

POLITICAL STUDIES IN THE NEAR AND MIDDLE-EAST SEMINAR (2017–2018)

Epistemology and politics: The Near and Middle-East II

Western political modernity had at the same time excluded any other notion of politics than that in which political activity was rationalized in the State, in a sharing of so-called stateless peoples, also called without history, and others, any other construction than that based on the model of identity and difference and included as its margins the other possible versions of human life.

This exclusion within or subordinate inclusion as one of the foundations from which the colonial and then global order has been able to develop and expand is constantly being repeated in the smallest scales of subjectivity, and the most collective injunctions to identity, as well as the economic logics, the geography of conflicts, etc.

With the critique of the epistemologies of modernity, their decentering, and the return-on-history, could emerge the question of a concrete universalism, and other political meanings that feed a notion of new political agency, that is to say, a praxis that is not devoid of context nor point of view.

The old and modern models of identities and the political subject, especially from the point of view of 'Stateless-People' living at the intersection of existing states and borders, show that the entanglement of identities contradicts their naturalization and their various hierarchies according to the logic of the National-Nation of the nation-state, on which connects the inexhaustible production of an "Other", many others, the most numerous others, re-opening to a renewed criticism.

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This seminar is public and open to everyone. The sessions take place at the University Paris 8 Saint-Denis – 2, rue de la Liberté 93526 Saint-Denis (M° Saint-Denis Université).

TUESDAY OCTOBER 24 2017, Room A444 from 15:00 to 18:00

Amir Kianpour (LLCP-Paris 8): Non-synchronism as a mode of Asian subjectivation

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2 2017, Amphi B106 from 15:00 to 18:00

Engin Sustam (Experice-Paris 8): Art and Kurdish subalternity

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3 2017, Amphi B106 from 14:00 to 17:00

Rabab Abdulhadi (San Francisco State University): Justice, Gender, and Sexuality in Palestine
Discussant: Azadeh Kian (CEDREF-Paris 7)

MONDAY DECEMBER 4 2017, Library Research Room from 14:00 to 17:00

Leopold Lambert (The Funambulist Magazine) / Marina Nebbiolo (Medfil Humanities Institute): Architecture and decoloniality in Palestine

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24 2018, Room C103 from 14:00 to 17:00

Naji El Khatib (Institute of Humanities Medfil): The State in the Near and Middle East: Epistemological and political stakes

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Nan Kar Azadi Collective: Reflections on the recent uprisings in Iran

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2 2018, Room G-2 from 13:00 to 18:00

Sonia Dayan-Herzbrun (Paris 7) / Éléni Varikas (Paris 8): Critique of the Nation-State with regard to the feminist and gender critic

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Collective: Interventions, readings and discussion in solidarity with political prisoners imprisoned in Turkish and Israeli prisons (continued), with Assia Zaino (Paris 8 University)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7 2018, Room A217 from 18:00 to 21:00

Session organized in cooperation with the Seminar Consequences (ENS-Paris)

Seevan Saeed (Kurdish Studies Center of the University of Exeter): The Kurdish Question in Turkey

TUESDAY APRIL 24 2018, Room A028 from 16:30 to 19:30

Screening of the film "Behind the Fronts, Resistances and Resilience in Palestine" (Hybrid Pulse, 113', 2017) and meeting with director Alexandra Dols

WEDNESDAY MAY 2 2018, Le Relais Café (1st floor), 34 rue de Belleville 75019 Paris from 15:00 to 18:00

Camille Fauroux (CRH-EHESS / Lille 3), Beatrice Rettig (LLCP-Paris 8), Amir Kianpour (LLCP-Paris 8), Somayeh Rostampour (GTM-Paris 8): Political Violence, Epistemological Violence