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States of Devotion

Religion, Neoliberalism and the Politics of the Body in the Americas

This conference aims to promote and strengthen interdisciplinary dialogue about the changing role of religious discourses and practices in the transformations wrought by neoliberal globalization upon communities, societies and polities across the Hemisphere.

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10:30 AM **Coffee**

11:00 **Welcome**

Marcial Godoy-Anativia, **Ann Pellegrini** and **Diana Taylor** (New York University)

11:30 **Technologies of Governance**

Winnifred Sullivan (University at Buffalo Law School, SUNY) *Spiritual Governance* and **Bethany Moreton** (University of Georgia) *Fertility, Finance, Family Values*, Discussant/Moderator: **Anthony Petro** (NYU)

1:00 **Lunch**

2:00 **Religion, Difference and Conflict**

Peter Kulchyski (University of Manitoba) *a commie in the sweat lodge: marxist materialism and aboriginal spirituality* and **Roberto Blancarte** (Colegio de México) *Sociopolitical and Religious Violence in the Context of Catholic Hegemony; The Case of Mexico*, Discussant/Moderator: **Diana Taylor** (NYU)

3:30 **Coffee Break**

3:45 **Long Table Discussion**

Sins and Omissions, conceived and created by **Lois Weaver**, with an introductory performance by **Peggy Shaw**

5:00-6:00 **Inaugural Reception**
Violence Towards One is Violence Towards All
Exhibition of photographs by **Moysés Zúñiga Santiago**

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9:30 AM **Coffee**

10:00 **Neoliberal Spiritualities**
Pablo Semán (Colegio de Mexico) *Self-help Literature: New Societies, New Theodicies*, **Elizabeth McAlister** (Wesleyan) *Title TBA*, Discussant/Moderator: **Macarena Gómez-Barris** (University of Southern California)

11:30 **Break**

12:00 **Localizing Public Spheres**
Emerson Giumbelli (Universidade Federal Rio de Janeiro) *Public Culture: Evangelicals and their Presence in Brazilian Society*, **Leda Martins** (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais) *Media, Devotion and Politics in Brazil: The 2010 Presidential Elections* and **Rafael de la Dehesa** (CUNY) *Sexual Rights and Contested Secularisms in Brazil and Mexico*
Discussant/Moderator: **Marcial Godoy-Anativa** (NYU)

1:45 **Lunch**

2:30 **Sex, Bodies and the State**
Kemy Oyarzún (University of Chile) *Bodies Unveiled: Theology and Biopolitics in Contemporary Chile*, **Janet Jakobsen** (Barnard) *Perverse Justice: Why Sex Matters to War and Peace*, and **Ana Amuchástegui** (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana) *Whose Bodies Are These? Women's Sexual and Reproductive Bodies As Political Battlefields in Contemporary Mexico*
Discussant/Moderator: **Ann Pellegrini** (New York University)

4:15-5:30 **Plenary Discussion**

7:00 **Reception and Closing**

8:00 **States of Devotion Cabaret**, (7th Floor Commons, 20 Cooper Square)
featuring: **Reverend Billy**, **Susana Cook** and **Jesusa Rodríguez**.

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