

# PLATYPUS

VII INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 10 - 12 APRIL 2015

## WHAT IS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE LEFT?

F R I D A Y

**17:30 - 18:00**  
REGISTRATION  
SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO  
280 S. COLUMBUS DR.

**18:00 - 20:00**  
OPENING PLENARY:  
NEO-LIBERALISM AND ITS DISCONTENTS  
AUDITORIUM, 280 S. COLUMBUS DR.

- WALTER BENN MICHAELS (UIC)  
- TOBY CHOW (U OF C)  
- DONALD PARKINSON (COMMUNIST LEAGUE OF TAMPA)  
- MARGARET POWER (IIT)

**20:30 - 23:30**  
PIZZA AND BEER  
EXCHEQUER, 226 S. WABASH AVE.

S A T U R D A Y

**09:00 - 9:30**  
REGISTRATION  
LOBBY, 112 S. MICHIGAN AVE.

**09:30 - 10:50**  
WORKSHOP SESSION I  
112 S. MICHIGAN AVE.  
ROOMS: (A) 707; (B) 314; (C) 920

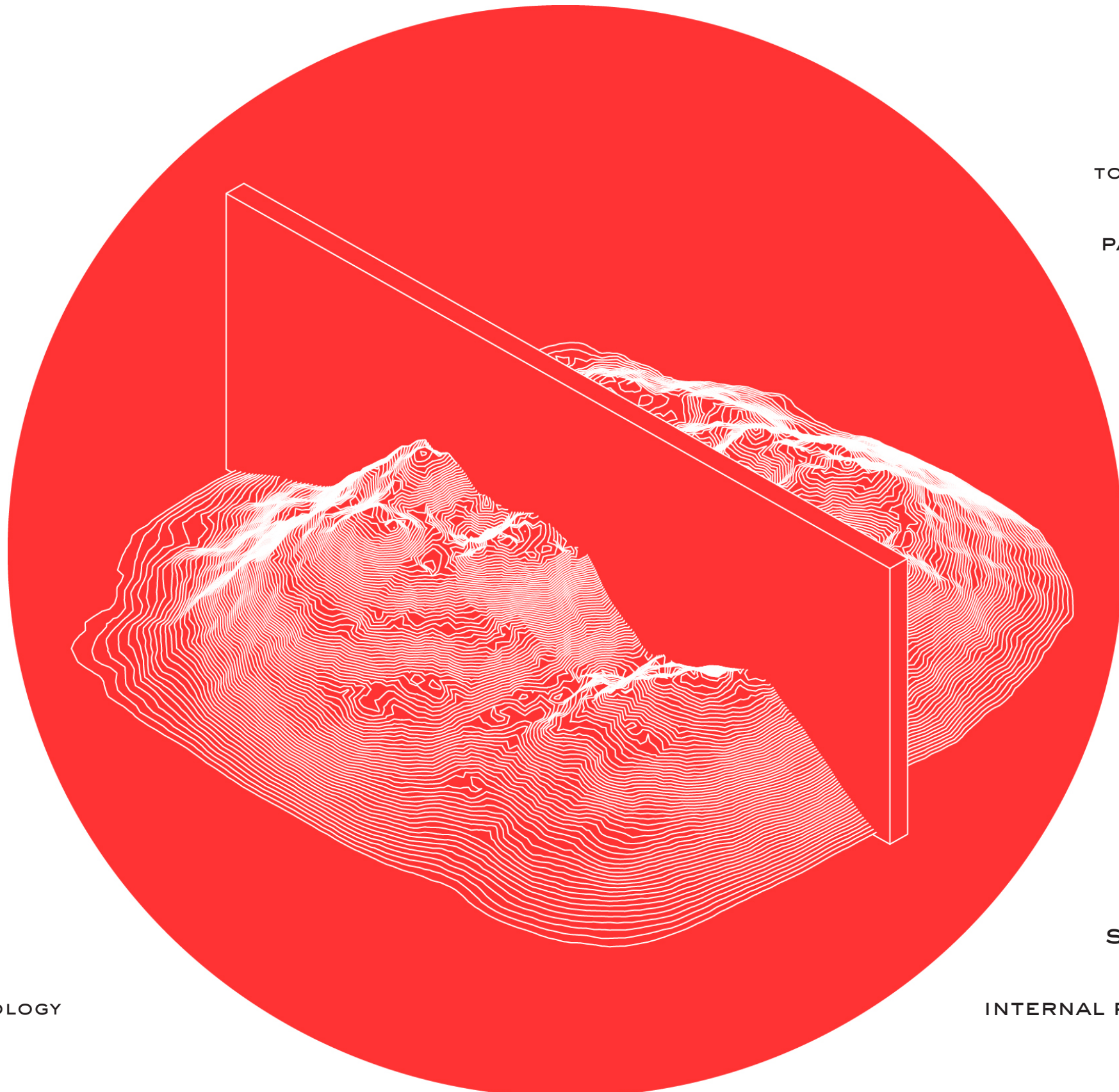
A. SCOTT HILEY, COMMUNIST PARTY USA  
B. DONALD PARKINSON, COMMUNIST LEAGUE OF TAMPA  
C. JUAN CONATZ, RECOMPOSITION (USA)

**11:00 - 12:20**  
WORKSHOP SESSION II  
112 S. MICHIGAN AVE.  
ROOMS: (D) 707; (E) 314; (F) 920

D. CHARLEY EARP, SOCIALIST PARTY USA  
E. JACOB DENZ, GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZING  
COMMITTEE, GSOC-UAW LOCAL 2110 (NYU, USA)  
F. PETER STAUDENMAIER, INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL ECOLOGY

**13:30 - 15:30**  
PANEL:  
THE AMERICAN LEFT AND "THE BLACK QUESTION":  
FROM POLITICS TO PROTEST TO THE POST-POLITICAL  
112 S. MICHIGAN AVE. | ROOM 707

- TOBY CHOW (U CHICAGO)  
- BRANDON JOHNSON (CHICAGO TEACHERS UNION)  
- AUGUST NIMTZ (U. OF MINNESOTA)  
- ADOLPH REED, JR. (U PENN)



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**13:30 - 15:30**  
PANEL: ELECTORAL POLITICS AND THE LEFT:  
PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS  
112 S. MICHIGAN AVE. | ROOM 920

SCOTT HILEY (COMMUNIST PARTY USA) -  
JORGE MÚJICA, CHICAGO SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN (USA) -  
TOM RILEY, INTERNATIONAL BOLSHEVIK TENDENCY (CANADA) -

**16:00 - 18:00**  
PANEL: CAN THERE BE A WORKING-CLASS CULTURE AND  
EXPERIENCE?  
112 S. MICHIGAN AVE. | ROOM 707

WALTER BENN MICHAELS (UIC) -  
JUAN CONATZ, RECOMPOSITION (USA) -  
PAUL ELITZIK (F NEWSMAGAZINE, SAIC) -  
JACOB DENZ, GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZING -  
COMMITTEE, GSOC-UAW LOCAL 2110 (NYU, USA)

**16:00 - 18:00**  
PANEL: DEMOCRACY AND THE LEFT  
112 S. MICHIGAN AVE. | ROOM 920

MIKE MACNAIR, CPGB (UK) -  
AUGUST NIMTZ (U. OF MINNESOTA) -  
AARON SMEATON (GIO-ICT) -  
PETER STAUDENMAIER (INST. FOR SOCIAL ECOLOGY) -

**19:00 - 21:00**  
CLOSING PLENARY:  
WHAT IS POLITICAL PARTY FOR THE LEFT?  
AUDITORIUM, 280 S. COLUMBUS DR.

CHRIS CUTRONE, PLATYPUS -  
MIKE MACNAIR, CPGB (UK) -  
ADOLPH REED, JR. (U PENN, USA) -  
TOM RILEY, IBT (CANADA) -

S U N D A Y

**11:00 - 12:30**  
INTERNAL PLENARY: HOSTING THE CONVERSATION WHEN THE  
CONVERSATION IS UNWELCOME  
112 S. MICHIGAN AVE. | ROOM 1307

**13:00 - 13:30**  
PLATYPUS PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
112 S. MICHIGAN AVE.



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