A six-week summer intensive with leading figures in critical thought

The School
Since its inception in 1976, the School of Criticism and Theory has been devoted to intensive intellectual inquiry and the vigorous exchange of ideas, cultivating a space where courageous discussion and innovative academic exploration can thrive. To this end, SCT brings together a diverse group of scholars from around the world, addressing an ever-expanding arrangement of cultural, political, and social movements, theoretical axes and intersecting debates across the humanities and social sciences. From inter-disciplinary scholarship that enables new knowledge, to collaborative conversation that yields new questions, SCT strives to respond to the complex and urgent struggles of our times with intellectual rigor and resilience.

Summer Program
In an intensive six-week course of study, faculty members, graduate students, and independent scholars explore recent developments in critical theory. The multi-layered dialogue that results, among both faculty and participants, is one of the hallmarks of SCT’s culture. 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 practical Writing Workshops taught by writers and poets who visit for shorter periods. Finally, the program begins with a panel discussion between the SCT Director and two leading figures in the Humanities and ends with an exciting two-day conference. In addition, Cornell offers participants the resources of one of the great research libraries in the United States.

Admission & Tuition
The online application deadline is February 1, 2024. Prospective participants must indicate on the online application which one of the six-week courses they wish to attend in order of preference. All participants are enrolled in each of the writing workshops, as well as all the public lectures.

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