Thursday, 12.12.2019, 18:00, IG 411 (cheese and wine reception to follow)

**Stephen Morton (Southampton)**

**Allegories of the World System**

This talk presents research from his current book project. Against the histories of dispossession and extraction which have shaped the development of the modern world economy, the book considers how postcolonial art and literature variously draws on the resources of allegory to project a powerful dialectical image of a decolonising world. Extending Fredric Jameson’s claim that all allegories are utopian, the book traces the utopian expression of the global commons in the allegorical form of postcolonial literature and visual culture.

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