

## **DEMOCRATIC MARXISM**

### **Theory Seminars and Public Lecture series**

The Sociology and International Relations departments are organising a series of theory seminars and public lectures during 2016, under the rubric of Democratic Marxism. The intention is to critically engage with various aspects of the Marxist intellectual tradition, in relation to contemporary issues and debates that have emerged in South Africa, and globally. As the programme below indicates, leading Marxist thinkers from South Africa and around the world have been invited to speak, and facilitate discussions around their work.

Staff and PG students in the Faculty of Humanities are invited to apply to be part of the seminar series on a first-come-first-serve basis. As space is limited, preference will be given to those who are able to commit to the entire series, as this will ensure one continuous discussion throughout the year. Participants are also expected to commit to do the reading before each seminar (readings will be provided electronically). The Public Lectures will be open to all, and seminar participants are expected to attend those as well.

Please respond to [michelle.williams@wits.ac.za](mailto:michelle.williams@wits.ac.za) by **Sunday 28 February 2016**, to secure your place in what promises to be an exciting intellectual feast. Please indicate if you are

- a) able to commit to all events
- OR
- b) which ones you cannot attend.

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Seminar/Lecture I: Sam Ginden and Leo Panitch**

***Theory Seminars: The New Imperialism and Left Politics***

Date and time: March 11-13, 9h00 to 13h00, venue TBC

***Public Lecture: The left's strategic impasse amidst global capitalist crisis: rethinking reform and revolution for the 21st century,***

**Discussant: Vishwas Satgar**

Date and time: March 14 (Monday), 17h00 to 19h00, Southwest Engineering Graduate Seminar Room

#### **Seminar/Lecture II: Michael Burawoy**

***Theory Seminars: Three Waves of Marxism***

Date and time: July 18-20, 16h30 to 19h00, venue TBC

***Public Lecture: Considerations on Southern Marxism***

**Discussant: Dilip Menon**

Date and time: July 21 (Thursday), 17h00 to 19h00, Southwest Engineering Graduate Seminar Room

#### **Seminar/Lecture III: Erik Olin Wright**

***Theory Seminars: Understanding Class***

Date and time: August 1-3, 16:30 to 19h00, venue TBC

***Public Lecture: Understanding Class***

**Discussant: Sarah Mosoetsa**

Date and Time: 4 August (Thursday), 17h00 to 19h00, Southwest Engineering Graduate Seminar Room

**Seminar/Lecture IV: Vivek Chibber**

***Theory Seminars: Marxist Critique of Postcolonial Theory***

Date and Time: August 10, 16h30 to 19h00; August 11, 14h00 to 16h00;  
August 12, 14h00 to 16h00, venue TBC

***Public Lecture: The Promise and Pitfalls of Postcolonial Theory***

**Discussant: Achille Mbembe**

Date and Time: August 11 (Thursday), 17h00 to 19h00, Wiser Seminar Room

**Lecture V: Jacklyn Cock, Ruth Ntlokotse, Srila Roy, and Shireen Hassim**

***Public Lecture: Complex Relations of Marxism and Feminism***

Date and Time: September 20 (Tuesday), 17h00 to 19h00, Wiser Seminar Room

**Lecture VI: Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Khwezi Mabasa, Jacob Dlamini, and Vishwas Satgar**

***Public Lecture: Marxism and Race***

Date and Time: October 24 (Monday), 17h00 to 19h00, Southwest Engineering Graduate Seminar Room