

**Lancaster University  
IAS Research Cluster  
Foucault and Critical Realism**

***Foucault and Critical Realism: Ontological  
and Epistemological Issues  
Workshop 1***

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 (Wednesday)**

**Place: Institute for Advanced Studies, Room MR3**

**Programme:**

9:45-10:00 Tea and Coffee

10:00-10:10 Welcome

(Bob Jessop, IAS and Ngai-Ling Sum, Politics, Lancaster)

10:00-11:15 Interpretations of Space and Territories

(Chair: Norman Fairclough, IAS)

- ❖ *'Space, Power and Territory'*, Stuart Elden (Geography, Durham)
- ❖ *'Power, Ontology, Epistemology and Critique'*, Andrew Sayer (Sociology, Lancaster)
- ❖ Discussion

11:15-11:30 Tea and Coffee

11:30- 12:45 Interpretations of the Real

(Chair: Jane Mulderrig, Linguistics)

- ❖ *'The Foucauldian Real'*, Mick Dillon (Politics, Lancaster)
- ❖ *'Critical Realism and its Realities'*, Bob Jessop (IAS, Lancaster)
- ❖ Discussion

12:45-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30 Re-reading Foucault

(Chair: Anthony Hesketh, Management School)

- ❖ *'If the later Foucault can be read as Realist, then what can he bring to Critical Realism'*, Ismael Al-Amoudi (Management, Reading)
- ❖ Discussant I: Stuart Elden from a Foucauldian perspective (tbc)
- ❖ Discussant II: Bob Jessop from a critical-realist perspective
- ❖ Discussion

3:30-3:45 Tea and Coffee

3:45-4:45 Further Discussion

(Include planning for the Second Workshop 2009)

4:45- Fresh Air, Bar and Dinner Arrangements

All are welcome

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