

Critical Orwell: An Online Conference

12-14 April 2022

All sessions via Zoom

Tuesday 12 April

10.45-12.30

Welcome & Keynote 1 (chair: Nathan Waddell)

- Professor Jean Seaton, 'George Orwell and Fear in 2022'

BREAK

13.00-14.30

Session 1 (chair: Nathan Waddell)

- Douglas Kerr, 'Orwell and the Anglo-Indians'
- Kunio Shin, 'Orwell's (Post-)Imperial Ecology'
- Ameya Tripathi, 'Orwell, Wittgenstein, and the Newspeak Dictionary'

BREAK

14.45-16.15

Session 2 (chair: Liam Knight)

- Richard Keeble, 'Secrets and Hidden Gems: Malcolm Muggeridge and his Mishandling of Orwell's Posthumous Reputation'
- Jaron Murphy, 'Why Orwell Still Matters: The Trust Crisis in Journalism in the Digital Age'
- Robin Bunce, 'Televising the Future: *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (1954) at the BBC'

BREAK

17.00-18.30

Session 3 (chair: Chris Mourant)

- Jackson Ayres, 'Big Brother, Big Tech: Doctorow's *Little Brother* and Huber's *Orwell's Revenge*'
- Rana Basfar, 'Orwellian Dystopia and Human Rights Issues in Wasini AL-Araj's *2084: The Story of the Last Arab* (2015)'
- Niall Gallen, 'No Angst, only Choice: George Orwell in Jake Chapman's $2+2=5$ '

Wednesday 13 April

11.00-12.30

Keynote 2 (chair: Chris Mourant)

- Dr Lisa Mullen, 'Orwell and the Politics of Feeling'

BREAK

13.00-14.30

Session 4 (chair: Nathan Waddell)

- Kristin Bluemel, 'Critically Ill: George Orwell, Tragic Biography, and the Crisis of Endings'
- Débora Tavares, 'Orwell and Class Struggle in *The Road to Wigan Pier*'
- Daniel Ogden, 'George Orwell: Champion of the Downtrodden and Internationalist'

BREAK

14.45-16.15

Session 5 (chair: Liam Knight)

- Astik Mishra, 'The Relevance of George Orwell's Ideas in the Promotion of Global Citizenship Education'
- Peter Brian Barry, 'Orwell the Erudite: George Orwell's Continued Interest in Philosophy'
- Mark Satta, 'Philosophical Orwell: Benefits and Challenges of Studying Orwell in Academic Philosophy'

BREAK

19.00-20.30

Keynote 3 (chair: Nathan Waddell)

- Professor Priya Satia, 'Orwell and Empire'

Thursday 14 April

11.00-12.30

Session 6 (chair: Nathan Waddell)

- Peter Marks, 'George Orwell in the Age of Surveillance Capitalism'
- Liam Knight, "'The Principles of Newspeak": George Orwell's Critical Endotext'
- Mir Ali Hosseini, 'Orwell, Humanism, and the Essay Form'

BREAK

13.00-14.30

Session 7 (chair: Liam Knight)

- Selina-Marie Scholz & Geoff Rodoreda, 'Lured and Lost in the Labyrinths of *Nineteen Eighty-Four*'
- Neil Smith, 'Orwell's Conspiracy of Silence'
- Ishaan Teotia, 'Orwell and the Notion of Irresponsibility'

BREAK

15.15-16.45

Keynote 4 (chair: Chris Mourant)

- Dr Emily Bloom, 'The Liar's School: George Orwell's BBC Curriculum'

16.45-17.00

Closing Remarks & Farewell