After two centuries of neglect and disavowal, the Haitian Revolution has suddenly become a fundamental reference for global emancipatory politics, a touchstone for critical philosophers such as Alain Badiou, Slavoj Žižek, Susan Buck-Morss, Peter Hallward, and Hardt & Negri. This conference will address this contemporary theoretical turn in Haitian Studies, discussing Haiti’s place in Atlantic Modernity and its central role in political history and theory since 1791.

Confirmed speakers include Susan Buck-Morss, Peter Hallward, Patrick Elie, Kim Ives, Deborah Jenson, Alberto Moreiras, Chris Bongie, Bruno Bosteels, John Kraniauskas, and Nick Nesbitt

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