

Invitation to my talk in New York City, March 27, 2014 – Critical Theory and Zionism

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Lecture, New York, Manhattan, March 27, 12.30 PM



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In his talk, the author will show the relationship of critical theory to Zionism and the Jewish state of Israel. Based on mostly German sources he analyzes the writings on Zionism by the founder of critical theory in 1937, Max Horkheimer, and his fellow theorists like Theodor W. Adorno, Erich Fromm, Herbert Marcuse, and Leo Loewenthal. What would Adorno have said about Judith Butler being awarded the Adorno Prize in 2012? What is the relationship of New York City to German-Jewish intellectuals and their take on Israel? Why did the leading scholar of the Frankfurt School promote Butler in New York City? Was critical theory anti-Israel? Or has critical theory become anti-Zionist? If so, why? This talk will provide answers to some of the most troubling questions in regard to critical theory, one of the leading schools of

philosophy of the 20th century.

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