States of Exception and the Politics of Anger
Friday 19 October 2018  
Conference Hall, National Museum of Iceland

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

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 Hálfdanarson** (University of Iceland)
  - Is There Something New in “Neo-Nationalism”?  

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
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

Hafdis Erla Hafsteinsdottir (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

Lunch Break

Panel 5: The Politics of Science, Technology, and the Environment

Chair: Guðmundur Hálfdanarson (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

Coffee Break

Panel Discussion: From the Financial Crisis to the Populist Surge: Emergency Politics and the Liberal (Dis-) Order

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Moderator: Valur Ingimundarson (University of Iceland)
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