

The Political Futures Conference at the Institute for the Humanities (Oct 12-13 2018), co-organized with Anna Kornbluh (English) and Nasser Mufti (English), will explore and critique our current modes of imagining new affiliations, resource distributions, and institutions across a range of disciplines. At this point, we are supplying a conference "reading list."

The list is composed of illuminating texts that the organizers and participants collaboratively chose as a useful background for the conference discussions. That reading list, which also includes Rousseau's Second *Discourse*, to be discussed at the conference itself, follows:

Christopher H. Achen and Larry M. Bartels, *Democracy for Realists: Why Elections do not Produce Responsive Government*. Princeton, 2017.

Arjun Appadurai, *The Future as Cultural Fact*. Verso, 2013.

Barbara Adam, "History of the Future: Paradoxes and Challenges." *Rethinking History* 14 (2010): 363-78.

Barbara Adam and Chris Groves, *Future Matters: Action, Knowledge, Ethics*. Brill, 2007.

Edward Bellamy, *Looking Backward*. Oxford, 2009.

Colin Crouch, *Post-Democracy*. Polity, 2004.

Pierre Dardot and Christian Laval, *Commons: On Revolution in the 21st Century* (forthcoming; proofs may be available for conference).

Fredric Jameson, *An American Utopia: Dual Power and the Universal Army*. London: Verso, 2016.

Andreas Malm, *The Progress of this Storm: Nature and Society in a Warming World*. Verso, 2018.

Thomas More, *Utopia*, Penguin, 2003.

Kim Stanley Robinson, *New York 2140*. Orbit, 2018.

Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*. Random House, 1999.

Raymond Williams, *The Long Revolution*. Parthian Books, 2012 (reprint).

Jeffrey Winters, *Oligarchy*. Cambridge, 2011.

Text for Book Discussion for Friday 10/12 at 10am-12pm:

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin and Foundations of Inequality among Men* in *Basic Political Writings*, ed. and trans. Donald A. Cress. Hackett, 2011.