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### SOCIALISM & EQUALITY

In public consciousness, socialism is strongly associated with equality: the stronger your egalitarian inclinations, the more likely it is that you'll be attracted to socialist politics. This thought gets intellectual footing in the work of G.A. Cohen and John Roemer, who view socialism as a way of delivering equality, community & solidarity. But the egalitarian account of socialism's normative foundations has fallen out of favour, under the impression that it cannot adequately account for the nature and moral status of exploitation.

In this talk, I rehabilitate a distinctly egalitarian account of socialism. Crucial to this is employing a relational egalitarian construal of equality, which avoids the pitfalls of the original account, and reserves a significant place for equality in the socialist ideal.

**NICHOLAS  
WHITTAKER**

**APR  
20,  
6:30PM**

### GAMIFYING BLACK PHILOSOPHY

Is black radical philosophy worth doing? More precisely, how can philosophizing about black life and death be justified according to our political and affective commitments to black liberation?

In this talk, I articulate a particular kind of value this theory work has, which it offers as a contribution to that revolutionary political project. Drawing on C. Thi Nguyen's theory of games, I argue that black radical philosophers gamify our theoretical work when we are not motivated by the goals intrinsic to philosophical activity. Philosophical activity, when successfully gamified, can help shape oneself into a better revolutionary agent.

**KAMRAN MOSHREF**

**APR  
27,  
6:30PM**

### 'DECOLONIZE MARS': ON SOME IMPLICATIONS OF A PLANETARY TURN IN POLITICAL THEORY

The last few years have seen a rise in the use of the words planet and planetary in cultural and political discourse. This increase in 'Planet-talk' is reflected in academic disciplines too, with 'planetary turns' now shaping sociology, literary studies, history and international relations.

My purpose in this talk is to examine what the rise of planet-talk means for political theory. How, for example, does thinking in terms of the planet differ from concepts of the global, the international, the transnational, the cosmopolitan, the world, and the earth? What political difference might it make to think in terms of the planet?

**TEÓFILO REIS**

**MAY  
11,  
6:30PM**

### THEORISING 'RACIAL DEMOCRACY'

The concept of 'racial democracy' describes race relations in Brazil as conflict-free. But precise definitions of the concept are in short supply, especially since its meaning changed significantly from the late 1920s.

I propose to explore the concept of 'racial democracy' with tools from the metaphysics of race and social epistemology. Drawing on Charles Mills' term 'white ignorance,' I show that 'racial democracy's' functioning depends on particular metaphysical assumptions about race. Finally, by bringing color blindness into the conversation, I explore the relationship between racial ontology and racial ignorance.