

Silencing Human Rights: From History and Social Theory to Contemporary Practices

Conference Programme

8-9th June 2006

Meeting House, University of Sussex

Thursday 8th June

1000-1030: Tea/Coffee

Negotiating Silences

1030-1100: Introduction

- **Robbie Shilliam** (University of Oxford)
- **Gurminder K. Bhambra** (University of Sussex)

Founding Silences

1100-1300: Panel I

- **Naeem Inayatullah** (Ithaca College, New York)

Human Rights as Dispossession: The Christian Origins of the Contemporary Debate

- **Mia Rodriguez-Salgado** (London School of Economics)

'How oppression thrives where truth is not allowed a voice.' The Spanish Monarchy and the American Indians

Discussant: **Harold Garrett-Goodyear** (Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts)

1300-1415: Lunch

1415-1615: Panel II

- **Roland Marden** (University of Sussex)

'That all men are created equal': 'Rights Talk' and Exclusion in North America

- **Siba Grovogui** (John Hopkins University)

Dignity as Human Right: Remembering the Haitian Revolution

Discussant: **Beate Jahn** (International Relations, Sussex)

1615-1630: Tea/Coffee

1630-1730: Roundtable discussion on *Founding Silences*

- **Chair:** **Marie-Benedicte Dembour** (Law, Sussex)

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2000-late: Dinner

Friday 9th June

0930-1000: Tea/Coffee

Contemporary Silences

1000-1200: Panel III

- **Renk Ozdemir** (University of Sussex)

Rights Displaced, Populations 'Exchanged': Peoples of Asia Minor and the Aegean

- **Nenad Dimitrijevic** (Central European University, Budapest)

Communism in the Former Yugoslavia: Silencing Human Rights by Means of the Rule of Words

Discussant: **Jane Cowan** (Anthropology, Sussex)

1200-1315: Lunch

1315-1515: Panel IV

- **Tim di Muzio** (York University, Canada)

The State of Non-Right: Breaking the Silence in Haiti Today

- **Amanda Alexander** (Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu-Natal)

Constructing History, Constructing Rights: The Landless People's Movement and the Politicization of Urban-Rural Division in South Africa

Discussant: **Alan Lester** (Geography, Sussex)

1515-1530: Tea/Coffee

1530-1730: Panel V

- **Marie-Benedicte Dembour** (University of Sussex)

Racial Discrimination: Silences in ECHR Case Law

- **Leah Bassel** (University of Oxford)

Gender and Migration

Discussant: **Sobrina Edwards** (SEI, University of Sussex)

1730-1830: Roundtable Discussion

Chairs: [Robbie Shilliam](#) and [Gurminder K. Bhambra](#)

2000-late: Dinner