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## Theme: Possibility/Promise

*"Pessimism of the intellect, optimism of the will."*  
— Antonio Gramsci

In the midst of the American Civil War, Emily Dickinson declares in a poem that "I dwell in Possibility –". Her line points to the fundamental human need for hope and promise at times of disparity, desperation, and despair. Almost a century later, in *The Principle of Hope*, Ernst Bloch would still describe hope, coterminous with possibility / promise in many regards, as "a place in the world which is as inhabited as the best civilized land and as unexplored as the Antarctic".

In times (and places) of widespread and varied discord, disagreement, and conflict, individuals and groups can slip into cynicism, demoralization, dysfunction, and pessimism. With this symposium's theme, participants are asked to reexamine their inquiries and methods through the lens of possibility or promise - both met and unmet - with respect to motivation, orientation, and conceptualization.

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# 2019 HSSA Symposium

## University of California, Berkeley

Saturday, June 22, 2018





## Schedule of Events

2019 HSSA Symposium held at the International House, 2299 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley, CA

	Room 1: Great Hall	Room 2: Sproul Room	Room 3: Home Room
10:00-10:30	WELCOME AND COFFEE		
	SESSION 1		
	<u>European Discourses</u>	<u>Health and Safety</u>	<u>Geo-Poetic Mappings</u>
	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Astrid Lenvik Department of Education</p> <p>Magdalena Kmak, <a href="mailto:magdalena.kmak@abo.fi">magdalena.kmak@abo.fi</a> (Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of the Law &amp; Society) <i>From legal discourse on refugees to refugees' discourses on law: law and legal scholarship from the perspective of the primacy of movement</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Sébastien Antoine</p> <p>Renee Tosser, <a href="mailto:renee.tosser@univ-reunion.fr">renee.tosser@univ-reunion.fr</a> (Visiting Scholar, IES) <i>A Promise of Peace? The Good Friday/Belfast Agreement, Political Imagery and Bonfires in Northern Ireland</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Panrawee Rungskunroch</p>	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Robert Reimer Department of Philosophy</p> <p>Qingmei Qiao, Wenxiu Hu, and Wei-Ning Wu, <a href="mailto:weiningwu725@gmail.com">weiningwu725@gmail.com</a> (Visiting Scholars, UC Berkeley) <i>Safety and Social Welfare Issues of Workers with Black Lung Disease in China: A Survey of Evidence</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Laila Tingvold</p> <p>Laila Tingvold, <a href="mailto:laila.tingvold@ntnu.no">laila.tingvold@ntnu.no</a> (Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology) <i>Between privileged and oppressed? Organizing multicultural workforces in long-term care</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Wei-Ning Wu</p> <p>Wei-Ning Wu, <a href="mailto:weiningwu725@gmail.com">weiningwu725@gmail.com</a> (Visiting Scholar, Institute of East Asian Studies) <i>Corporate Engagement in Natural Disaster Events: What Business May Contribute -to large-scale floods</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Qingmei Qiao</p>	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Elena Casanova French &amp; Comparative Literature</p> <p>Li-hsin Hsu, <a href="mailto:johsu@berkeley.edu">johsu@berkeley.edu</a> (Visiting Scholar, Institute of East Asian Studies) <i>To Pastures of Oblivion: Dickinson and the Wild West</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Hiroko Shoji</p> <p>Hiroko Shoji, <a href="mailto:rxn03262@nifty.ne.jp">rxn03262@nifty.ne.jp</a> (Visiting Scholar, Japanese Studies) <i>Post-Diasporic Identity and Trans-American Historiography in Michelle Cliff's Free Enterprise</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Yuan Yuan</p> <p>Yuan Yuan, <a href="mailto:buddingyuan@163.com">buddingyuan@163.com</a> (Visiting Scholar, Department of English) <i>Cognitive Mapping of Trans-Pacific Motherhood in Lisa See's Shanghai Girls</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Li-hsin Hsu</p>
10:30-11:45			
11:45-13:00	LUNCH (Please enjoy lunch at one of our neighborhood restaurants.)		
13:00-14:00	<p><b>"A Short History of Possible Histories"</b> <i>Public Lecture by Catherine Gallagher</i> at Great Hall, International House, Berkeley</p> <p>Gallagher's talk will explore how the concept of other possible historical worlds first took hold in the eighteenth century and how it has developed up until our own time. In addition to uncovering the hopes and fears, the expectations and disappointments, of previous generations, "counterfactual" histories continue to help us envision our possible futures by reconsidering the range of past alternatives.</p>		
14:00-14:15	COFFEE BREAK		

	Room 1: Great Hall	Room 2: Sproul Room	Room 3: Home Room
	SESSION 2		
	<u>Economics and Development</u>	<u>Political Possibilities</u>	<u>Media and Translation</u>
	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Jae-Hoon Lee Institute of East Asian Studies</p> <p>Jin-Ho Jang, <a href="mailto:jinhojang@berkeley.edu">jinhojang@berkeley.edu</a> (Visiting Scholar, Center for Korean Studies) <i>Imagining the Future for Korean Capitalism: Analyses and Debates</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Bilal Bagis</p> <p>Bilal Bagis, <a href="mailto:bagisb@berkeley.edu">bagisb@berkeley.edu</a> (Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics) <i>Recent Exchange-Rate Volatility in Turkey: An Eco-Politic-Financial Analysis</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Jin-Ho Jang</p> <p>Panrawee Rungskunroch, <a href="mailto:PXK615@student.bham.ac.uk">PXK615@student.bham.ac.uk</a> (Visiting Scholar, School of Engineering) <i>Travel and mobility: High-speed rail and the social impacts in the US</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Jin-Ho Jang</p>	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Jeremy Tauzer Department of Philosophy, University of Saint Louis</p> <p>Sébastien Antoine, <a href="mailto:sebastien.antoine@uclouvain.be">sebastien.antoine@uclouvain.be</a> (Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology) <i>Promises and Pitfalls of Basic Income: Hegemony and Commodification - Between Gramsci and Polanyi</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Magdalena Kmak</p> <p>Ranjula Bali Swain, <a href="mailto:Ranjula.Bali@hhs.se">Ranjula.Bali@hhs.se</a> (Stockholm School of Economics, Södertörn University) <i>Achieving the promise of Agenda 2030: A Network Analysis of Sustainable Development Goals</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Melike Akkaraca Kose</p> <p>Melike Akkaraca Kose, <a href="mailto:melikeakkaraca@gmail.com">melikeakkaraca@gmail.com</a> (Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues) <i>Political possibility of foreign policy</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Ranjula Bali Swain</p>	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Daniel Kim Center for Science, Technology, Medicine &amp; Society</p> <p>Daniel Kim, <a href="mailto:ddk@berkeley.edu">ddk@berkeley.edu</a> (Visiting Student Researcher, CSTMS) <i>Coding Utopia</i></p> <p>Jing Ge, <a href="mailto:jingge@berkeley.edu">jingge@berkeley.edu</a> (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Anthropology) <i>Premises and Promises of Emoji in Marketing Communication</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Elena Casanova</p> <p>Elena Casanova, <a href="mailto:elena.casanova@berkeley.edu">elena.casanova@berkeley.edu</a> (Visiting Scholar, French &amp; Comparative Literature) <i>Jacques Amyot's translation between philology and innovation</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Jing Ge</p>
14:15-15:30			
15:30-15:45	COFFEE BREAK		
	SESSION 3		
	<u>Unlocking Learning Potentialities</u>	<u>Spaces and Values</u>	<u>Self and Well-being</u>
	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Yangfan Xiong Graduate School of Education</p> <p>Iskhak Fatonie, <a href="mailto:iskhakfatonie@berkeley.edu">iskhakfatonie@berkeley.edu</a> (Visiting Scholar, the Goldman School of Public Policy) <i>Women in Higher Education in Indonesia: Evidence, Policy, and Challenges</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Astrid Lenvik</p> <p>Astrid Lenvik, <a href="mailto:astrid.lenvik@uib.no">astrid.lenvik@uib.no</a> (Visiting Scholar, Department of Education) <i>Tales from Norwegian Gifted Students</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Iskhak Fatonie</p> <p>Nathan L Jones, <a href="mailto:nathan.jones@adelaide.edu.au">nathan.jones@adelaide.edu.au</a> (Visiting Scholar, School of Psychology) <i>Pop psych: the impact of music and lyrics on emotion</i></p>	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Panrawee Rungskunroch School of Engineering</p> <p>Jae-Hoon Lee, <a href="mailto:jaehoon@berkeley.edu">jaehoon@berkeley.edu</a> (Visiting Scholar, Institute of East Asian Studies) <i>Possibilities of Space</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Jie Zhang</p> <p>Victor Cano Caborro, <a href="mailto:victor.m.cano@gmail.com">victor.m.cano@gmail.com</a> (Visiting Scholar, Department History of Art) <i>Escape from Auschwitz-Birkenau: A cartography about the possibility of the impossible</i></p> <p>Jie Zhang, <a href="mailto:zhangjie@hytc.edu.cn">zhangjie@hytc.edu.cn</a> (Visiting Scholar, Institute of East Asian Studies) <i>The Source of Incense Spices and the Development of Silk Road Traffic during the Han Wudi's Reign—Speaking from the Boshan Furnace in the Sea Faint Captain Tomb</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Jae-Hoon Lee</p>	<p><b>Session Chair:</b> Yuan Yuan Department of English</p> <p>Jeremy Tauzer, <a href="mailto:jerminside@gmail.com">jerminside@gmail.com</a> (University of Saint Louis) <i>Relational Flourishing</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Robert Reimer</p> <p>Robert Reimer, <a href="mailto:RobertReimer@gmx.de">RobertReimer@gmx.de</a> (Visiting Researcher) <i>Identity</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Jeremy Tauzer</p>
15:45-17:00			