

States of Exception

and the Politics of Anger



- 9:15-9:40

Conference Opening

Welcome Remarks

Valur Ingimundarson (University of Iceland)

Opening Address

Jón Atli Benediktsson (Rector of the University of Iceland)
- 9:45-11:45

Panel 1: Rethinking “Exceptions”: Theoretical Approaches

Chair: Sofia Oliveira Pais (Catholic University of Portugal)

Hans Köchler (University of Innsbruck)

Carl Schmitt’s “State of Exception” and the Logic of Power Politics

Alexandra S. Moore (Binghamton University (SUNY))

Exception as Alibi: Redactions and the Rhetoric of Emergency in the War on Terror

Rafael Valim (Catholic University of São Paulo)

State of Exception: The Legal Form of Neoliberalism

Helge Petersen (University of Glasgow)

The Historical Specificity of State Racism: An Immanent Critique of Foucault and Agamben

Discussion

12:00-13:00

Lunch Break

13:15-15:15

Panel 2: Political Disruptions: Populism, Democracy, and Neo-Nationalism

Chair: Claudia Aradau (King’s College, London)

Nadia Urbinati (Columbia University, New York)

The Populism Riddle

James K. Galbraith (University of Texas at Austin)

We Have Met the Enemy and He Is Us: Emergency Politics in America Under Trump

Valur Ingimundarson (University of Iceland)

The Upsurge of the Radical Right: Fascist Equivalents and Departures

Jón Ólafsson (University of Iceland)

Populism and Public Engagement: An Outline of a Critical Conception

Guðmundur Hálfðanarson (University of Iceland)

Is There Something New in “Neo-Nationalism”?

Discussion

15:15-15:30

Coffee Break

15:30-17:30

Panel 3: Financial Crises and Emergency Powers

Chair: James K. Galbraith (University of Texas at Austin)

Sofia Oliveira Pais (Catholic University of Portugal)

The Economic State of Exception during the Euro Crisis: Implications for the Rule of Law

Gylfi Zoega (University of Iceland)

From Alan Greenspan to Carl Schmitt

Mo Torres (Harvard University)

The “Emergency Management” of Economic Decline in the Post-Industrial United States

Stefán Ólafsson (University of Iceland)

Welfare Consequences of the Great Recession in Europe

Discussion

- 9:15–11:15 **Panel 4: The “Exceptional” State and Violent Practices: Historical and Contemporary Cases**
Chair: Sveinn Jóhannesson (Institute of Historical Research, University of London)
David Gaunt (Södertörn University, Stockholm)
Not Just “Another Genocide”: The Historiographic Importance of Ottoman Empire Mass Murder
Bohdana Kurylo (University College London)
Civil Society and Emergency Politics in Ukraine: Redefining the Power of the Audience
Hafðís Erla Hafsteinsdóttir (Independent Scholar)
Deviant Female Sexuality and the Politics of Panic in Iceland during the Second World War
Andrej Kotljarchuk (Södertörn University, Stockholm)
Nordic Citizens in the Soviet Great Terror: The Rescue Operation to Sweden and Issues of Citizenship, Ethnicity, and Political Belonging
Jennifer N. Ross (William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia)
Tactics of Battle, Strategies of State: Counterterrorism and the Hurricane Katrina Exception
Discussion
- 11:30–12:15 **Lunch Break**
- 12:30–12:45 **Lecture: Volatile Politics after the Financial Crisis: New Challenges for Democracy**
Katrín Jakobsdóttir (Prime Minister of Iceland)
- 12:50–14:50 **Panel 5: The Politics of Science, Technology, and the Environment**
Chair: Guðmundur Hálfðanarson (University of Iceland)
Claudia Aradau (King’s College, London)
Algorithmic Decision, Negative Ostentation, and the Politics of Technology
Sveinn Jóhannesson (Institute of Historical Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London)
Technology and Dictatorship in American Politics, 1925–1948
Ann-Sofie Gremaud (University of Iceland)
Natural Resources: Emotions and Resistance in Nordic Contemporary Art
Peter Hitchcock (City University of New York)
On the Biometrics of Change: Class, Measure, Security
Discussion
- 14:50–15:05 **Coffee Break**
- 15:05–16:05 **Panel Discussion: From the Financial Crisis to the Populist Surge: Emergency Politics and the Liberal (Dis-) Order**
Participants: **Nadia Urbinati** (Columbia University)
James K. Galbraith (University of Texas at Austin)
Claudia Aradau (King’s College, London)
Hans Köchler (University of Innsbruck)
Moderator: **Valur Ingimundarson** (University of Iceland)

