**A CONFERENCE IN FIVE MINI-HAPPENINGS**

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**19-21 March 2009**

**[THURSDAY, MARCH 19]**

**REALITY CHECK: THEORY ON THE GROUND [12 PM / CLEMENS 120]**

An encounter between theoreticians and observers whose perches have been more "on the ground" than academically customary, whether as journalists or members of international organizations. At a moment when highly taut and informed journalism has caught up with and assembled the matrix of ideological distortions, cynical policies, and unrealistic expectations that play in current conditions.

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**SCIENCE OF THE TIMES [3:30 PM / CLEMENS 120]**

An assessment not only of the impact of environmental despoliation, critical resource shortage, and ecological transformation on scientific protocol and investigation, but also of reasonable expectations for scientific achievement and remediation under reconfigured conditions.

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**[FRIDAY, MARCH 20]**

**THE PLASTIC HUMANITIES [12 PM / CLEMENS 120]**

This section tracks recent shocks whose impact has been tangible and material in the fullest senses to cultural programming and processing, sensibility, concentration, and attention itself—as registered in philosophical discourse, literature, cinema, and the allied arts.

**THE POST-GLOBAL CITY: PHILOSOPHICALLY [9:30 AM / CAPEN 420]**

A consideration of urban centers as focal points for post-global transformation, breeders for improvisation in communal life at the level of “neighborhood,” and screens on which new notions of sovereignty and national— and their boundaries and borders —have been projected.

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**[SATURDAY, MARCH 21]**

**THE LAST BREAKFAST: IN RESPONSE [9:30 AM / CAPEN 420]**

A parting event in which students of all ages and at all stages indicate tangible impacts of post-global conditions on their thinking and their current possibilities for productive cultural response and intervention.

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**[PARTICIPANTS]**

**GUESTS**

Bruna Clarke, Texas Tech; Claire Colebrook, Pennsylvania State; Al Lopez, Purdue; Robert Markley, Illinois; Randy Martin, NYU; David Pitt, New York Times and UN.

**FROM SUNY ALBANY**

Thomas Bass, Tom Cohen, Patricia Chu, Hernan Diaz, Glyne Griffith, Mike Hill, Kir Kulken, Natalie Knight, Christina Thyssen, Mary Vollmer.

**FROM SUNY BUFFALO**

Catherine Malabou, Nancy Anderson, Jim Bono, James Brun, Sarah Elder, Peter Hudson, David Johnson, Ming-Qian Ma, Kalliope Nikolopoulou, Justin Read, Theresa Runstedtler, Jim Swan, Ewa Zianek.