

# Left theory

# for the 21st century

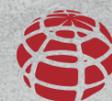


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# Left Theory and the SYRIZA experience 2015-2019

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*Opening session*

**Heinz Bierbaum**, President of Party of the European Left

**Marga Ferre**, Co-President of Transform! Europe

**Dimitris Tzanakopoulos**, Secretary of Central Committee of SYRIZA

**Sam Gindin**, Professor, York University -*For Leo Panitch*

*Introduction*

**Costas Douzinas / Michalis Bartsides**

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**Session 1**

# Left theory construction after the SYRIZA government

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**Costas Douzinas**, Professor, University of London

*Six theses for a theory of the New Left*

**Boaventura de Sousa Santos**, Professor, University of Coimbra

*A new thesis eleven for the Left*

**Aristides Baltas**, Professor (Emeritus), National Technical University of Athens

*For Leo Panich: Syriza in Power (State and Social Movements)*

*Coordinator*

**Effi Yannopoulou**, Translator

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**Session 2**

# Left theory of economic restructuring and development

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**Lois Labrianidis**, Professor, University of Macedonia  
*Left strategy for economic development in the 21st century*

**Petros Linardos Rulmond**, Economist  
*Questioning the SYRIZA approach of economic restructuring and development*

**Euclid Tsakalotos**, Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens  
*Macroeconomic and structural issues in alternative economic strategies: Can they work together?*

*Coordinator*

**Marica Frangakis**, Member of Steering Committee of the Euromemo Group and member of the Board of Nicos Poulantzas Institute

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**Session 3**

# State theory and public administration

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**Peter Bratsis**, Associate Professor, City University of New York

*Failures of Syriza and the Antinomies of Left Politics in Liberal Societies*

**Danai Koltsida**, Director of Institute Nicos Poulantzas

*Left strategies for (re)constituting democracy: Experiences from Greece*

**Christoforos Vernardakis**, Associate Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

**Elias Georgantas**, Associate Professor, University of Crete

*Negotiating the Quartet: Syriza's policy responses in public administration*

*Coordinator*

**George Daremas**, PhD, University of Sussex

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**Session 4**

# Left theory and inequalities

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**Effi Achtsioglou, PhD, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**

*Syriza and the social issue*

**Maria Karamesini, Professor, Panteion University**

*The fight against mass unemployment and poverty and welfare state reform under SYRIZA government*

**Yioryos Stamboulis, Assistant Professor, University of Thessaly**

*Technological revolutions, development, work and social rights*

*Coordinator*

**Aris Stilianou, Associate Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**

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**Discussion**

# **Concluding comments**



**from the speakers  
and the audience**

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# Living in Dark times and left politics

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*Introduction*

**Costas Douzinas / Michalis Bartsides**

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Session 1

# Left thinking confronts the rise of the far right in the 21st century: Fear, hope and Security

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**Todd McGowan**, Professor, University of Vermont  
*Against the Expert*

**Tania Vosniadou**, Ph.D, psychologist-psychotherapist.  
*The psychoanalytic concept of negativity*

**Gerasimos Kouzelis**, Professor, National Kapodistrian University of Athens  
*Neutralization of the imagination, Structures of bourgeois recontextualization of democratic claims*

*Coordinator*

**Yannis Stavrakakis**, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

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Session 2

# The pandemic and the global lockdown: Technologies, biopolitics, climate crisis

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**Konstantinos Kavoulakos**, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
*Dialectic of the covid 19 crisis*

**Paul Guillibert**, PhD, Sophiapol-Université de Nanterre  
*Pandemic Borders: States and Climate Apartheid*

**Adam Gearey**, Professor, Birkbeck College, University of London  
*Viral Solidarity*

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**Anastasia Chalkia**, PhD, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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**Session 3**

# **Negativity in history and left politics: Separations, universals, utopias**

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**Athena Athanasiou**, Professor, Panteion University  
*Temporalities of the im-possible*

**Vicky Iakovou**, Assistant Professor, University of Aegean  
*Walter Benjamin, utopia and us*

**Michalis Bartsides**, Hellenic Open University, NPI Scientific Director  
*Socialism as a utopia in the present*

*Coordinator*

**Elena Tzelepis**, Assistant Professor, University of Thessaly

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**Keynote Speaker**

# On negativity

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**Jean Luc Nancy, Philosopher**

*Prerecorded talk*



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**Discussion**

# **Discussion with J-L-Nancy**

*Coordinator*

**Costas Douzinas, Professor, University of London**

*Translation*

**Ioanna Bartsidi**



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**Final Discussion**

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