

DESIRE + CAPITAL

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Money is the general equivalent, the “god of commodities.” It is also the most direct medium for experiencing the concrete effects of the economic and social relations that obtain under capital: Our most clear quantification of these relations and generally the cause for coming to comprehend the nature of the capitalist system. Where Marx begins in the notebooks of the *Grundrisse* will be our jumping-off point, tracing the relationships that inhere in money with a view toward its role in the theoretical and real development of capital. Money is the medium of capitalist desire. We could begin, more traditionally, with the commodity, but in the immortal words of the Wu-Tang Clan, “Cash rules everything around me.”

Program 01.09.2022

- 10:00 Introduction
- 10:30 Lecture: Anitra Nelson
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Guided Discussion: Money and Desire
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 Lecture: David van Putten
- 17:30 Bibliography and Other Projects
- 18:00 Borrel

Masterclass 02.09.2022

Professor Anitra Nelson will be giving a Masterclass on a selection from her new book, *Beyond Money: A Postcapitalist Strategy*. Space for the masterclass is limited as the goal is to provide a seminar environment for discussion. If you're interested, please email articulationsofdesire@gmail.com to reserve your place and get access to the reading (or if you can, support our generous speaker and buy the book [here](#)). The masterclass will take place from 10:00-12:00.

Readings

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