

## Workshop

### Working with Benjamin on Law

15, 16 & 17 July 2021

ZfL Berlin & Online

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#### **Content**

The workshop brings together a group of international Benjamin Scholars to explore what Benjamin's sharp analysis of law offers to scholars interested in understanding contemporary uses of law. It invites participants to discuss to what extent one can pin down Benjamin's abstract and ambiguous comments on law to profane manifestations of "actually existing law" without losing the gist of Benjamin's philosophy. The aim is to get a better understanding of both the contributions and limitations of Benjamin's writings for understanding the world around us.

Both keynote lectures will be available online ahead of the event, please check the [website of the workshop](#) for more details.

To attend the public online events (Q&As; Roundtable) please [register here](#).

## Programme

**Berlin**

**Thursday, 15 July**

**Buenos  
Aires/Rio de  
Janeiro**

15:00-16:00      Keynote(s) Q&A (open to all)      10:00 - 11:00

Andrew Benjamin (Sydney):  
*Title tbc*

Julia Ng (London):  
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16.30 - 17:45      Session I

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**Friday, 16 July**

10:00 - 12:00      Visit      n/a  
Walter Benjamin Archive

15:00 - 16:15      Session II      10:00 - 11:15

16:45 - 18:00      Session III      11:45 - 13:00

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**Saturday, 17 July**

14:00 - 15:15      Session IV      09:00 - 10:15

15:45 - 17:00      Session V      10:45 - 12:00

18:00 - 19:30      Roundtable + Debate (open to  
all)      13:00 - 14:00

Sami Khatib (Lüneburg)

Gisela Catanzaro (Buenos Aires)

## List of participants/papers

### Session I

- Devin Beaulieu *Walter Benjamin in the Andes: Decolonization, State of Exception, and Indian Law*
- Gwyneth Bravo *This world remains a mute world, from which music will never ring out: Hearing HIM Sophy's Bangsokol: A Requiem for Cambodia and the Fortieth Commemoration of the End of the Genocide"*

### Session II

- Sophia Buck *The Critique of the Communist Order  
Walter Benjamin and the Soviet, the Post-Soviet, and the Putinist Moscow*
- Ricardo Dib Taxi *The Theology in Brazilian neofascism*
- Markus Hennig *The masses between their expression and their right*

### Session III

- Ana Maria Miranda *The power of law: Benjamin's critique of violence and the feminist struggle for rights*
- Daniel Quiroga *Endroit: Dwelling within the Spaces of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Counterrevolutionary Internationalism*

### Session IV

- Miguel Rabago *Bolivar Echeverria's translation of Walter Benjamin. The Baroque modernity of law in Latin America.*
- Kiri Santer *Limits and possibilities offered by Walter Benjamin's Critique of Violence for understanding the EU's contemporary regime of maritime interdiction in the Central Mediterranean Sea*
- Ricardo Spindola *Ficus Benjamina: the figleaf of aura and the decline process of law*

### Session V

- Tom Vanderputte *"You Let the Poor Become Guilty": Law and Justice in Benjamin's Early Writings*
- Ceylan Begüm Yıldız *Deadly Fate: State violence and its unaccountability*