Violence, Inc.
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co-organized with Ilit Ferber, Adam Lipszyc, and Nassima Sahraoui

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Friday

9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks: Ilit Ferber, Adam Lipszyc, and Nassima Sahraoui

Ancient Family Affinities: Mythos, Murder, Revenge

9:15-10:15 Freddie Rokem (Tel Aviv University, U. of Chicago), “What is Niobe to her? Vorbild,
Modell, Darstellung”

10:20-11:20 Ronald Mendoza de Jesus (University of Southern California), “Caribbean Histories of
the Archi-Body: Glissant’s Medusa”

Coffee-break

Incorporating the Polis

11:45-12:45h María del Rosario Acosta (DePaul University), “Embodying One’s Own Voice: on
Listening and Politics in Adriana Cavarero”

Lunch-break

14:15-15:15h Alejandra Azuero Quijano (University of Chicago), “Corporate Forensics: The Re-
Production of Corporate Power as Crime in Colombia”

Coffee-break

The Violence of Comedy and the Biopolitics of the Sea

15:45-16:45h Pawel Moscicki (Polish Academy of Sciences), "Gag. Violence and Counter-Violence
in Slapstick Comedy"

16:50-17:50h Adam Lipszyc (Polish Academy of Sciences), “The Crew's Two Bodies: The False
Skin and the Biopolitics of Flogging in Melville's White Jacket”
SATURDAY

Physics of the Body: Forms of Resistance

9-10 h Tupac Cruz (Universidad de los Andes), “Erlebnis and Milieu: On the Catastrophic Constitution of a Moving Body”

10:05-11:05h Nassima Sahraoui (Forschungsinstitut für Philosophie Hannover/ Goethe University Frankfurt), “Figures of Resistance in Literature and Philosophy: Abstention, Idleness, Otium”

Coffee-break

Sounds of Pain and Body Writing

11:30-12:30 Andrea Potestá (Universidad Católica de Chile), “The Writing of the Cry, Nietzsche, Artaud and the Cruel Revenge of the Body”


Lunch-break

2:15-4:00h Work in Progress: Discussion of Eric Santner’s “Rebranding Sovereignty in the Age of Trump: Toward a Critique of Manatheism.” To receive a copy of the paper, participants should email esantner@uchicago.edu