POLITICAL USES OF UTOPIA WORKSHOP

DAY 1: THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2013
Founders College, Room 303

9:00 – Start
Welcome: Mauro Buccheri (Master, Founders College)
Introduction: Sylwia Chrostowska (York University)

9:15-10:45 – Session 1
Marcuse and the ‘Christian bourgeois concept of freedom’
Vincent Geoghegan (Queens University of Belfast)

10:45-11:15 – Coffee break

11:15-12:45 – Session 2
General Will or General Wish? Rousseau, Marx
Peter Hallward (Kingston University, London)

12:45-1:30 – Lunch break
Founders College, Room 305

1:30-3:00 – Session 3
Ideal Theory After Auschwitz? The Practical Uses and Ideological Abuses of Utopian Thought in Rawls and Adorno
Benjamin McKean (University of Chicago)
A Strange Fate for Politics? Jameson’s Dialectic of Utopian Thought
John Grant (University of Toronto)
3:00-3:30 – Coffee break

3:30-4:30 – Session 4  
Intermediate Discussion  
Moderated by Meghan Helsel (Johns Hopkins), Chris Holman (SUNY Stony Brook), and Ella Street (University of Toronto)

5:00 – KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
Verney Room, South Ross Building, Room 674  
Desire and Shipwreck: Powers of the Vis Utopia  
Étienne Tassin (Centre de Sociologie des Pratiques et des Représentations Politiques, Paris 7)

Followed by reception (for guests only)

DAY 2: FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2013  
Founders College, Room 303

9:00-10:30 – Session 1  
Utopianism and Prefiguration  
Ruth Kinna (Loughborough University)

10:30-11:00 – Coffee break

11:00-12:30 – Session 2  
The Spectropolitics of Utopia  
Matthew Beaumont (University College London)
12:30-1:30 – Lunch break
Founders College, Room 305

1:30-3:00 – Session 3
*The Fragmented Space of Utopia: Gaps of Experimentation and Lines of Flight*
Anders Fjeld (Paris 7)
*Pluralism, Pragmatism, and Hope*
Alexander Livingston (Cornell University)

3:00-3:30 – Coffee break

3:30-5:00 – Session 4
*Concluding Discussion*
Moderated by Meghan Helsel (Johns Hopkins), Chris Holman (SUNY Stony Brook), and Ella Street (University of Toronto)