

Is a History of the Cultural Revolution Possible?

University of Washington, February 23-26, 2006

THURSDAY, February 23

Kane Hall, Room 110

7 pm

Lecture by **Alain Badiou** (Philosophy, École Normale Supérieure, Paris)

“Politics, Democracy and Philosophy: An Obscure Knot”

FRIDAY, February 24

Simpson Center for the Humanities, Communications Building 206

9-10:30 am

1st session: “populism, politics and history”

Lin Chun, “Democracy & Cultural Revolution Populism”

Mobo Gao, “Memory, Identity and Construction of the Cultural Revolution History”

Wang Hui, respondent

11 am-12:30 pm

2nd session: “case studies and historical sequences”

Wang Shaoguang, “The Wuhan Incident Revisited”

Yiching Wu, “In the Name of Proletarian Power—Shanghai’s ‘January Revolution’ Revisited”

Alessandro Russo, respondent

1:30-3 pm

3rd session: roundtable on *positions*’ special issue: “alain badiou & cultural revolution” to be led by **Alain Badiou**

3:30-5 pm

4th session: “history with Badiou”

Fabio Lanza, “The Category of Students in the Cultural Revolution”

Sis Matthé, “Historical by Nature, Alain Badiou and History”

Rebecca Karl, respondent

SATURDAY, February 25

Simpson Center for the Humanities, Communications Building 206

9-10:30 am

5th session: “the question of ‘the end’”

Han Shaogong, “Why Did the Cultural Revolution End?”

David Davies, “Must the Story Always End in Reform?: The Differential Lessons of ‘Successful’ Zhiqing and Rebels”

Yomi Braester, respondent

11 am-12:30 pm

6th session: “social movements and neoliberalization”

Ann Anagnost, chair and moderator

Dale Wen, “Voice of the People, Voice of Dissent”

2-3:30 pm

7th session: “contemporary politics”

Wang Hui, “Systemic Change and the Fate of Chinese Working Class History”

Alex Day, “History, Politics & the Cultural Revolution in Contemporary Discussion of the Peasant”

Chris Connery, respondent

4-5:30 pm

8th session: “Badiou on the workshop” to be led by **Alain Badiou**

SUNDAY, February 26

Simpson Center for the Humanities, Communications Building 206

RETHINKING XXth CENTURY CHINESE HISTORY

9-10:30 am

Marc Menguy, chair

Lin Chun, “Democracy and Cultural Revolution Populism”

Chris Connery, “Sixties Rebellion and the Historiography of the 20th Century”

Mobo Gao, “Are Alternative Models of Development Possible?”

11 am-12:30 pm

Nancy Jervis, chair

Alessandro Russo, “Radical Negation and Self-denial. The Worldwide Character of the 1976 Chinese Thermidor”

Tani Barlow, “20th Century History and the Event of Women”

Wang Hui, “Rethinking Lu Xun and Culture”

Rebecca Karl, “Culture, Revolution and the Times of History”

1:30-3 pm

Madeleine Dong, chair

Donald Lowe, “Historiography and the Event”

Claudia Pozzana, “New Culture vs Culture: Subjective Inventions and Their Darkening in 20th Century China”

Shu-mei Shih, “The End of Revolution and the Status of the Human”

Wang Shaoguang, “The Cultural Revolution: Whose Stories Have Been Told?”

3:30-5 pm

Donald Lowe, chair

David Davies, “Zhiqing History”

Alex Day, “History and the Peasant”

Fabio Lanza, “Students and History”