Workshop Theme
Foucault was clearly concerned with rethinking political economy. This concern ranged from his direct engagement in *The Order of Things* with the formation of the economic subject in relation to political economy, and also involved him in all manner of debates throughout his life about how one might understand the political economy. After his death these debates continued as his work has been extended in a variety of different attempts to rethink political economy both in general terms and also in terms of the analysis of specific politico-economic micro-practices and related technologies of subjectification.

Foucault’s work however, has not gone uncontested. Disagreements have surrounded his work from the beginning, and in recent years the publication of, for example, his lectures at the Collège de France in the 1970s and his late writings and lectures on *parrhesia* open up possibilities for further rethinking Foucault’s work. At the same time, a generation which has grown up with Foucault has proposed new readings that extend Foucault beyond Foucault, taking his work into new territories and inventing new concepts in so doing.

In addition to Foucault’s rethinking of political economy and efforts to rethink Foucault’s work, there is a third task of rethinking, relating to the ways that Foucault and political economy have been connected. Here are questions about the scholarship and politics of the first attempts to think political economy with Foucault, which have more than once produced statements that would certainly have invited Foucault’s famous laugh. So we propose to rethink these first thinkings of Foucault and political economy, and to show how we can move beyond them.

We will therefore gather for two days of discussions which seek to rethink Foucault and to rethink political economy. Foucault once said in relation to Deleuze: ‘new thought is possible; thought is again possible’. We propose to say the same of both Foucault and of political economy. New thinking is possible. Thinking again is possible.

Speakers
Confirmed speakers include:
Ruud Kaulingfreks, University of Humanistics, the Netherlands
Alan McKinlay, University of St Andrews, UK
Rolland Munro, Keele University, UK
Damian O’Doherty, University of Manchester, UK
Bent Meier Sørensen, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Akseli Virtanen, Helsinki School of Economics, Finland

Attendance
Attendance will be strictly limited, and will close on 28 February 2005. To book a place complete the registration form below.
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