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# SPECULATING ON CHAOS IN THE ERA OF FINANCIALISED POPULISM

A TALK AND WORKSHOP  
WITH  
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## PROGRAM

TALK 10.00-12.00, ROOM: PH16A 2.80  
WORKSHOP 13.00-14.30, ROOM: PH24A 1.68

DATE: 12 APRIL 2019

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## SPECULATING ON CHAOS IN THE ERA OF FINANCIALISED POPULISM

The talk will address the recent explosion of political, economic and organisational discourses of chaos – a phenomenon that can be described in sociological terms as a ‘radicalisation of uncertainty’. It will discuss the serious implications of a growing global impatience with the future promises of neoliberalism in the aftermath of the 2008 crisis. It will be argued, specifically, that these developments signal a shift from the risk-taking, entrepreneurial agent of the post Bretton-Woods era, to a politically disoriented, speculative subject, who endorses rather than averts the future’s radical uncertainty. This leads to a dramatic re-calibration of the tension between economy and polity, with new political realignments and conflicts being formed around speculative wagers on political instability and volatility. The talk will propose analysing these transformations through the speculative imagination, a concept which enables us to explain the mounting convergence between ‘markets’ and ‘publics’ in the financialised era. It will conclude with some reflections on the radical possibilities for progressive counter-speculation deployed by contemporary social movements to resist and challenge financialisation.

### WORKSHOP

Participatory workshop on the concepts of “chaos” and “imagination” which are central in Aris’ talk.

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