

The Politics of Human Rights

Judith Butler. Sawyer Seminar. April 3rd, 2017



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Setting up for Judith Butler's talk on The Politics of Human Rights at Tufts. There is a CROWD here. [#chatbutler](#)



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Professor Butler's bio at UC Berkeley: complit.berkeley.edu/people/judith-... [#chatbutler](#)



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Butler's works at Tufts. Books: library.tufts.edu/search~S1?/abu... [#chatbutler](#)



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Butler's works at Tufts, part 2, articles: tufts.summon.serialssolutions.com/search?ho=t&s... [#chatbutler](#)



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Lowe's introduction sees a conflict between neoliberalism and all senses of public goods. [#chatbutler](#)



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A specific callout of Bodies That Matter, as central to feminism and gender studies.
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Tufts has all the works mentioned so far. #chatbutler



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UN Human Rights Commission resources on Syrian refugees. unhcr.org/en-us/syria-em...
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Judith Butler on The Politics of Human Rights [#chatbutler](#) pic.twitter.com/OKvQMB4205

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Judith Butler speaking at [@TuftsUniversity](#) for [@sawyer_chat](#) - Alumnae Lounge packed w people sitting on floor 3 rows deep along walls

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Quick mention of Mbembe's "Necropolitics". muse.jhu.edu/article/39984 [#chatbutler](#)

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Butler: war always transcends the boundaries of the nation-state, in a variety of ways. [#chatbutler](#)

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What is a grievable life? Whose death warrants grief on our sliding scale of value? [#chatbutler](#)



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"The pursuit of the uncool might be an ethical obligation." Asking basic questions: "Why do we fund libraries? The arts?" [#chatbutler](#)



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UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. un.org/depts/los/conv... [#chatbutler](#)



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Human rights is a political issue, but it exists in a context of politics not about that. [#chatbutler](#)



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Can human rights be delinked from settler colonial states' appropriation of an apparent human rights? [#chatbutler](#)



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Colonialism and Imperialism in The Encyclopedia of Violence Peace and Conflict:
search.credoreference.com/content/entry/... [#chatbutler](#)



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How do we connect radical inequality and "vulnerability"? #chatbutler

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Butler discusses perils of ontologizing "vulnerability" as condition for politics #chatbutler

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Thinking in terms of vulnerable populations can very easily lead to paternalist responses. Ask who has agency. #chatbutler

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Does "vulnerability" risk effacing people's struggle, power, etc, & inscribe them in paternalistic authority?

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Vulnerability effaces demonstrated demand, persistence, resistance #chatbutler

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Photos of the Standing Man protest in Turkey's Taksim Square. theatlantic.com/international/... #chatbutler

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Vulnerability implies incapacitation, can it be placed within a framework of reciprocal obligation?
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Vulnerability can be the basis of a relational tie, not the description of a politics [#chatbutler](#)

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Oedipus called out as an example of precarity: a baby passed to a shepherd. Theban Plays at Tufts:
ezproxy.library.tufts.edu/login?url=http... [#chatbutler](#)

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A ref to Berlant and (Tufts professor) Edelman's Sex, Or The Unbearable.
www4.uwm.edu/c21/pdfs/migc/... [#chatbutler](#)

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Marx's Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts. marxists.org/archive/marx/w... [#chatbutler](#)

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Butler: empathy is to a certain extent founded on similarity, which makes it limited to those you resemble. This is a problem. [#chatbutler](#)

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Vulnerability"not as a feature of singular personhood but as a rupture of singularity that is required for persistence"Butler @sawyer_chat



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Thoughtful question about how anarchists might relate to tonight's theme. Butler believes in law, but not above all else. #chatbutler



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"We need sensuous means to make loss bearable" @JudithButler_ . . #tuftshumanities #chatbutler @sawyer_chat @TuftsUniversity



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