

# People, Planet, and Profit

A Workshop organized by The BC Society for Marginal Theory

Human forms of organization – both administrative and economic – have far-reaching effects upon the environments in which they are instituted. Modern issues such as global warming and poverty reveal the interdependent web of relationships that exists between ourselves, our government, our economy, and our world, and the disastrous consequences that not considering such relationships can have.

Albert Einstein once wrote that “The significant problems that we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when they were first created.” In what way do modern economic forces shape and transform human society or its surroundings? What are some of the ways marginalized economic, social, or political theories can respond to modern problems? How can contemporary theoretical frameworks (i.e. feminist philosophy, race theory, post-colonial theory) provide innovative assessments of current issues? What solutions, if any, do they offer? How have different perspectives on man’s relationship to the environment affected economic, social, and political circumstances here and abroad throughout history? How do ethical concerns play out in criticisms of dominant modes of organization?

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Continental Breakfast: 9:30AM

**Eric Severson**

Graduate Student in Theology at Boston University  
“Refuge and Economy”  
10AM

**C.O. Oduke**

Assistant Professor of Philosophy at BC  
“Cosmopolis – Taking the Long-Term View”  
11AM

Lunch: 12PM

**Prasannan Parthasarathi**

Associate Professor of History at BC  
“Putting Economics in its Place: Why Less Economics is Better for us Humans”  
1PM

**Stephen Pfohl**

Professor of Sociology at BC  
“The Planetary Perils of Cybernetic Capitalism: Power, Profit, Resistance, and Change.”  
2PM

Coffee Break: 3PM

**Davarian Baldwin**

Associate Professor of History and African and African Diaspora Studies at BC  
“UniverCities: ‘Higher Education’ as a Site of Struggle in the Neoliberal Metropolis”  
3:30PM

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