THE LEGACY OF MOISHE POSTONE: TEACHER, HISTORIAN, CRITICAL THEORIST brings together his students from across the social sciences and humanities to celebrate and reflect upon his historical, theoretical, and pedagogical work. MOISHE’S profound and rigorous social theory illuminates supra-disciplinary questions ranging from capitalism’s historical dynamic to the social, political, and economic crises of the contemporary conjuncture. The conference will elaborate some of the critical methods and potentials of MOISHE’S theory.

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FRIDAY: THE PAST & LEGACY

9:00 - 9:30
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
FOR PRESENTERS

9:30 - 9:45
WELCOME, Parker Everett and Charlotte Robertson

9:45 - 11:15
THE IDEOLOGY AND PRACTICE OF STATE-CENTRIC CAPITALISM

Parker Everett
The Antinomies of Space in State-Centric Capitalism

Gregory D. Milano
Corporatism as Otherness: Contra-Modern Fascist Productivism in the Roman Exhibition of 1942

Jake Werner
Japanese Imperialism in 1930s Shanghai: A Doomed Anticipation of Mass Society

Jaewoong Jeon
Japanophobia and Anti-Capitalism in Korea

11:15 - 11:30
COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 1:00
POSTONE, 1968, AND ITS RADICAL CRITIQUE

Spencer Leonard
The Marxist Turn as a Return to Marx: Nicolaus, Postone, and the Question of Marx’s Marxism in the 1970s

Jason Dawsy
Moishe Postone and Frankfurt am Main: Exploring the Origins of His Interpretation of Marx

David Spreen
Class War with a Map: Anti-Capitalism and Space

1:00 - 2:00
LUNCH BREAK

2:00 - 3:30
POLITICAL ECONOMY AND THE WRITING OF HISTORY

Thomas Dodman
Real Abstractions: On Tocqueville’s Grappling with Capital

Robin Bates
Contemporary Analyses of Capitalism, Proletarianization and ‘Primitive Accumulation’ in the Postrevolutionary French Imperial Plantation Zone, 1830-1848

Benjamin Postone
Postone and Race: The Commodity Form and 19th-Century Slavery

Sean Forner
Neo-Marxism, Post-Marxism, and Post-Idealist Intellectual History

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COFFEE BREAK

3:45 - 5:15
POSTONE AND THE POST COLONIAL

Zeb Dingley
Elements of Anti-Gikuyuism

Dwaipayan Sen
Office Hours with Moishe Postone: Time, Labor, and Social Domination and the History of Modern South Asia

Bernard Dubbeld
After Marxism: Reading Moishe Postone from Post-Apartheid South Africa

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MIGRATION, RIGHTS, AND THE DYNAMICS OF CAPITAL

Tracey Rosen
Figures of Migration in Neoliberalizing Greece

Lisa Simeone
Real Things: Fetish and Token in Migrant Lives

Robert Stern
Superfluous Populations and the Future of Human Rights

Fabian Arzuaga
Adorno, Rubin, and the Superfluity of Labor

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CLOSING REMARKS, Robert Stern and Mark Loeffler

SATURDAY: THE PRESENT & FUTURE

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How Middle Class Kids Get Working Class Jobs: The New Bohemia and the Remaking of the Industrial City

J. Dakota Brown
Post-Fordism, Graphic Design, and “Premature Post-Capitalism”

Hadas Weiss
Human Capital and the Middle-Class Family

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Andrew Sloin
Bitcoin, the Flat Earth, and the Fetishes of Apocalyptic Capital

Aaron Ansell
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Bo-Mi Choi
“Fat Guys in Tutus,” Or Gender, Moishe and the Commodity Form

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