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At the end of the 20th century, most social scientists and political analysts believed that the political conflicts in the post-colonial and post-socialist world would revolve around social democratic and neoliberal agendas, i.e. more or less redistribution, more or less state intervention in the economy, etc. However, the first decades of the 21st century have revealed new lines of conflict that challenge the existing prognoses of advanced political modernity. On the one hand, the advance of financial capitalism and the transformation of forms of surplus production (uberisation, deregulation of labour relations, outsourcing strategies, etc.) have weakened the redistributive and intervention power of national states at a time when multiple crises (such as the health crisis during the pandemic years, the climate emergency, etc.) require more state steering capacity and intervention, which has been developing rapidly since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of the economy, though not in terms of social policies, which remain focused on social investment and poverty. On the other hand, ethnic, cultural and religious conflicts instrumentalised by illiberal forces and increasingly segmented political public spaces seem to be undermining the social and political foundations of democratic coexistence in increasingly diverse and unequal societies, while labour markers, forms of sociability and individualisation have developed rapidly. War has also made a spectacular comeback in the context of changing geopolitical relations.

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4 July 2024

Pandemic and Social Change in Modernity: 9:00-10:45

Sylvia Walby, Royal Holloway University of London
Wolfgang Knöbl, Hamburg Institute for Social Research

Global Powers and Civilization: 11:00-12:45

Thomas Palley, Economics for Democratic and Open Societies
Ho-fung Hung, John Hopkins University

Overhaul or Mere Adaption of Modernity: 14:45-16:30

Paolo Gerbaudo, Complutense University Madrid
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Capitalism and Subjectivity: 16:45-18:30

Premila Nadasen, Barnard College
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Social Policy across the world: 9:00-10:45

Liz Fouksman, King's College London
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Comparisons about democracy and the state: 11:45-12:45

Sérgio Costa, Freie Universität Berlin
Lars Döpking, German Historical Institute in Rome

The Climate Emergency: 14:45-16:30

Amy Dahan, CNRS
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Post-pandemic democracy: 16:45-18:30

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