racial Profiling After September 11th"

4:45-6:00 PANEL 7: IDENTITY AND DIFFERENCE

Moderator and Discussant: **Mizuho Arai**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Department of Sociology, UMass Boston

- **Deborah D'Isabel**, Student, Department of Sociology, UMass Boston
"The 'Difference' A Red Face Makes: A Critical Sociology of Bullying in Capitalist Society"
- **Peter Van Do**, Graduate Student, American Studies M.A. Graduate Program, UMass Boston
"Gurlz N Guns: Popular and Firearm Culture in Contemporary America"
- **Rachel DeFillipis**, Student, Department of Sociology, UMass Boston
"Intersections of My Lesbian, Feminist, and Activist Identities: Problems and Strategies in Everyday Impression Management"
- **Tara Atluri**, Doctoral Student, Department of Sociology, York University, Toronto
"Lighten Up?!: Humour, Race and Racism"

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