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# Haiti and the Politics of the Universal

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## Friday, March 12, 2010 (Elphinstone Hall)

9:00-9:30 AM, coffee

9:30-9:45 Welcome and opening remarks, **Christopher Fynsk** (Centre for Modern Thought, University of Aberdeen)

10:00-10:50 **Nick Nesbitt** (Centre for Modern Thought, University of Aberdeen) 'Traversing Haïti, Beyond the Universal Phantasm'

11:00-11:50 **Charles Forsdick** (Liverpool University) "'Our past, our presents, and our possible futures": situating Toussaint Louverture'

12:00-12:50 **Alberto Moreiras** (Centre for Modern Thought, University of Aberdeen) 'Historicality and Historiography: Haiti and the Limits of World History'

### 1:00-2:00 Lunch break

2:30-3:20 **Deborah Jenson** (Duke University) 'Placing Haiti on the Geo-psychoanalytic Map: *Hypnose*, Pathologies of the Middle Passage, and the Creolization of the Unconscious'

3:30-4:20 **Kim Ives** (*Haiti Liberte*) 'How the Earthquake has affected Haiti's National Democratic Revolution and International Geopolitics'

### Coffee

4:45-5:45 **David Scott** (Columbia University) 'The Theory of Haiti: *The Black Jacobins* and the Ethos of Universal History'

# Program

## Saturday, March 13, 2010 , March 13, 2010

9:00-9:30 AM, coffee

9:30-10:20 **Andrew Leak** (UCL) 'Haiti's "Nouveau Contract Social" of 2005: a Simulacrum of Citizenship'

10:30-11:20 **Chris Bongie** (Queen's University) '(Not) Razing the Walls: The Post-Politics of 'World Literature''

11:30-12:20 **Patrick Elie** (Haitian activist) 'The Lessons of Haïti'

### 12:30-1:30 Lunch break

1:30-2:20 **John Kranauskias** (Birckbeck) 'Haiti's Marvelous Revolution: Reflections on Alejo Carpentier's "The Kingdom of the World"'

2:30-3:20 **Valerie Kaussen** (University of Missouri) 'Ghosts of Universal History'

### Coffee

4:00-4:50 **Peter Hallward** (Middlesex University) 'Self-Emancipation and the Politics of Violence in Haiti'

5:00-5:30 Discussion and concluding remarks

