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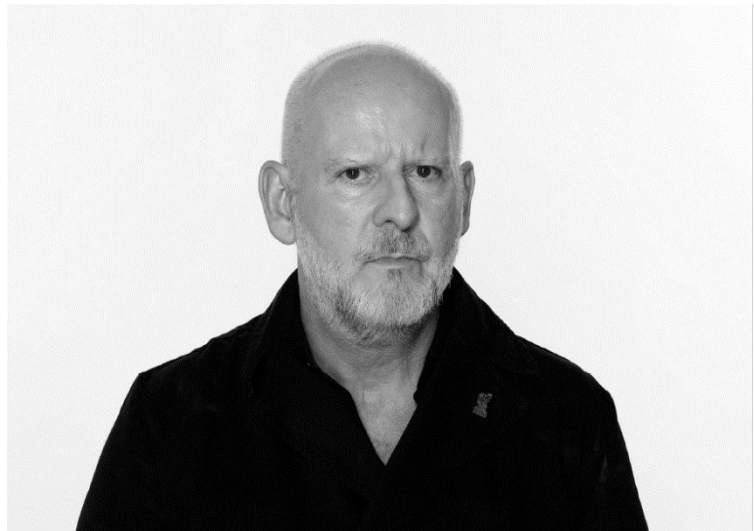
**PRESS RELEASE**

**WHAT WE THINK ABOUT WHEN WE THINK ABOUT SOCCER?**

***A PHILOSOPHICAL TALK ON FOOTBALL, POWER AND COMPETITION***

***WITH PROFESSOR SIMON CRITCHLEY***

*The CCIIF Conferences – The Research Center for the History and Circulation of Philosophical Ideas*, subordinated to the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, is pleased to announce that the special guest of this year's cycle of lectures-interviews is **Professor Simon Critchley**. The dialogue is occasioned by a large interest of our philosophical community towards one of his last books, devoted to “a poetics of football”: *What We Think About When We Think About Soccer* (Penguin Random House, 2017).



*Professor Simon Critchley*

Simon Critchley is the Hans Jonas Professor of Philosophy at the New School for Social Research. His work engages in many areas: continental philosophy, philosophy and literature, psychoanalysis, ethics, and political theory, among others. His most recent books include *The Problem with Levinas* and *ABC of Impossibility*, though he has written on topics as diverse as David Bowie, religion, and suicide. As moderator of *The Stone* at The New York Times, Critchley asks philosophers to weigh in on contemporary issues in art, literature, politics, and popular culture. Additional information about Professor Critchley is available at his personal [website](#).

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**Recent Publications**

Visit *Simon Critchley's [website](#)* for a complete bibliography. Selected recent works include:

*[Tragedy, the Greeks, and Us](#)* (Penguin Random House, 2019)

*What We Think About When We Think About Soccer* (Penguin Random House, 2017)

*Suicide* (Thought Catalog, 2015)

*Memory Theatre* (Fitzcarraldo Editions). Kindle Edition (September, 2014)

*Bowie* (OR Books, 2014)

*The Anarchist Turn*, with Jacob Blumenfeld and Chiara Bottici (Pluto Press, London)

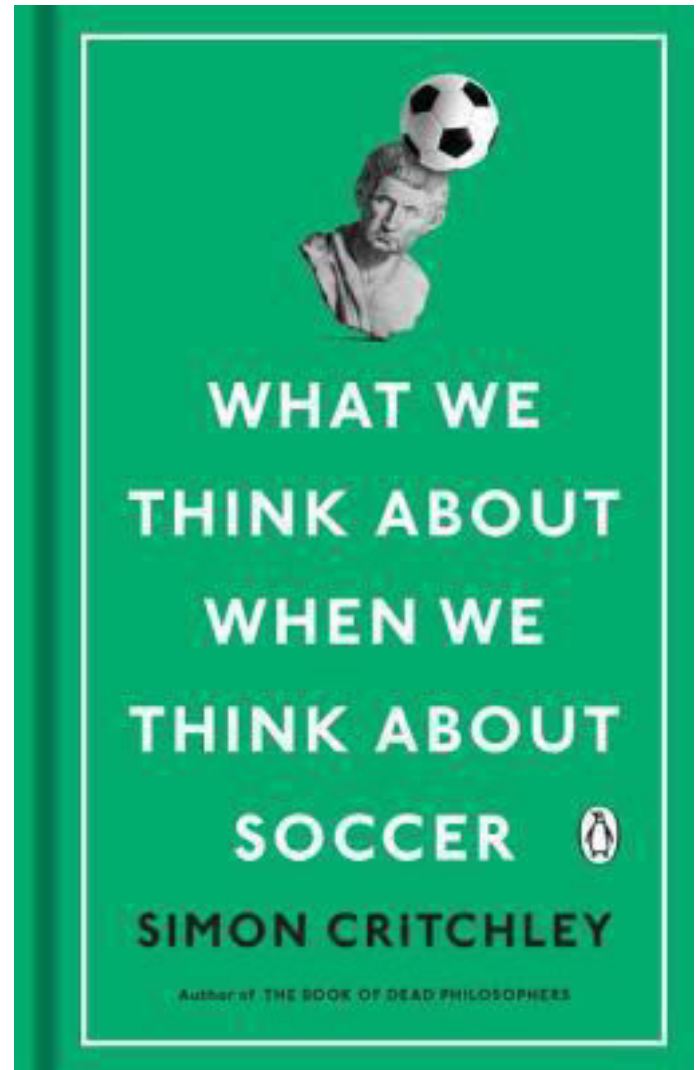
*Stay Illusion: The Hamlet Doctrine* (Pantheon Books, New York) (Paperback, Vintage, 2014). Titled *The Hamlet Doctrine* in the UK (Verso, London, 2013)

*The Mattering of Matter*. Documents from the Archive of the International Necronautical Society, with Tom McCarthy et al (Sternberg Presses, Berlin)

*[The Faith of the Faithless](#)* (Verso, paperback, 2014)

*Impossible Objects* (Polity Press, Cambridge, 2011)

*How to Stop Living and Start Worrying* (Polity Press, Cambridge, 2010)



The dialogue with professor Critchley, devoted to his book, will engage phenomenological, aesthetical and moral approaches, and will be hosted by Oana Șerban, Executive Director of CCIF and professor at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest.

“It is an honour for us to have Professor Simon Critchley as a special guest of our cycle of conferences. Our dialogue will be inspired by some leading questions concerning his phenomenological reading of sport in the key of a poetics of soccer, his socialist considerations on the nature and experience of soccer or his implicit presuppositions related to the morals of football. I think this is a book that should be read by any philosopher who takes into account seriously the need to leave the Ivor Tower and turn philosophy back to society as a hygiene of life and an aesthetics of existence, in order to understand how vital is our professional engagement in philosophy and how it can support the understanding of power and competition in different strategic contexts, such as culture, sports or management.” (Oana Șerban)

The conference will be broadcasted by the official channels of our faculty and university, including YouTube and other social media accounts. Stay tuned Monday, April 19, 2021, at 7PM.