

# In Terms of Exclusion Thinking the Barbarian Then and Today

International Workshop  
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*Sculpture "preso en Guantánamo" from José Antonio Elvira.*

*There is a grammar in discourse that constitutes categories of evil, establishing the impossibility of recognition and excluding the other from every moral consideration. In this encounter, we will take on the barbarian as a model of this grammar of oppression that articulates our norms of “recognizability”, to ask who is the barbarian today and how can this category help us to understand the way in which the human and the inhuman is produced.*

**Program:**

- 9:30-10:00      Opening: Christine Abbt and Leire Urricelqui
- 10:00-11:00     Markus Winkler (*Geneva*), “‘Barbarian’: towards the Critical History and Aesthetic Exploration of a Fashionable Slogan and Enemy-Concept”
- Coffee break*
- 11:30-12:30     Simon Weber (*Bonn*), “The Barbarians as Slaves by Nature. Aristotle on the Moral Status of Non-Greeks”
- 12:30-14:00     *Lunch in Quai 4*
- 14:00-15:00     Steve Howe (*Lucerne*), “In/Humanity. Figures of Enmity Around 1800”
- 15:00-16:00     Ángela Sierra González (*La Laguna*), “Barbarians, Wild and Civilized. From Classical Greece to Present Geopolitics”
- Coffee break*
- 16:30-17:00     Final discussion

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