

## **WORKSHOP PROGRAM:**

### **Rethinking United Fronts and the Far Right**

July 20, OCAD University, Room 190, 100 McCaul Street, Toronto

July 21, York University, Founders College, Room 152

Organized by  
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York University's CSST Workshop Series  
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#### **DAY 1 – Friday, July 20, 2018**

**(at OCAD University, Room 190, 100 McCaul Street, Toronto)**

**9:30-10am**

**Coffee, pastries, fruits and greeting: Introduction**

**10:00-11:30am**

**Fascism Across Time and Space**

Chair: Cynthia Wright

Ishay Landa, The Open University, Israel

The Magic of the Extreme: On Fascism, Modernity, and Capitalism

Himani Bannerji, York

Neoliberal Fascism Indian Style: a Comparison with the Fascism of 1920s and 30s Europe

**11:30-1:00pm**

**Caste and Class Character of Ultra-Right Politics in India**

Chair: Rupinder Minhas, York

Hira Singh, York

Hindutva and the Dalit Question: Authoritarianism and Populism

Manisha Pandey, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

The Politics of Hate in India

Raju Das, York  
Fascistic Tendencies, Neoliberal Capitalism, the United Front, and the Struggle for Socialism:  
Some Reflections on the Indian Conjunction

**1:00-2:00pm**

**Lunch**

**2:00-3:45pm**

**Crises of Contemporary Politics**

Chair: Terry Maley, York

Lauren Langman, Loyola University of Chicago  
Trump and the Politics Ressentiment

Wiebke Keim, Université de Strasbourg  
Family resemblances between the western European far right and Daech"

Pamela Irving Jackson, Rhode Island College  
Peter Doerschler, Bloomsburg College  
Right-wing parties, the empirical sources of their populist appeal in Europe, and Muslims'  
response

Havva Ezgi Dogru, Nevsehir Haci Bektas University  
Understanding the Regime Change in Turkey: From an Authoritarian to Exceptional State Form

**3:45-4:00pm Break**

**4:00-6.00**

**Keynote Address:**

Christopher Chase-Dunn, University of California, Riverside  
**Forging a Global United Front of the Left**

Discussants:

Murray Smith, Brock University, and  
Anna Zalik, York

Chair: Pablo Idahosa, York

**6:00-7:00 Refreshments**

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**DAY 2 - Saturday, July 21, 2018 (York University, Founders College, Room 152)**

**8.45-9.00**

**Coffee/tea, pastries, fruits**

**9.00-11.00**

**Historical perspectives on united fronts against fascism and the far right**

Chair: Sheila Delany, Simon Fraser University

Laura Browder, University of Richmond

Fighting the Normalization of Fascism: Lessons from the U.S. Left in the 1930s.

Gerald Meyer, Hostos Community College

Georgi Dimitrov: The United Front against Fascism

John Riddell, Activist and Independent Historian

Unity against the Right: A Historical Approach

**11.00-1.15**

**Putting the Right in its Place**

Chair, David Fasenfest, Wayne State University

Abigail B. Bakan, OISE

Rethinking United Fronts and the Far Right in the Contemporary World

Sonia Lawrence, Osgoode Law

Accelerants and inhibitors: legalism, the far right, and united fronts

Tanner Mirrlees, UOIT

Doxxing, Trolling and Swarming the Alt-Right: A Digital United Front against Platform Fascism?

Enakshi Dua, York

Racisms, The Far right, united fronts

**1.15-2:15 LUNCH**

**Brown Bag Session:**

Chair, A.T. Kingsmith, York

William Robinson, University of California, Santa Barbara

Global Capitalist Crisis and Twenty-First Century Fascism: Beyond the Trump Hype

**2:15-3:45**

**Facing right populism and neofascism: constellations of resistance at multiple scales**

Chair: Mizhar Mikati, York

Stefan Kipfer, York

The United Front as political grammar for our times? Notes on antifascism in France, then and now

Steve Tufts, York

Labour, Populism, and the City

Smriti Upadhyay, Johns Hopkins University

What's the matter with the right?' Understanding Hindu Rightwing efforts to organize labor in Gujarat and Kerala

**3:45-4pm Break**

**4-5:30pm**

**Rethinking the Logics of a United Front - What is to be done?**

Chair: Karen Murray, York

Vishwas Satgar, University of Witwatersrand

Climate Fascism - The Challenge of the Red-Green Alliance in Uniting Mass Forces

Gokboru Sarp, York

A Communism Made to the Measure of the World: Sexual Politics at the Crossroads of Comprehension and Action

Robert Latham, York

New approaches to united fronts and changes in capitalism in North America and Europe

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