

CLASSICS AND REVOLUTION

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What is the time of revolution? Revolutions are intimately bound up with our conceptions of temporality. We use phrases like 'since the French Revolution...' as a short-hand for discussing modernity. And yet, events like the French Revolution are marked by a complex temporality. Using the lens of the contrasting accounts of Hannah Arendt and Karl Marx, this session will look at the repeated reference to antiquity in the French Revolution. It will explore the thirst for novelty and the compulsion for repetition which seem to mark the revolutionary moments of modernity.

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