

# Workshops and Talks

## **Talk/Presentation:** “Neo-Radicalism: A Talk on Communication, Desire, and the Creation of Reality”

Overview: Neo-radicalism is a new form of radical activity that focuses on the political relationship between communication, desire, and the creation of reality. Dr. Del Gandio argues that human beings communicate their realities into existence and that this communicative process has been co-opted within our era of global capitalism and immaterial labor. This co-optation alienates us from our own reality-creating powers and we become passive participants in rather than active creators of our realities. Such alienation can be resisted and eclipsed by thinking, acting, and living from our pre-constituted, singular desires. This talk is approximately one hour and can be adapted to a large auditorium or a small intimate setting.

## **Workshop #1:** Teaching Radical Rhetoric(s).

Overview: This workshop helps teachers develop course materials on the thoughts, practices, visions, and communication strategies of activists, organizers, movements, and other agents of social change. Possible readings, assignments, theories, and course foci are explored. This workshop can range from a few hours to a few days and it can be very general or tailored to specific wants and needs.

## **Workshop #2:** Recent Trends in Radical Rhetoric.

Overview: This workshop addresses recent movements, issues, theories, concepts, and practices of radicalism. It can be adapted for undergraduate or graduate students or faculty. This workshop can range from a few hours to a few days and can be very general or tailored to specific wants and needs.

## **Workshop #3:** Communication and Social Change.

Overview: This workshop helps students, activists, organizers, or nonprofit practitioners become better communicators and rhetoricians. Possible topics include: public speaking, persuasion, argumentation, storytelling, street theater, nonverbal communication, and the development of new political vocabularies. This workshop can range from a few hours to a few days and can be very general or tailored to specific wants and needs.

## **General Areas/Topics:**

- Contemporary Social Movements
- Italian post-Workerism (post-Operaismo)
- Immaterial Labor
- Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy
- Language and Political Consciousness
- Globalization and Neoliberalism
- Social/Political Commentary

**Cost:** Sliding scale relative to host's resources; all travel expenses must be covered.