

**Spe-1: “Oath on the commodity: Freedom, Equality and Bentham  
– Right and legal theory in the light of the critique of political  
economy” [in English]**

**Sunday 16 October, 11.00–12.45, Hedén**

**– – This session has been changed at a late stage; two presentations (30 minutes each),  
and slight revisions of titles and descriptions. – –**

Marxist theorists have been challenged to establish the link between the critique of political economy and a theory of law as well as a theory of the state, since the mature Marx did not provide a systematic theory of law or of the bourgeois state. The presenters intend to shed light on central aspects of this missing link referring to the later attempts of Walter Benjamin and Louis Althusser at a radical theory of legal form and a Marxist informed criticism of the formal structure of modern law.

***Nikos Tzanakis-Papadakis: “Violence and legal form: Walter Benjamin's critique  
of law and its affinities to the critique of political economy”***

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The theologico-political foundation of Carl Schmitt's theory of exception will be examined in the light of the early as well as the Marxist informed criticism of W. Benjamin, who attempted to conceptualize the juridical form in relation to the class struggle.

***Dimitra Alifieraki: Legal Form, Legal Ideology and "Socialist Law": Louis  
Althusser's contribution to the Marxist Theory of Law***

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The Althusserian concept of the Ideological State Apparatuses (ISA), albeit the fact that they do not strictly belong to the relations of production, will be interrogated on its fruitfulness to account for the juridical order as a mediating instance between the legal subject and the ideological interpellation.