

IN TIMES OF NEED?

A conference reflecting on the politics, epistemologies, genealogies, and practices of 'need.'

Friday, March 13th, 2009

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Organized by Amiel Melnick, Shana Lessing, Adam Walker & Yoni Reinberg

City University of New York Graduate Center

Sponsored by the Anthropology Department of the Graduate Center, CUNY

¶ 10:00 – 10:30

COFFEE & INTRODUCTION

10:30 – 12:00 ¶

THE POLITICS AND ECONOMIES OF NEED

Moderator: Harmony Goldberg, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Priya Lal, History, New York University: *Rural Development, Security, and Welfare in Postcolonial Tanzania*

Leah Rosa Weinberg, Architecture, Yale University: *From Block to Box: How Perceived Needs Changed Architecture of Public Housing*

Kacper Podlocki, Central European University: *Redefining Cultural Need: Displacing Working-Class Neighborhoods and their Cultures*

12:00 – 1:00

LUNCH BREAK

¶ 1:00 – 2:30

ENCOUNTERING NEEDS: BODIES & SELVES*

Moderator: Risa Cromer, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Andrea Mueller, Sociology, Rutgers University: *Service Narratives and Care Boundary Maintenance*

Amiel Melnick & Shana Lessing, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center: *The hunger project and human potential: hierarchies of need*

2:30 – 4:00 ¶

NEEDING TO NEED: MEANINGS & PRACTICES

Moderator: Nazia Kazi, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Adam Walker, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center: *What Children Need: An Analysis of Family Politics*

Yoni Reinberg, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center: *you don't know what it's like... To Need Somebody*

Avi Brisman, Anthropology, Emory University: *Criminal Recycling and the Need for Garbage and Trash*

¶ 4:15

TALK & RECEPTION COURTESY OF THE ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Paul Silverstein: *Scales of Activism: The Objectification of Culture and Homeland in Berber Morocco*

* We dedicate this panel to Jennifer Lotman, who passed away a few weeks ago. She was to have presented a paper titled: "Theory and Addiction Treatment: Self-interest and National Interest at Stake."