An international program of study with leading figures in critical thought

The School

The School of Criticism and Theory was founded in 1976 by a group of leading scholars and critical theorists in the conviction that an understanding of theory is fundamental to humanistic studies. Today, in an unparalleled summer campus experience, the SCT offers professors and advanced graduate students of literature and related social sciences a chance to work with preeminent figures in critical thought—exploring the relationships among literature, history, art, anthropology and the law; examining the role of ideological and cultural movements; and reassessing theoretical approaches that have emerged over the last fifty years. Cornell also offers participants the resources of one of the great research libraries in the United States.

The 2015 Faculty

Six-Week Seminars

Souleymane Bâchir Diagne
Professor of French and Philosophy, and
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Comparative
Literature and Society, Columbia University
“Scenes of Translation”

Eli Friedlander
Laura Schwarz-Kipp Professor of Modern
Philosophy, Tel Aviv University

Marie-José Mondzain
Director of Studies, Centre-National de la
Recherche Scientifique in Paris
“Imaging Operations: From a Zone of
Disorder to a Field of Freedom”

Sari Nusseibeh
Professor of Philosophy and Former
President of Al-Quds University, Jerusalem
“The Story of Reason In Islam”

Mini-Seminars

Anita L. Allen
Vice Provost for Faculty, Henry R. Silverman
Professor of Law, and Professor of
Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania
“Privacy Law, Values, and Cultural
Evolution”

Gwenaëlle Aubry
Researcher, Centre Jean Pépin (CNRS-Paris
Villejuif) and Associate, Centre International
d’Étude de la Philosophie Française
(ENS-Paris Rae d’Ulm):
“From Potentiality to Omnipotence: Some
Groundwork for an Archaeology of Power”

Peter E. Gordon
Amabel B. James Professor of History and
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Philosophy,
Harvard University
“Metaphysics at the Moment of its Fall”

Michal Grover-Friedlander
Professor of Musicology, Tel Aviv University
“Impossible Voices of Opera”

Visiting Guest Lecturers

Susan Buck-Morss
Distinguished Professor of Political Science,
CUNY Graduate Center; Professor Emeritus,
Government Department, Cornell University
“Theological Politics”

Bonnie Honig
Nancy Duke Lewis Professor; Modern
Culture and Media, and Political Science,
Brown University
“Thing Theory with Winnicott:
Political Theory’s Object Relations”

The Program

In an intensive six-week course of study, faculty
members and graduate students from around the
world, in the humanities and social sciences, explore
recent developments in critical theory.

Participants work with the SCT’s core faculty of
distinguished scholars and theorists in one of four
six-week seminars. Each faculty member offers, in
addition, a public lecture and a colloquium (based
on an original paper) which are attended by the
entire group.

The program also includes mini-seminars taught
by scholars who visit for shorter periods. Finally,
throughout the six weeks, distinguished theorists
visit the SCT as lecturers.

Admission and Costs

The application deadline is February 1, and
admissions decisions are announced in March. All
applications must be submitted online. The online
application may be accessed at the site listed below
beginning on December 1, 2014.

Tuition for the 2015 session is $2700. Applicants may
compete for partial tuition scholarships and are
encouraged to seek funding from their home
institutions. On-campus housing is available for an
additional charge.

For application and program information:
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"Six weeks in Ithaca gave me many moments of hopefulness: I made
extraordinary friends; I found space, seven years into a faculty position, to
think and to argue without the pressure of writing or publication."
Andrew van der Vlies, Queen Mary University of London

"SCT was a reminder of why I had joined academia in the first place, to
become part of a dynamic intellectual community committed to the
exchange of ideas."
Jeniffer Lipper, Ithaca College

"Even in the context of my extremely interdisciplinary graduate training, I
can safely say that I have rarely, if ever, participated in a seminar with such a
wide range of disciplines, backgrounds, and scholarly interests represented."
Andrew Lison, Brown University
Senior Fellows

Homi K. Bhabha
Harvard University

John Brenkman
CUNY Graduate Center
and Baruch College

Judith Butler
University of California, Berkeley

Jonathan Culler
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