50 YEARS SINCE 68: THE GLOBAL AND THE LOCAL

November 1 & 2, 2018
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
The Department of Africana Studies
Brown University
155 Angell Street
Providence, RI
For registration, program details & visitor travel visit brown.edu/go/50since68
The Symposium is free & open to the public

One of the highlights of a year of critical reflection on the significance of 1968, the symposium 50 Years Since 68: The Global and The Local will feature leading scholars from across the disciplines of Africana studies, postcolonial studies, comparative politics, sociology, philosophy, literature and history. They will explore, in open conversation, the global scale of 1968, the impact of that year, the lessons to be learned from its tactical successes and failures, and the possible pathways that social and political movements might travel in the near future.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:30pm-7:00pm
OPENING RECEPTION
The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs
111 Thayer St., Providence, RI 02912
Edward Steinfeld and Brian Meeks - Welcome
President Christina Paxson - Remarks
*Invite Only*
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30am-9:00am
REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
George Houston Bass Performing Arts Space, Churchill House
155 Angell St., Providence, RI 02912

9:05am-9:35am
OPENING REMARKS - Brian Meeks and Edward Steinfeld

9:45am-11:20am
PANEL 1: BLACK POWER and CIVIL RESISTANCE at HOME and ABROAD
Paget Henry - Moderator
Robyn Spencer - From “Mississippi Goddamn” to “Damn Vietnam”: Recovering Black Radical Anti-imperialism During the Era of Global ’68
Françoise Hamlin - Anne Moody’s Coming of Age in Mississippi: Fifty Years Later
Rupert Lewis - October 16, 1968-From Marcus Garvey to Walter Rodney and Beyond

11:25am-11:40am
BREAK

11:45am-1:00pm
PANEL 2: THE LATIN AMERICAN ’68
Keisha-Khan Perry - Moderator
James Green - (Homo)sexuality and the Brazilian Revolutionary Left in 1968: a View from the South
Elaine Carey - Plaza of Sacrifices: The Complexities of Power and Change in 1968 Mexico

1:00pm-2:30pm
LUNCH

2:40pm-3:40pm
PANEL 3: DISTURBANCE 1968 - a documentary of the 1968 events in Kingston, Jamaica
Matthew J. Smith - Filmmaker
Rupert Lewis - Moderator

3:45pm-5:00pm
GUIDED TOUR - UNFINISHED BUSINESS: THE LONG CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage
357 Benefit Street, Providence, RI
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30am-9:00am
REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
George Houston Bass Performing Arts Space, Churchill House
155 Angell St., Providence, RI 02912

9:00am-9:10am
WELCOME - Brian Meeks

9:15am-10:50am
PANEL 4: ROOTS OF RADICAL SOLIDARITIES
Robert Self - Moderator
David Farber, American Radicals in 1968: Revolutionary Politics and the Problem of Scale and Scope
Corey Robin, The Black Nationalism of Clarence Thomas’s Right Turn
Jeremy Varon, 1068: Liberation, Solidarity, Hope

10:55am-11:10am
BREAK

11:15am-12:50pm
PANEL 5: RISINGS IN THE WEST: RISINGS IN THE EAST
Tricia Rose - Moderator
Matthew Guterl - Commitments: Race and Solidarity, Memory and the Troubles
Edward Steinfeld - “The World is Yours”, Revolution and Redemption in Maoist China
Kostis Kornetis, A Decentered 1968? The Authoritarian European South in the “Long 1960s”

12:55pm-1:40pm
LUNCH

1:45pm-3:00pm
PANEL 6: THINKING ABOUT the THINKING of ‘68
Brian Meeks - Moderator
Lewis Gordon - Thinking Black Political Thinking Since ’68
Ronald R.A. Judy - Power to the People, the Question of Riots and Popular Sovereignty

3:00pm-3:50pm
PLENARY CONVERSATION BEYOND the CONJUNCTURE: YESTERDAY, TODAY
and TOMORROW
Brian Meeks – Moderator