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Chet Mitchell Memorial Lecture

The Dream of Pacification: Air Power as Police Power

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To properly grasp the concept of pacification, we need to explore a nexus of ideas: war, police, accumulation. Taking up a problematic within contemporary debates about the meaning of war, this talk will argue that the concept of pacification enables a radical rethinking of war power as police power. It will do so through an analysis of air power. After first rethinking a key period in the history of air power (colonial bombing campaigns) as a police mechanism, and dealing with the impoverished conception of police in contemporary critical theory, the talk will turn to perhaps the most pressing issue in current air power debates, namely drones. In so doing it will suggest that a consideration of air power as police power helps us read drones as a continuation of the police logic inherent in air power since its inception. The drone is thus the next step in realizing the state's dream of pacification.

Mark Neocleous is currently writing a work of counter-strategic thinking, the main focus of which is the global civil war of capital. Mark is on the Editorial Collective of Radical Philosophy and Red Quill Books.

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6:30 p.m.**

**Loeb Lounge
2nd Floor, C Tower, Loeb Building**

Open to the public, no registration required. Free admission, but seating is limited. A light reception will follow the event.

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