Hannah Arendt’s Social Ontology and the Sociology of Emotion

This workshop explores Hannah Arendt’s contribution to sociological theory, with an emphasis on her distinctions between particular types of human activity.

In the first part of the workshop, Philip Walsh provides a sketch of Arendt’s life and work, and discusses how the contrasts between the activities of labour, work and action that she makes in her (1958) book, *The Human Condition*, may be used to advance the project of social ontology.

Peter Karambelas then discusses his work on the significance of Arendt’s later work on distinct kinds of mental activity.

Finally, Philip Walsh provides an overview of how Arendt’s social ontology may illuminate recent sociological theories of the emotions.