

BREAKING THE GENDER, POWER, AND RULES: POLITICS IN THE FILMS OF LARS VON TRIER

NOVEMBER 7, 2014

9:30am Breakfast

10:00am Welcome by Kevin McLaughlin, Dean of Faculty, Brown University

10:15am - 12:45pm Panel I: Witches, Nymphs, and Mothers

Chair: Suzanne Stewart-Steinberg, Brown University

"Must We Burn Lars von Trier?"

Lori Marso, Union College

"Trolling Politics: Perverse Complicities from *Antichrist* to *Nymphomaniac*"

Rosalind Galt, King's College London

"The Feel of the Agon: Lars von Trier's *Nymph()*maniac"

Lynne Huffer, Emory University

12:45pm - 2:00pm Lunch Break

2:00pm - 3:40pm Panel II: Young Americans

Chair: Lynne Joyrich, Brown University

"LvT 7: Golden Years 3"

Tony Cokes, Brown University

"National Fantasy and Individual Vision in *Dancer in the Dark*"

Victoria Wohl, University of Toronto

3:40pm - 4:00pm Afternoon Break

4:00pm - 6:30pm Panel III: Melancholics, Things, and Idiots

Chair: Richard Rambuss, Brown University

"Comic Rules: Lars von Trier's *The Idiots* and the Politics of *Dogma 95*"

Lars Tønder, University of Melbourne

"The Gravity of *Melancholia*: von Trier, Cuarón, and the Object Oriented Revolution"

Christopher Peterson, University of Western Sydney

"Black Suns and a Bright Planet: Lars von Trier's *Melancholia*"

Thomas Elsaesser, University of Amsterdam (emeritus) and
Columbia University (visiting)

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NOVEMBER 8, 2014

9:00am Breakfast

9:15am - 11:00am Panel IV: Adolescents and Children

Chair: Amanda Anderson, Brown University

“Out Like a Lion: Reading *Melancholia* with Euripides and Winnicott”

Bonnie Honig, Brown University

“I Know What Has to Happen: Lars von Trier’s Tragic Politics”

Miriam Leonard, University College London

11:15am - 1:00pm Panel V: Saints, Mystics, Martyrs

Chair: Susan Bernstein, Brown University

“Sharing in What Death Reveals: *Breaking the Waves* with Bataille and von Trier”

Stephen Bush, Brown University

“Broken by God: Fate and Divine Interference in Lars von Trier’s *Breaking the Waves*”

James Martel, San Francisco State University

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