



## Fourth Workshop in Social and Political Thought

October 4-5, 2013

Michigan State University - Philosophy Department

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### TOPIC

This fourth workshop in social and political thought at MSU will be a forum for addressing the provocative ways in which recent scholarship situates Critical Theory in contemporary analyses of Capitalism in relation to normative questions 'of a global scale.' In this sense, the workshop will discuss the status and relevance of a critique of Capitalism in its global form in contemporary Critical Theory. An important aspect of this discussion is the extent to which a normative analysis of Capitalism can be related to an analysis of the immanent tendencies of Capitalism. Participants will confront and examine recent shifts of Critical Theory away from a Marxian notion of the critique of political economy, and the viability of critiques of Capitalism in light of recent conceptions of economic crises and accelerating globalization.

### FLYER

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## SPEAKERS and COMMENTATORS

**Carol C. Gould** (Political Science and Philosophy, Hunter College, CUNY Graduate Center):  
Author of *Interactive Democracy: The Social Roots of Global Justice* (in preparation); *Globalizing Democracy and Human Rights* (2004); *Rethinking Democracy: Freedom and Social Cooperation in Politics, Economy, and Society* (1990); *Marx's Social Ontology: Individuality and Community in Marx's Theory of Social Reality*, (1978)

**Moishe Postone** (History, University of Chicago):  
Author of *Critical Theory and the Twentieth Century*, (in preparation); *Time, Labor, and Social Domination: A Reinterpretation of Marx's Critical Theory* (1993) **Unfortunately Prof. Postone is unable to participate in our workshop.**

**NEW: Eduardo Mendieta** (Philosophy, Stony Brook): Author of *Three Pragmatist Lectures*, (2008); *Global Fragments: Latinamericanism, Globalizations, and Critical Theory* (2007); *Adventures of Transcendental Philosophy: Karl-Otto Apel's Semiotics and Discourse Ethics*

**Tony Smith** (Philosophy, Iowa State University):  
Author of *Globalization: A Systematic Marxian Account* (2005); *Technology and Capital in the Age of Lean Production: A Marxian Critique of the "New Economy,"* (2000); (1993); *The Role of Ethics in Social Theory: Essays from a Habermasian Perspective* (1991); *The Logic of Marx's Capital: Replies to Hegelian Criticisms*, State University of New York Press (1990).

**Todd Hedrick** (Philosophy, Michigan State University):  
Author of *Rawls and Habermas. Reason, Pluralism, and the Claims of Political Philosophy* (2010)

**Russell Lucas** (Global Studies, Michigan State University):  
Author of *Institutions and the Politics of Survival in Jordan: Domestic Responses to External Challenges, 1988-2001* (2005)

**Richard Peterson** (Philosophy, Michigan State University):  
Author of *Democratic Philosophy and the Politics of Knowledge* (1996)

## SCHEDULE

### Friday, October 4

9:00-9:10 Opening Remarks, Matt McKeon (chair of the philosophy department)

9:10-9:20 Opening Remarks, Christian Lotz; Kyle Whyte (MSU)

9:20-10:20 Carol C. Gould (CUNY Graduate Center): *Democratizing the Workplace: The Critical Theory of Democracy and a Global Ethic of Self-Management*

10:20-10:45 Comments: Richard Peterson (MSU)

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Discussion

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break 2:00-3:00 Tony Smith (Iowa State University): *From The Crisis of Neoliberalism to the Crisis of Capitalism: Implications for Global Ethics*

3:00-3:25 Comments: Russell Lucas (MSU)

3:25-3:45 Coffee break

3:45-5:30 Discussion

6:30 Reception

## Saturday, October 5

9:30-10:30 Eduardo Mendieta (Stony Brook): *The New-New Capitalism and the Tasks of Critical Theory: Some Theses*

10:35-11:00 Comments: Todd Hedrick (MSU)

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Discussion

Lunch/Departure

## LOCATION

All sessions will be held in the Theater of the Residential College of the Arts and Humanities (the room is in the basement of Phillips-Snyder Hall).

## LODGING

Speakers:

### **Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center**

Michigan State University

55 South Harrison Road

East Lansing, MI 48824-1022

Phone: (517) 432-4000

Reservation Line: (800) 875-5090

Webpage: <http://www.kelloggcenter.com/>

### **Alternative:**

### **East Lansing Marriott® at University Place**

300 M.A.C. Avenue

East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (see map)

Phone: 1-517-337-4440

Fax: 1-517-337-5001

Sales: 1-517-337-4440

Webpage: <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/LANEA>

Both hotels are in walking distance to campus.

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### **From Traverse City** or Points North via I-75

Proceed south on I-75 to US-127 near Grayling. Proceed south on US-127 to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

### **From Detroit** or Points East via I-96

Proceed west on I-96 to northbound US-127; follow US-127 north to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

### **From Grand Rapids** or Points West via I-96

Proceed east on I-96 to eastbound I-69. Proceed east on I-69 to southbound US-127. Take US-127 south to East Lansing.

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**From Flint** or Points East via I-69

Proceed southwest on I-69 to southbound US-127. Take US-127 south to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit.

**From Jackson** or Points South via US-127

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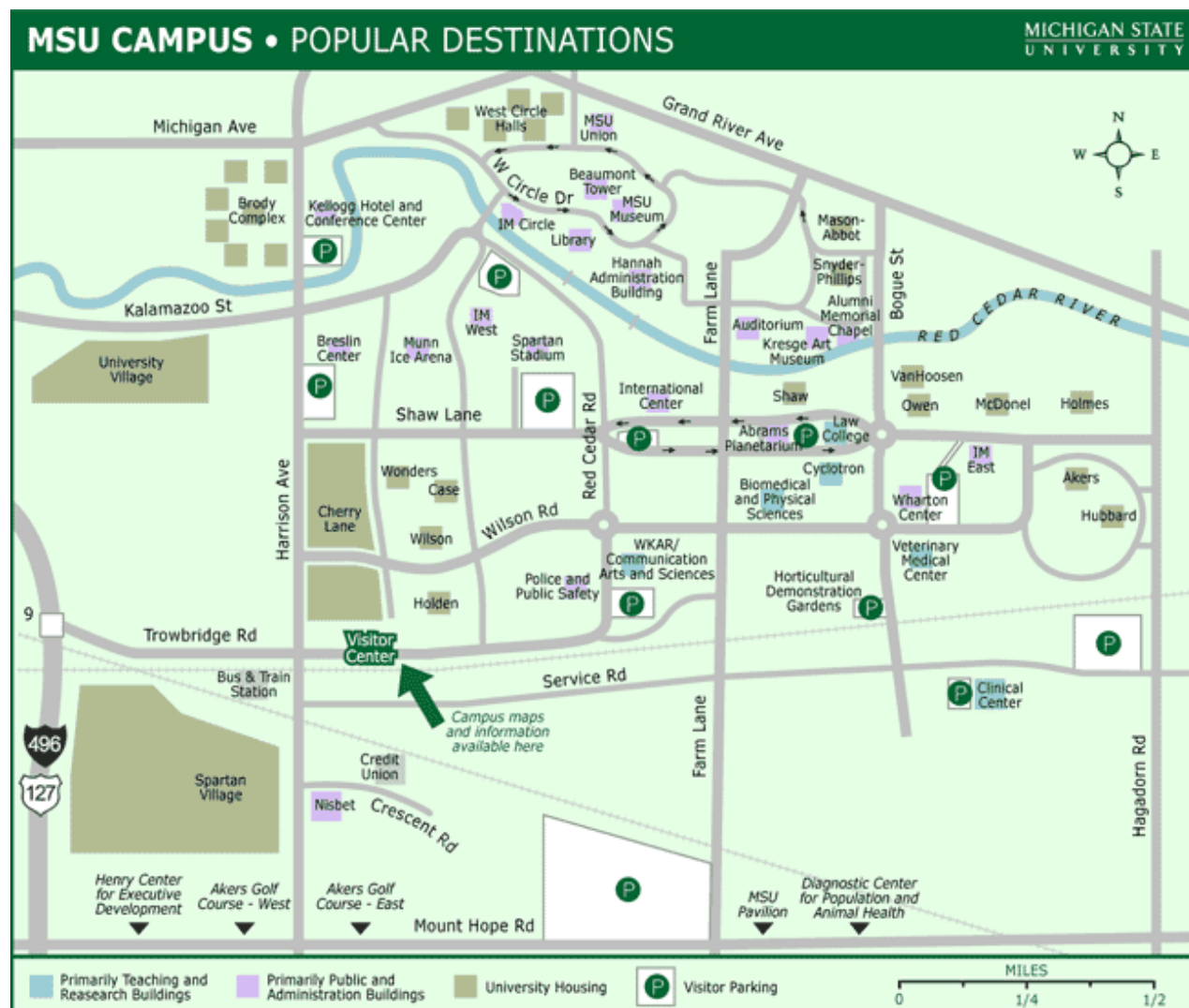
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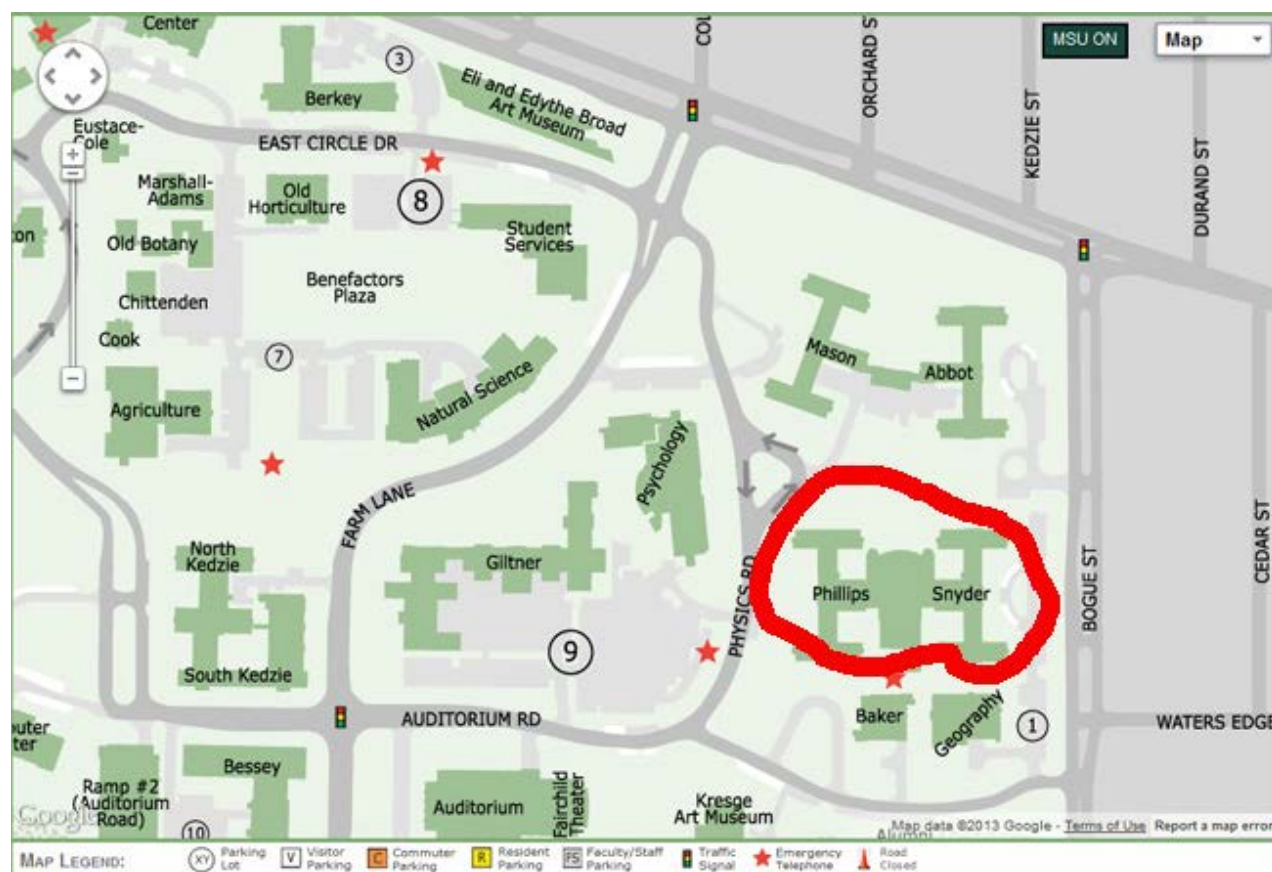
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### DETAILED CAMPUS MAP



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**There is no registration fee connected to this workshop, but we would much appreciate it if you could let us know know by email ([lotz@msu.edu](mailto:lotz@msu.edu)) or by phone (517.355.4490) if you are interested in participating in this event.**

