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## **Un-Hinged: The Question of Blackness in/to the Global Present**

How would it look like blackness liberated from the real? Blackness without time and space, at the turn of thought, blackness thinking, not black thought. Never have black intellectuals stopped thinking; yet, whatever we think about, around, out seems stuck to an always-already-there of thought, which holds the thinking of blackness out to dry. Time to liberate the thinking of blackness from the real – whether the latter is registered as the dreading left over/out of modern (universal) discourse or the haunting shadows of modern (particular) psychotic speech. By black intellectuals, about black intellectuals, or both, the papers, however framed, accept the call and contemplate what might be gained and left behind where the thinking of blackness liberates the real. They can be theoretical or empirical, in cultural analysis or social critique, the session welcomes any investigation willing to consider the call with or without a answer in the horizon.