

# PROGRAMME

## MARCH 24, FRIDAY

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast (Community Gallery) / Registration (Centre Gallery)
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Introductions & Welcome
<b>9:00 am - 10:15 am</b>	<b>Keynote #1</b> (Lecture Theatre) <b>Glen Coulthard, "Fanonian Antinomies"</b>
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Coffee (All locations)

### GROUP 1 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

<b>Panel 1: The Struggle for Indigenous Recognition &amp; Reparations</b> (Lecture Theatre)		Panel Chair: Diana Samu-Visser
Sâkhitowin Awâsis	Western University / At^lohsa	Re-visioning Relations
María Cristina Manzano-Munguía	Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla	Indigenous 'Reconciliation': Overcoming Exclusion in Canada
Pauline Wakeham	Western University	Settler Colonialism and the Time of Reparations
Ahlem Tabib	Western University	Reincarnating the Indigenous through Story Work Methodology
<b>Panel 2: Cyberpolitics</b> (Community Gallery)		Panel Chair: Grant Campbell
Julian Von Bargaen	York University	G'IMMI Shelter: Pirates, Privacy, and the Public's Right to Know
Josh Cole	Queen's University	Gramscian Lessons on 'Fake News'
Will Jaques	York University	The Internets is SRS BZNS: Politicization, Monetization and Control in the Cybersphere
<b>Panel 3: Reports from the Frontlines of Student Resistance</b> (Centre Gallery)		Panel Chair: James Compton
Debayudh Chatterjee	University of Delhi	The Death of a Dalit and the Birth of an Idiom: The Aftermath of Rohit Vemula and Left Wing Politics in India
Allyson Larkin	King's University College	Organizing Higher Education Against Inequality: Transnational Activism and International Experiential Learning at Canadian Universities
Kgothatso Mokgele	University of Johannesburg	#FeesMustFall Movement
<b>Panel 4: Bondage, Oppression &amp; Intersectional Emancipation Struggles</b> (Board Room)		Panel Chair: Carole Farber
Adam Kingsmith	York University	Becoming-Adam: A Performance of Masculinity as Androgyniety
Shahad Rashid	Western University	Separating Stereotypes from Muslim Women's Experiences of Abuse
Denise Burgher	University of Delaware	Bringing Nineteenth Century Black Organizing to Digital Life
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch (Community Gallery)	
<b>1:30 pm - 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Keynote #2</b> (Lecture Theatre) <b>Debt Collective &amp; Concerned Student 1950</b>	
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Coffee Break	

**GROUP 2 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

<b>Panel 5: Dialogue Session with Ani Hao, Founder of Agora Juntas in Rio de Janeiro (Board Room)</b>		Panel Chair: Ani Hao
Ani Hao	Agora Juntas	<b>Power, Space, Agency: Looking at Agora Juntas, a feminist collaborative network-space in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</b>
		This dialogue session is based on a group called Agora Juntas in Rio de Janeiro, which Ani Hao cofounded, a network of feminist civil society that includes feminist groups, organizations, initiatives, entrepreneurs, and students that is building a collaborative feminist hub. We represent more than 20 feminist and social justice collectives and movements, and have mapped the needs of more than 150 members in Rio de Janeiro. Agora Juntas promotes cross movement building, feminist solidarity, collaborative exchange and social innovation. The session will explain how to create a collaborative feminist network and space using tools from the collaborative economy and the feminist solidarity economy, as well as how this type of initiative can strengthen and innovate women's rights movements around the world, particularly in the Global South.
<b>Panel 6: Ecopolitics (Centre Gallery)</b>		Panel Chair: John Reed
Tammara Soma	University of Toronto	<b>Gifting, Ridding and the everyday Mundane: The Influence of Class in the Generation of Household Food Waste in Indonesia</b>
Becky Ellis	Western University	<b>Permaculture for the People</b>
Tony Weis	Western University	<b>Meatification and Inequality</b>
<b>Panel 7: Cultures / Conditions of Psychic &amp; Bodily Care (Community Gallery)</b>		Panel Chair: Rupreet Sikand-Mouton
Hilary Jackett	McMaster University	<b>Ashley Smith and the CSC's Treatment of Mad Women</b>
Chantell Morais	McMaster University	
Anne Dyer-Witheyford	University of Waterloo	<b>Neospirituality in the Workplace</b>
Mercedes Umaña and Roberta Timothy	Continuing Healing Consultants / University of Toronto	<b>Anti-oppression psychotherapy: How to start a revolution?</b>
<b>Panel 8: Organizing Precarious Labour I (Lecture Theatre)</b>		Panel Chair: Sandra Smeltzer
Cheolki Yoon	Université du Québec à Montréal	<b>Organizing Precarious Workers, Challenges and Strategies: Experiences in Montreal</b>
Elena Marchevska	London South Bank University	<b>Performing Inequality: Performative Self-Organised Protest and the Politics of 'Precariousness'</b>
Enda Brophy	Simon Fraser University	<b>From Refusal to Appropriation: Unmaking the Global Call Centre Workforce</b>
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner on your own	
<b>7:30 pm - 8:45 pm</b>	<b>Keynote #3 (Community Gallery)</b> <b>Dr. Vandana Shiva: "Earth Democracy: Organising Equality in Diversity"</b>	
9:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Reception (Centre Gallery)	

# MARCH 25, SATURDAY

7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast (Community Gallery)

## GROUP 3 8:30 am -10:00 am

Panel 9: Enacting Social Inclusion Through Health and the Family (Lecture Theatre)		Panel Chair: Nadine Wathen
Helene Berman	Western University	Health Equity and Social Inclusion
Eugenia Canas	Western University	The Work of Youth Engagement: Including Diverse Forms of Knowledge in Mental Health System Reform
Cheryl Forchuk	Western University	Family Matters in London, Ontario: Understanding and Addressing Family Homelessness
Katy Fulfer	University of Waterloo	Family Matters: An Arendtian Critique
Rita Gardiner	Western University	

Panel 10: Video Games & the Politics of Inequality (Board Room)		Panel Chair: Luke Arnott
Chandell Gosse	Western University	Social Media: Tool for Gender Equity or Crowdsourcing Harassment?: How Women Video Game Workers Perceive Social Media
Victoria O'Meara	Western University	
Marie-Josée Legault	Téluq-Université du Québec	Inequality Through Workplace Citizenship Deficits: A Case of Videogame Developers
Johanna Westar	Western University	
Trent Cruz	Western University	Why Are Videogame Actors on Strike? The Demands of Interactive Performance Work

Panel 11: Student Struggles for Equality and Solidarity at Western University (Community Gallery)		Panel Chair: Datejje Green
Sarah Ghassan Ahmed Barzak, Marie Kamukuny, Rowa Mozamal Mohamed, Serwaah Phebih, Shahad Rashid, Mohamed Soufan, Shervin Yousef-Zadeh	Organizing Equality Student Coalition (OESC) - Western University	OESC Ground Zero – Western University 2016-2017 has been a year of heightened tensions. Whether between racialized groups and the state, or between self-proclaimed free speech advocates and marginalized persons fighting for acknowledgement of their identity, students have brought these tensions to a forefront at Western University. The OESC led programming throughout the year to unpack these tensions, fostering courageous discussions between polarized viewpoints and building the capacity of young organizers throughout the process.
Haya Alsakka and Mohamed Soufan	King's University College	Existence is Resistance: The Silencing of Palestinian Activism Palestinian activism has been at the forefront in on-campus resistance movements. On 20 March 2017, King's University College at Western had such a victory. This monumental moment has set an undoubtedly historic precedent declaring that we, as student activists, will not be silent. Join us to learn and understand the institutional barriers we've faced at Western as a part of their world renowned 'student experience'.

10:00 am - 10:15 am Coffee Break (All Locations)

**10:15 am - 11:30 am** **Keynote #4** (Lecture Theatre)  
**Kate Pickett: "The Enemy Between Us: How Inequality Damages Us All"**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch and Activist Strategy Session (Community Gallery)

## GROUP 4 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Panel 12: Mapping Migration Struggles (Centre Gallery)		Panel Chair: Amanda Grzyb
Kathryn Dennler	York University	(Un)Coordinated Solidarity? Analyzing Volunteer Responses to Refugee Arrivals to Lesbos, Greece
Takudzwanashe Mundenga	Midlands State University, Zimbabwe	Political Subjectivity in Liminal Spaces: Ethnic Somali Activist Contributions to Peace, Security, and Development in Kenya
Jenny Poon	Western University	International Refugee Law: Equality of Status for Asylum Claimants

Panel 13: Why Don't the Poor Rise Up? (Lecture Theatre)		Panel Chair: Michael Truscello
Michael Truscello	Mount Royal University	Obstacles to Mass Insurrection: Even Capitalist Media Can't Believe We Still Accept This Shit
Ellie Adekur-Carlson	Human Rights Activist	Obstacles For Racialized and Poor People in Bureaucratic Institutions Such as Universities
Jordy Cummings	York University	Behind Right Wing Populism, a Failed Revolution

Panel 14: Understanding and Re-Reappropriating Communications Technology in Social Movements (Board Room)		
C4 Workshop	York University	<p><b>Understanding and Re-Reappropriating Communications Technology in Social Movements</b></p> <p>This workshop seeks to outline emerging tactics of 'hunting' practiced by states—and we draw specifically from the toolkit of the Toronto Police Service, including highly invasive cellphone tracking, and our own experiences from the York University strike of 2015, which includes infiltration into private social media groups where key strategies were being discussed—as a means of managing and undermining social movements practicing their right to contentious politics. In response, the workshop discusses and demonstrates strategies for defensive digital protections and privacy from surveillance, including online anonymity, secure and encrypted communication, and non-traceable technologies. Participants will also demonstrate some potential offensive techno-strategies, which facilitate an ability to hunt the hunter. The goal is to stimulate discussion concerning evasive strategies within the larger activist community in attendance at the conference—to this end, participants in this workshop will learn a variety of practical skills.</p>

Panel 15: Equality & Policy Making (Community Gallery)		Panel Chair: Alison Hearn
Jacquelyn Burkell	Western University	The eQuality Project: Bringing the Voices of Equality-Seeking Groups to the Policy Table
Jane Bailey	University of Ottawa	
Tammy Findlay	Mount Saint Vincent University	Organizing Equality through Community-Based Intersectionality: The Changing Public Services Project
Hadrian Mertins-Kirkwood	Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives	Just Transition: Transforming Canada for an Inclusive, Sustainable Future
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Coffee Break (All Locations)	
<b>2:15 pm - 3:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Keynote #5 (Lecture Theatre)</b>  <b>Querying Labour: A Keynote Panel</b>            Featuring: Greig de Peuter (Wilfrid Laurier), Nora Loreto (Canadian Association of Labour Media) and Todd Wolfson (Rutgers)</p>	
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Coffee (All Locations)	

**GROUP 5 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm**

Panel 16: Sharing tactics of rebellion, weaving strategies of refusal within, against and beyond the neoliberal, neocolonial university: An online/offline interactive workshop (Board Room)		
Facilitators: Members of the Undercommoning Core Collective		Members of the Undercommoning Core-Collective will facilitate a structured discussion of tactics and strategies to help us find common cause. Participants will be offered a framework to share and reflect on the methods of struggle they have employed in the past, and hopefully find new ways to collaborate. All participants are required to help us build a warm, convivial and critical atmosphere of solidarity.

Panel 17: Defining and Building Solidarity (Centre Gallery)		Panel Chair: Tom Peace
Anne Young	Western University	Narrating Equality: Why Solidarity is so Elusive
David Heap	Western University	Local and International Solidarity: When in Doubt, Do Both
Steve D'Arcy	Huron University College	Practical Reason and the Principle of Solidarity

Panel 18: Feminist Cyberstruggles (Lecture Theatre)		Panel Chair: Andie Shabbar
Sandra Jeppesen	Lakehead University (Orillia campus)	Activist Media and Social Change: The Promise and Limitations of Anti-Authoritarian, Feminist Media in Social Movements
Andie Shabbar	Western University	Queer Glitches: Jamming the Surveillance Cis-tem
Kamilla Petrick	Lakehead University (Orillia campus)	
Jenny Rankine	University of Auckland	Developing Online Interventions Against Everyday Oppressions
Panel 19: Developments in Global Labour Struggles I (Community Gallery)		Panel Chair: Trent Cruz
Patti Dalton	London & District Labour Council	Reporting on the Fight for 15 & Fairness Campaign
Gayatri Nair	Symbiosis School of Liberal Art	Splintered Labour: In Defense of Trade Unions
Elena Lopez	University of Victoria	Global Union Federations and Migrant Workers: the Malaysian Context
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner On Your Own (We recommend dining as a group at Massey's Fine Indian Cuisine)	
7:00 pm - 8:15 pm	<b>Keynote #6</b> (Lecture Theatre) <b>Panagiotis Sotiris: "How do We Create a People? Rethinking Resistance, Solidarity and Transformation in the European South"</b>	
8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Imagining Equality: A Night of Spoken Word Poetry (Centre Gallery) Hosted by London Poetry Slam's Holly Painter, featuring David James Hudson, Lisa Baird, and more!	

# Imagining

# EQUALITY

An Evening of Spoken Word Poetry

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 | 8:00 pm

Museum London Poetry starts at 8:30 pm

*Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of poetry, solidarity, and drinks as part of Organizing Equality at Museum London!*

Are you a poetry aficionado? Join us for **Imagining Equality**, an evening of spoken word poetry and social justice at **Organizing Equality**, featuring **David James Hudson and Lisa Baird** & hosted by **London Poetry Slam's Holly Painter**.

Over the course of the evening, we will reimagine equality through the lens of our dynamic lineup of spoken word poets, including **Ifrac Hussein, Patrick de Belen, and Inali Barger**.

David James Hudson and Lisa Baird are a spoken word duo from Attawandaron / Attawandaronk / Neutral territory (Guelph, Ontario) whose work finds poetry in mourning, testimony, celebration, and deep care against backdrops of systemic violence, collapsing the thin walls between the personal and the political, between physical bodies and fleeting words, between laughter, anger, and grief. Through collaborative and individual performance pieces that combine evocative storytelling with frenetic rhythms and rich imagery, they explore intersecting facets of dispossession, resistance, survival, and hope in contexts ranging from settler colonialism and wars of empire; to white supremacy and police violence; to patriarchy and rape culture; to capitalist assaults on the land, on labour, on education, on human dignity and community, on the writing of history and the reclamation of memory. They bring a combined 30 years of spoken word experience, having performed from coast to coast at poetry slams, basement shows, national and international festivals, demos, kitchens, conferences, and classrooms.



# MARCH 26, SUNDAY

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Breakfast (Community Gallery)

## GROUP 6 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Panel 20: Music: Transformative or Reproductive (Board Room)

Panel Chair: Cathy Benedict

Alison Butler, Cathy Benedict, Gabriela Ocadiz Velazquez

Western University

The arts are often viewed as possible sites of social change and resistance. They are celebrated as spaces of creativity, diversity and transformation. Music, as one such site, is often thought of as a space of creativity, diversity and transformation. However, the “feel good” notion that music crosses all boundaries as a universal language does little to uncover larger systemic issues. This panel will suggest that social change, resistance and challenging the status quo must begin at the very earliest stages. From the perspective of three educators from three different countries, each will discuss the ways in which music education reproduces assumptions, misconceptions and generalizations about race, socioeconomic status and gender within society.

Panel 21: Cinema As Activist Weapon (Centre Gallery)

Ezra Winton

Concordia University

Curating as Activism: A Decade of Lessons from Cinema Politica

Min Sook Lee

OCAD University

Activist Filmmaking

Panel 22: Tackling Gender, Sexuality & Violence in Social Justice Struggles (Lecture Theatre)

Panel Chair: Susan Knabe

Kascindra Shewan

McMaster University

(Un)Friendly Discourse: The Limitations Consent-Based Sexual Violence Prevention Strategies

Sukhbir Thind

Western University

Prostitution as Sex Work: A Critique of Canada's Current Prostitution Laws

Emma McKenna

McMaster University

Fire in the Archive: Feminist Organizing Against Violent Pornography in 1980s KINESIS

10:00 am - 10:15 am

Coffee (All Locations)

10:15 am - 11:30 am

**Keynote #7** (Community Gallery)  
**Black Lives Matter Toronto**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Lunch

## GROUP 7 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Panel 23: Struggles in Health Policy (Board Room)

Claudia Chaufan

York University

Follow the Money: the Nonprofit-State-Corporate Complex, the Global Diabetes Epidemic, and What to do About it

Important insights have been gained from the study of how corporate social actors involved in global health initiatives contribute to the reproduction of social and health inequalities through normalizing discourses and practices that legitimize establishment views and existing relations of power. Less attention has been paid to non-profit organizations (NPOs), even if all too often NPOs provide a similar function of social control and ideological mystification as do corporate influences in social and health policy making. Using the global diabetes epidemic as a case study, participants in the seminar will be exposed to the role of NPOs, as part of the “nonprofit-state-corporate complex”, in reproducing a depoliticizing, dominant narrative about health whereby radical social change of the sort required to achieve health equity appears impossible, when not unimaginable. The seminar invites participants to (re)imagine utopias leading both to greater health equity and social justice more generally.

Panel 24: Art, Performance & Social Justice (Centre Gallery)		Panel Chair: Joel Burton
Jim Walsh	University of Colorado, Denver	Denver's Romero Theater Troupe: Organic Theater, a 21st Century Organizing Strategy
Max Haiven	Lakehead University	Debt's White Cube
Cassie Thornton	Feminist Economics Department	
Saku Bee	Beehive Design Collective	Cross-Pollinating the Art Grassroots with Visual Art and Metaphor
Panel 25: Organizing Equality in the Managed University: A Roundtable Discussion (Community Gallery)		Panel Chair: James Compton
Len Findlay	University of Saskatchewan	
James Compton	Western University, President of Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT)	
Alison Hearn	Western University	
Hildah Otieno	Canadian Federation of Students Ontario (CFS)	
Jaime Brenes Reyes	Western, President of Public Service Alliance of Canada 610	
Mike Roy	Western University	
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Coffee Break (All Locations)	

### GROUP 8 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Panel 26: In Dialogue: Indigenous Women's Organizing - Leading the Reclamation Movements (Centre Gallery)		
Terri Monture	Canadian Media Guild and @RedIndianGirl	Our dialogue will look at Indigenous women's organic work as organizers for the protection of land, water, environment, communities and bodies. Beginning with the stories of Haudenosaunee women's leadership in Six Nations' land reclamation, we will address how Indigenous women have started and lead the justice movement for Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, the Idle No More movement to honour treaties and stop corporate extraction, and today's massive opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline. When women act, many others step up. We will explore the future of Indigenous women-led movements and consider their example and influence on grassroots organizing elsewhere. #IdleNoMore #NoDAPL #MMIW
Theresa McCarthy	Transnational Studies, University of Buffalo	
Panel 27: Seizing Radical Potentialities, Reimagining Social Struggle (Board Room)		Panel Chair: Svitlana Matviyenko
Jack Bratich	Rutgers	Turbulent Recompositions: How Recent Uprisings are Re-Inventing Vocabularies of Struggle
George Crowell	University of Windsor	Roots of Inequality in Private Banking, and Organizing Equality Through Public Banking
Lynx Sainte-Marie	Multimediam Artist, Activist and Educator	Further Beyond the Pavement: Disability, Healing Justice and Cultures of Care in Black, Indigenous, People of Colour Activist Communities



<b>Panel 28: Community organization as a tool for resisting extractivism in Central America</b> (Community Gallery)			Panel Chair: Alfredo Marroquin
Bernardo Belloso	President of CRIPDES, the Association for the Development of El Salvador	Since the 1990s, governments in Central America have encouraged a model of economic development based on the exploitation of raw materials (extractivism), which has become the main source of investment in the region. Most mining projects face opposition from affected communities organized through social movements, civil society and other institutions that question the anti-democratic way in which licenses are awarded, the absence of prior and informed consultation and the impacts of these projects on people's health, social stability and the environment. Widespread opposition to these projects have unleashed waves of violent repression by security forces in complicity with multinational companies, and this has forced affected populations to re-think their organization strategies to defend their territories.	
Yanira Cortez Estevez	Central American Water Tribunal (El Salvador)		
Aleisar Arana Morales	President of the Xinca Parliament (Guatemala)		
Javier Mejía Castro	Centro Alexander von Humboldt (Nicaragua)		
<b>Panel 29: Theorizing Media Technologies &amp; Social Movements</b> (Lecture Theatre)			Panel Chair: James Compton
Kamilla Petrick	Lakehead, Orillia	Raising Collective Consciousness Theories and Technologies	
Jeffrey Blevins	University of Cincinnati	Social Media and Social Justice	
Kiran Prasad	Sri Padmavati Mahila University, India	Rising from Survival to Social Justice: Converging Media and Social Movements in India	
Brett Caraway	University of Toronto	Connective Action in Frame Alignment Processes	
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Coffee (All locations)		
<b>GROUP 9 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm</b>			
<b>Panel 30: Building Global Alliances</b> (Board Room)			
Kanatase Horn	Carleton University	Impact Benefit Agreements, Neoliberalism and Bridging the Local-Global Divide: Pathways Towards International Indigenous Alliances Through Ethical Decision-Making at the Local Level	
Adam Lewis	York University	Autonomy on stolen land?: Anarchism, Indigenous Resurgence and Decolonization	
Luis-Alfredo Garcia	University of Victoria	The Global Matrix of an Institutionalized Colonialism from Turtle Island to Abya Yala: Neoliberalism, Trans(Nation)al Responsibilities and Decolonization	
Molly Todd	Montana State University	U.S. - El Salvador Sister Cities: Thirty Years of Solidarity against Empire	
<b>Panel 31: Militarization, War &amp; Social Inequality</b> (Lecture Theatre)			Panel Chair: Nick Dyer-Witheford
Yaroslava Avila	University of Toronto	The Role of Ideology in the Application of Chile's Antiterror Legislation	
Nick Dyer-Witheford Svitlana Matviyenko	Western University	The Fog of Cyber-War	
Jozef Konyari	Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)	Exposing the Militarized and Neo-Liberal Logic of Cooperative Education Programs in Ontario	
<b>Panel 32: Educating for Equality</b> (Centre Gallery)			Panel Chair: Heather Crowe
Abhilasha Duggal	Western University	Equity Policy – Teachers' and Principals' Perspectives in Ontario	
Jason D. Brown	Western University	Just Go and Help: Including Classmates with Learning Difficulties	
Elizabeth A. Nowicki	Western University		
Xi Wu	Western University	Struggles of High School Chinese International Students' in Transnational Migration Schooling	
5:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Coffee Break		
<b>5:45 pm – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Concluding Plenary Panel: Rapporteurs on Organizing Equality</b> (Lecture Theatre)		