

The Graduate Student Initiative of the Hemispheric Institute of Performance & Politics presents

CONVERGENCE 2012

THE GEO/BODY POLITICS OF EMANCIPATION

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Convergence 2012 brings together **graduate students, professors, artists, and activists** to think through diverse events of radical mobilization, from student protests and occupations to uprisings and insurrections. We will discuss **different forms of embodiment** that have developed around the **reclaiming of public space**, and the **demand for economic, social, and political change**. We will question the instrumentalization of technology as strategies of communication, organization and revolution. Generating a space to discuss contemporary notions of **emancipation, liberation, revolution, occupation, geopolitics, "artivism," and militant research**, we will bring into dialogue the lived tensions of these concepts as they are enacted by bodies, in knowledge production, and in physical locations.

PRESENTERS

Micha Cárdenas, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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Jack Halberstam, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Michael Hardt, DUKE UNIVERSITY
Brian Holmes, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Josh Kun, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Pedro Lasch, DUKE UNIVERSITY
Walter Mignolo, DUKE UNIVERSITY
Dannys Montes de Oca Moreda, 11TH HAVANA BIENNIAL CURATORIAL TEAM
Diane Nelson, DUKE UNIVERSITY
Roya Rastegar, BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
Diana Taylor, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
Wu Tsang, DIRECTOR, WILDNESS
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FRIDAY

10:00 am WELCOME
Opening Remarks
Richard White Lecture Hall
Diana Taylor
Zach Blas, Ana Paulina Lee, Leticia Robles-Moreno

10:30 am PANEL
**Knowledge/Knowledgeable Emancipation:
Academia, Activism, Artivism**
Richard White Lecture Hall
Esther Gabara, Macarena Gomez-Barris, Walter Mignolo,
Diane Nelson, Diana Taylor

5:30 pm EXHIBITION OPENING AND RECEPTION
Experimental Communities curated by the XCO group
*Corridor Gallery and East Duke Parlors, Women's Studies / East
Duke Building*

8:00 pm FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION
Wildness
Richard White Lecture Hall
Wu Tsang, Roya Rastegar, Jack Halberstam, Micha Cárdenas

SATURDAY

1:30 pm PANEL
**Protesting Knowledge: Militant Research, Low Theory,
and Occupation**
Richard White Lecture Hall
Colectivo Situaciones, Ricardo Domínguez, Jack Halberstam,
Michael Hardt, Josh Kun

4:30 pm PANEL
**Geopolitics of Reimagination: Art, Media, and Social
Movements**
Richard White Lecture Hall
Counter-Cartographies Collective, Brian Holmes, Pedro Lasch,
Dannys Montes de Oca Moreda, Jacques Servin

8:30 pm PERFORMANCE
Collective Sun: Reshape the Mo(u)rning by SpiritHouse
Durham Arts Council PSI Theatre

SUNDAY

9 am CLOSING REMARKS
Convergence 2012 projections
Richard White Lecture Hall

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