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'Capital is not a thing, but a social relation between persons' - and between classes. The complex task of analysing class structures and, at the same time, transforming and transcending them is at the core of Marx's legacy.

2013 marks the 75th anniversary of CLR James's "The Black Jacobins" and the 50th anniversary of EP Thompson's "The Making of the English Working Class". Wary of all reifications of class, Thompson showed how the working class was not only made by capital, but made itself in everyday struggles and political agitation. James affirmed the need to look at the international division of labour in the context of race and imperialism, and gave voice to the revolutionary agency of the 'black Jacobins' and other historically neglected enemies of capitalism and colonialism.

In the wake of the new conflicts thrown up by decolonisation and more recent processes of neoliberal 'globalisation', research in the field of labour and working class history has acquired an increasingly global dimension, and become more attentive to the critical role played by race and gender in the formations of working classes. Social struggles and resistance – from Latin America to Eastern Europe, from the Arab-Islamic world to East Asia – continue to show that working classes worldwide have not ceased remaking themselves, at the same time as they struggle against capitalist strategies to turn class composition into class decomposition, to unmake a world working class.

Significantly, in order to understand this changing reality and the roots of the crisis of the neoliberal system, a growing body of scholarship questions the representation of labour as a passive factor in production, and investigates how workers' struggles co-determine processes of capitalist development, as well as cultural mutations and political transformations.

Despite rising levels of class struggle - from a growing working class movement in China to the Arab uprisings and mobilisation against austerity in Southern Europe – discourses of class remain largely marginal to political debate and action. Class struggle is often recognised, namely through the language of inequality, but is being increasingly filtered, also on the left, through notions of 'the people' or 'the 99%'.

The tenth annual Historical Materialism aims to provide a forum for debating the descriptive and prescriptive roles that concepts of class and class struggle can have today. More generally, we seek contributions that account for how Marxist theory, historiography and empirical research can explain and intervene in the contemporary conjuncture. We will be hosting a stream on "Race and Capital" (for which a separate call for papers is forthcoming, along with a CFP building on last year's "Marxism and Feminism" stream).

The conference is self-funded and we will depend on voluntary donations by attendants and participants to support the organisation and running of the event. The suggested donation on the door is £75 for waged and £35 for unwaged.

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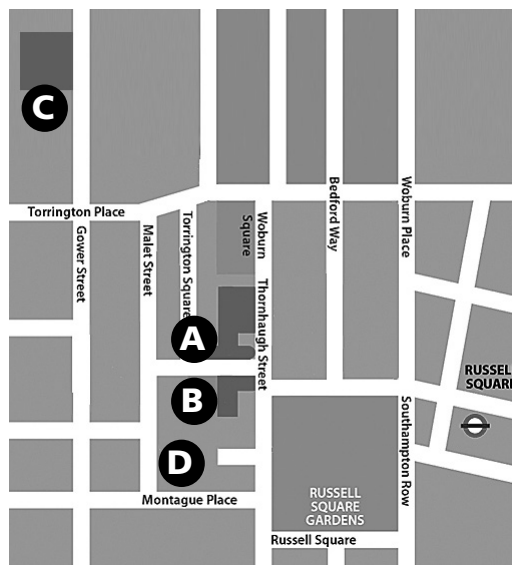
ROOM KEY

A School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
 KLT - Khalili Lecture Theatre (ground floor)
 DLT - G3 - G50 - G51 (ground floor)
 116 - First floor
 4426 - 4429 Fourth floor
 L67 - Lower ground floor

B Brunei Gallery
 BGLT – Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre – basement
 B102 – B104 – B111 – first floor

C Cruciform Lecture Theatre

D Senate House



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Performance Aesthetics and Practice

Chair: Steve Edwards
Larne Abse Gogarty – Proletarian dance – reproduction and communist consciousness
Marina Gerber – Collective actions and J. Cage
Josefine Wikström – Between practice and performance: Socialist objects and dematerialised commodities

L67
Marxist theory and the human sciences

Chair: Giorgos Galanis
Alexandre Feron – Tran Duc Thao and Marxism
Catherine Moir – Ideas for a materialist philosophy of language
Phillip Homburg – Sign, symbol and fetish
Johan Siebers – Wisdom in Communism

B102
Rosa Luxemburg in Revolution

Chair: Sebastian Budgen
Ben Lewis – ‘Is that our programme – Karl?’ Luxemburg – democracy and the challenge of the German Revolution
Ottokar Luban – Was Rosa Luxemburg’s confidence in the cleverness and creativity of the Proletarian masses justified? Examples in the German Revolutionary Movements 1918/1919
Peter Green – Rosa Luxemburg versus Lukács on Class Consciousness – Party and Revolution

4426
Law and Class in 19th century Britain

Chair: Robert Knox
Marc W. Steinberg – Workplace subjugation and the materiality of law: master and servant law and exploitation in Victorian England
Edith Hall – The Greek and Roman classics and social class in Britain 1789-1939
Colin Barker – Marx on the factory acts: some questions

B111
American power in decline? Theorizing the future of world order

Chair: Alex Anievas
Sean Starrs – American economic power hasn’t declined, It globalized! Summoning the data and taking globalization seriously
James Parisot – American empire and emerging powers: In or against empire?
Stephen Maher – Empire and resistance in the Middle East

4429
Marxist perspectives on digital labour

Chair: David Broder
Ursula Huws – ‘Productive and reproductive labour in the internet age’
Christian Fuchs – ‘Defining and theorizing digital labour’
Christoph Hermann – ‘Digital labour and working time’
Eran Fischer – ‘The Ideology of digital labour’

G50
Marxism – Feminism and the struggle against patriarchy

Chair: Abbie Bakan
Eleonora Forenza – The «molecular» revolution: connecting feminist and materialist thoughts
Deborah Sielert – Feminist perspectives: Global processes of primitive accumulation and an example of local resistance
Ankica Cakardic – Socialist feminist approach to the artificial division of labour

G51
Queer theory 1

Chair: Paul Reynolds
James Penney – Is there a queer Marxism?
Holly Lewis – Towards a Marxist theory of sex and gender

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Imperialisms old and new*Chair: Adam Hanieh***Luke Cooper** – Class, state power and transition in China**Tyler Shipley** – New Canadian imperialism**Tony Norfield** – British imperialism

B102

Art, Race and Capital*Chair: Sebastian Budgen***Ben Pritchett** – “These dying centres”: Constructivism and anti-colonialism in ‘This is Tomorrow’**Tim Fisk** – “Mass culture and political form in C. L. R. James’ ‘American Civilization’”**Nizan Shaked** – Alliances? The left versus identity politics in US Art

B111

Race, Caste, Class*Chair: Dae-Oup Chang***Doris Lee** – Racialization of mainland Chinese ‘outsiders’ in Hong Kong, policies, politics and culture**Enrique Martino** – A Plantation island in the East Atlantic.

Indentured labour in Spanish Fernando Pó and Equatorial Guinea, 20th c.

John O’Brien – Indian contradictions: Caste inequalities without class alienation?**Riya Mary Al’sanah** – Zionism and the enemy within: the struggle for Palestinian liberation in Israel

G50

Social Reproduction Feminism*Chair: Sue Ferguson***Nicole Leach** – Transitions to capitalism: Social reproduction feminism encounters political Marxism**Ann Wiesental** – Inherent contradictions and the crises of social reproduction**Selma James**

G51

Gramsci*Chair: Peter Thomas***Kasim Tirmizey** – Gramsci at the peripheries: Revisiting theories of the post-colonial state**Aaron Bernstein** – Gramsci’s reading of Marx’s 1859 Preface**Robert Jackson** – Is there a theory of fetishism in Gramsci’s Prison Notebooks?**Alen Suceska** – Gramsci and Bakhtin. A Marxist philosophy of language

L67

The theoretical and political legacy of Yugoslav self-management*Chair: Toni Prug***Vladimir Unkovski-Korica** – Workers’ Self-Management in Yugoslavia 1948-1950: New Evidence**Catherine Samary** – From the Yugoslav ‘social ownership’ to the ‘Commons’**Gal Kirn** – Yugoslav Self-Management after the market reform (1965): between the logic of vanguard and capital

4426

Neoliberalism and Financialisation*Chair: Giorgos Galanis***Marcus Banks** – Neoliberal welfare production relations in Australia**Serdar Sengul** – Finance and financialisation from the perspective of Marx’s Value Theory**Jim Wolfreys** – Neo-liberalism and its limits

4429

Race, Migration and Class*Chair: Lucia Pradella***Matthew Cooper** – The remaking of the British working class: trade unions and black and Asian workers in Britain 1949- 1984**Michael M. Hall** – Class and ethnicity in the formation of the early Sao Paulo Working Class, 1890-1930**Shaun Harkin** – Neoliberalism, migration and the US working class.

FG01

From French Philosophy to French Theory*Chair: Esther Leslie***Tzuchien Tho** – From French Philosophy to French Theory: 1964**Andrew Ryder** – Badiou and the Hegelian Dialectic in 1960s French Philosophy**Samo Tomsic** – The Capitalist unconscious: Marx and Lacan**Knox Peden** – (discussant)

B102

Contemporary racisms and the right

Chair: Paul Reynolds
Kevin Ovenden – Which crisis; whose multiculturalism?
Benjamin Opratko and Fanny Müller-Uri – What’s in a Name? The Challenge of “Islamophobia” and Critical Theories of Racism
Dimitra Kotouza – Repressive Crisis Management, Nationalism and Surplus Populations in Greece

B111

Concepts in Marxist Theory: time, machinery and the state

Chair: Matteo Mandarini
Jonathan Martineau – Capitalist value – appropriation and clock-time: temporal alienation and the dialectics of capitalist time
Giorgos Kalampokas, Tassos Betzelos and Panagiotis Sotiris – State, political power and revolution: Althusser, Poulantzas, Balibar and the “Debate on the State”

G50

On reproduction and new motherhood

Chair: Alex Anievas
Ana Vilenica – Becoming a Mother: From neoliberal regime of motherhood towards radical political subjectivisation
Daniela Danna – Surrogacy contracts: the ultimate workers’ exploitation?

G51

Housing, rent and urban development

Chair: Adam Hanieh
Mary Robertson – Financialisation and UK Housing Supply - Beyond the Land-Banking Debate
Jamie Gough – ‘Fictitious commodities’, generalised rents and the contradictions of growth regions: a quantitative model
Ozlem Celik – The changing political economy of housing of the poor in Istanbul between 1950 and 2010
Michael Edwards – Dilemmas in campaigning about housing and rent in London: distinct forms of financialisation and fragmented class experience

L67

The International Dimension to the Russian Revolution

Chair: Sebastian Budgen
Adam Collins – Arthur Ransome in Revolutionary Russia 1917-1923
Kevin Morgan – In and out of the swamp: the unpublished autobiography of Peter Petroff
John Riddell – Clara Zetkin in the Lion’s Den
Jean-François Fayet – “Karl Radek and Paul Levi in 1921: Two Conceptions of Communism or of International Discipline “

4426

Cinema and Photography

Chair: Steve Edwards
Louis-Georges Schwartz – Cinema hostis or historicizing the time and movement images
Agata Pyzik – Representations of communist Poland on film – pride or contestation?
Grant Mandarino – Capturing class: Photographic experience and Proletarian representation

4429

The Politics of Anti-Colonialism

Chair: David Broder
Nate George – The Prose of insurgency: Anticolonial movements and historiography
Rianne Subijanto – Communist women and the anti-colonial struggle in Indonesia
David Barber – Anti-Colonial Revolution and the origins of the 1960s

FG01

Adorno, the Bourgeois Interior and the Ontology of Hell

Chair: Esther Leslie
Sebastian Truskolaski – Adorno in the Mirror: Inversion and redemption in the bourgeois intérieur
Tom Allen – Angelus in the boudoir: Adorno and the angel of the negative
Jacob Bard-Rosenberg – The interior without children: Adorno and the Kindertotenlieder

Senate House (room 264)

N.B. 18.00

The Market, violence and consumers

Keynote Speaker:
Heide Gerstenberger, University of Bremen
 This talk is organised as part of the Royal Holloway MA Marketing Camp, **it begins at 6pm.**
 The talk will take place in **Senate House**, which is located between the **Brunei Gallery** and **Malet St.**

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Racialisation and Black Radical Politics

Chair: Brenna Bhandar
HLT Quan – Black radicality and ungovernability
Adam Elliott-Cooper – Race to the city: Black-led social movements – space and the neoliberal state
Anna Curcio and Miguel Mellino – Race at work. The rise and challenge of Italian racism

KLT

Marxist Feminism and Art

Chair: Angela Dimitrakaki
Giulia Smith – The biological imaginary of the independent group: Mother-whore
Robin Simpson – Hidden mothers and matrices: Exposing reproductive labour in nineteenth century studio photography

B102

Antisemitism and Socialist Strategy 1: Central and Eastern Europe – 1880-1917

Chair: Peter Thomas
Brendan McGeever – Socialists and antisemitism in Revolutionary Russia: February to October 1917
Gerald Surh – Antisemitism in the eyes of a Jewish Revolutionary
Wiktor Marzec – “Polish and Jewish workers should struggle together, under one common banner”. Antisemitism and counter anti-semitic discursive strategies in political language during the 1905-07 Revolution in the Kingdom of Poland
Lars Fischer – Comparing Social Democratic responses to racism and antisemitism in Imperial Germany

L67

Anti-Capitalist Horizons

Chair: David Broder
Eduardo Sartelli – From Chiapanean Aborigines and Argentinian Picketers to Spanish indignados: The global rebellion of surplus population and the dilemmas of class consciousness and socialist revolution at the beginning of the twenty-first century”
Toni Prug – Hacking Marx’s circuits of reproduction: Towards egalitarian accumulation and mode of production – UK national accounts and public housing

B104

Migrant struggles

Chair: Lucia Pradella
Rossana Cillo – Immigrant workers in the Italian agricultural sector: Between informalisation – casualisation and irregularisation
Bernhard Weicht – The production of migrant care work: benefiting from the intersection of economic, cultural and global inequalities
Richard Braude – Crisis in the cleaning sector

4426

Class: Concepts and Controversies

Chair: Sebastian Budgen
Ricardo Antunes – Who is the working class today?
Klaus Dörre and Singe – The Precariat - A social class?
Joseph Choonara – Reflections on Marxist theories of class

B111

Activity Theory: from Lev Vygotsky to Evald Ilyenkov

Chair: Adam Hanieh
Alex Levant – The subject of activity theory: A CHAT with Ilyenkov
Vesa Oittinen – Vygotsky and Ilyenkov on Spinoza’s Significance for and Analysis of Mind
Peter Jones – Vygotsky – Marxism and Pavlov’s reflexology
Brecht de Smet – Labor struggles in Sadat City: Workplaces in/of Revolution

4429

Trajectories of Class Formation

Chair: Jamie Allinson
Pepijn Brandon – Popular Orangism and the making of the Dutch working class
Richard Roman and Edur Velasco Arregui – Straddling the border: The transnational making of the Mexican working class
Cagri Idiman – The Development of the Agrarian Questions

G50

Researching Class and Development: Panel 1

Chair: Dae-Oup Chang
Owen Miller – The making of the North Korean working class, from colonial to postcolonial state capitalism
Liam Campling – The class dynamics of EU-Africa fisheries relations
Ben Selwyn – The many determinants of class and development: Evidence from export grape production, North East Brazil

FG01

Avant-Garde

Chair: Matteo Mandarin
Rory Dufficy – the everyday life of the avant-garde
David Mabb – Off with his head! Reworkings of Tatlin’s Monument to the Third International and monuments to Lenin in art since the 1960s.

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Researching Class and Development: Panel 2*Chair and discussant: Alessandra Mezzadri*

Jeffery R. Webber – ‘Reading E.P. Thompson in the Andes’
Jonathan Pattenden – ‘Dynamic Determinations: A class-relational approach to social policy in India.’
Philip Roberts – Resistance to capitalism in Brazil during a period of transformation: the condition of the Movimento Sem Terra under neoliberalism and post-neoliberalism

B102

Antisemitism and Socialist Strategy 2: Western Europe, 1880-1917*Chair: Sebastian Budgen*

Satnam Virdee – Socialists and antisemitism in Britain, 1884-1914
Sharon Vance – Antisemitism & Socialism in colonial Algeria and France in the 19th century
Jan Stutje – Anti-Semitism and racism in the early Dutch labour movement (1880-1994)
Hakan Blomqvist – Socialist patriotism, racism and anti-semitism in the early Swedish labour movement

B104

When the content goes beyond the phrase: Reflections on the Gezi Resistance in Turkey*Chair: Adam Hanieh*

Fuat Ercan and Ibrahim Gundogdu – Restructuring of capital and state in Turkey and the transformation of blasé personalities to insurgents in the Gezi resistance
Sebnem Oguz – Gezi resistance and the political regime in Turkey: Towards an exceptional state form?
Yasemin Ozugun – Patriarchal capitalism and the motives behind the women’s participation in the Gezi Resistance

B111

Theorising subsumption and reification*Chair: David Broder*

Stewart Martin – What is the subsumption of life by capital?
Andrés Sáenz de Sicilia – Time and subsumption
Patrick Murray & Gil Skillman – Capital at the margins: Does Marx have the concept of hybrid subsumption? An exchange between Patrick Murray and Gil Skillman
Frederic Montferrand, Vincent Chanson and Alexis Cukier – Between real abstractions and class struggle: Reification

G50

Universities as Corporations and Sites of Struggle*Chair: Peter Thomas*

Andrew McGettigan – English universities: what kind of corporations are they?
Christopher Newfield – Some elements of a non-capitalist university
Hugo Harari-Kermadec and Elsa Boulet – Commodity fetishism at the university
Jacken Waters and Molly Budd – Within and against the university-as-factory: Sussex University’s anti-privatisation occupation as a glimpse of rupture with capital

FG01

Struggles in Africa*Chair: Robert Knox*

Lara Pawson – The Nito Alves uprising: views from below
Andrew Brooks – An African Passive Revolution? Joyce Banda’s New Malawi
Leo Zeilig – From exile to the thick of the struggle: Mozambique and Ruth First
John S. Saul – Discussant

G51

Agrarian transition and left politics in India, Journal of Agrarian Change panel*Chair: Subir Sinha*

Jens Lerche – ‘agrarian transition bypassed in neoliberal India?’
Alpa Shah – ‘The Agrarian Question in a Maoist Guerrilla Zone’
Barbara Harriss-White – ‘Capitalism and the common man: Petty and Petty Production in India’
Isabelle Guerin – Bonded labour, agrarian changes and capitalism in South India.

KLT

Race, Sex and Gender*Chair: Sara Farris*

Sara Garbagnoli – One Is Not Born: On Sex And Race As Social Structures. Political Insights From French Materialist Feminists
Dolores MorondoTaramundi – Intersectionality and disaggregation of the subject in the controversies over the headscarf
Asefeh Esfahlani – Islamic forms of Reproduction: From Permanent to Temporary Marriage
Kevin Floyd – Commodified Bios and the “Real Abstraction” of Gender

L67

Soviet Marxism and Socialist Humanism*Chair: Gregory Schwartz*

Craig Brandist – Russian Marxism, Hegemony and the Critique of Eurocentrism
Hannah Proctor – Abstraction: Utopian or Scientific? Soviet Psychologists in Central Asia in the wake of the First Five Year Plan
Kevin Anderson – Rethinking Humanism
Barbara Epstein – The Rise, Decline and Hopeful Revival of Socialist Humanism

4426

Realism and Modernism*Chair: Esther Leslie*

Warren Carter – Epic Modernism: Meyer Schapiro, George Lukacs, and the Murals of Diego Rivera
Ishan Cader – Refracting Hegemony: ‘The New Masses’, Between Proletarian Art and Sloanist Iconology
Alex Potts – Class Politics and Realism in Art in Postwar Italy

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Law and the Constitution of Capitalist Social Relations*Chair: Robert Knox*

Paavo Kotiaho – The Economic, Social and Cultural Administration of Life through Law - Rights and the Development of Capitalist in the 21st Century
Bill Bowring – The Law of Value and the Law
Oisin Gilmore – European Union as State Form
Christopher Boyd – International Law(yers): a class-theoretical critique of practice and the profession

13:30 – 2:15pm**Lunchtime meeting:** Meet the editors of the HM Book Series and Journal to discuss any prospective projects. **Room G50.**

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The Unknown Rosa Luxemburg: Her writings on anthropology – political economy – and post-capitalist society reconsidered

Chair: Alex Anievas

Chris Knight – Rosa Luxemburg on 'Primitive Communism': How do her ideas stand up today?

Riccardo Bellofiore – A revolutionary economic theorist: Rosa Luxemburg's Accumulation of Capital – 100 years later

Peter Hudis – Rosa Luxemburg's contribution to developing a vision of a post-capitalist society

Jan Toporowski – Luxemburg and underconsumptionism

G51

Critical Perspectives in Political Economy

Chair: Adam Hanieh

Michael Kraetke – Reading Capital - how not to read "Capital"

Patrick Murray and Jeanne Schuler – Five Common conceptual mistakes about value and capital

Maria Ivanova – The great recession and the great depression in comparative perspective

Jim Kincaid – China-centric development in the world economy today: the Marxist debate

B102

Queer Theory 2

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Gianfranco Rebutini – Homonationalism and «Integral State». Neoliberal policies of rights and GLB collusion in France

Johannah May Black – Queer rights and sexual regulation and the neoliberal, post-welfare state

James Hooper – Queer materialism and the Byzantine eunuch

FG01

Philosophies of the Proletariat

Chair: Bue Hansen

Gaspar Tamas – Towards a new concept of the global proletariat

Jessica Whyte – 'Nothing to lose but its chains': Giorgio Agamben on the auto-suppression of the proletariat

Gavin Walker – Žižek with Marx: Outside in the critique of political economy

B104

Theorising Contemporary Racisms

Chair: Brenna Bhandar

Richard Seymour – Racial states in crisis: Poulantzas and racial formations

Stella Magliani-Belkacem and Félix Boggio Éwanjée-Épée – Social-chauvinism as a political category

Razmig Keucheyan – Environmental Racism: A Marxist perspective

L67

Workers' Autonomy, Workers' control

Chair: Jamie Allinson

Marcelo Vieta – Makers of their own history: Argentina's worker-recuperated enterprises and the political economy of the working class

Daniel Fuchs – Class-recomposition in China: Prospects of Workers' Autonomous Agency

Immanuel Ness – Discussant

B111

Politics and Political Economy of Consumption

Chair: Mary Robertson

Dave Beech – Facebook and the privatisation of the general intellect

Alan Bradshaw, Norah Campbell and Stephen Dunne – the politics of consumption

Ishay Landa – Buying out of it: working-class consumption under capitalism

4426

Crises and Transitions

Chair: Dae-Oup Chang

Jorge Grespan – "The dilemma of capitalist governments in the present crisis"

José Antonio Pasta – "The Eighteenth Brumaire of Machado de Assis"

Luiz Renato Martins – "Debts and antidebts"

G50

Marxism and Postcolonial Theory: What's left of the debate? Part 1

Chair: Jeff Webber

Paolo Novak – Borders: Marxist territories and postcolonial terrains

Pranav Jani – Writing about 1857: Marxism and Representation

Sharae Deckard and Rashmi Varma – Left Turns: the Politics of Critique in Postcolonial Theory

4429

History as Method

Chair: Peter Thomas

Samuel Knafo and Benno Teschke – Political Marxism and the Question of Methodology for Historical Materialism

Clemens Hoffmann – 'The Heterogeneity of Universalism: Making Sense of the 'Dual Spread' of Modernity: Debating Capitalism and the Inter-State System beyond Europe'

Charlie Post – Discussant

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Workers' struggles and social movements under neoliberalism*Chair: Lucia Pradella***Win Windisch** – Self-assertiveness and leadership. From worker's recalcitrance to new trade union activism**Jeff Goodwin** – The rise and fall of Occupy Wall Street: A class analysis**Elizabeth Humphrys** – How labour built neoliberalism

G51

Discussion of Postcolonial Theory and the Spectre of Capital*Chair: Sebastian Budgen***Neil Lazarus**
Benita Parry
Vivek Chibber

B102

Class, Capital and Politics in Russia and Eastern Europe*Chair: Gregory Schwartz***Eric Sevault** – The Legacy of Russian Left Communists**Paul Kellogg** – Miners of Vorkuta
Alexandr Buzgalin – Russia's "Jurassic Capitalism": A Caricature of the West?**Andre Mommen** – Russia at the crossroads: Popular protests – social transformations and Putinism

L67

Marxism and the International*Chair: Jamie Allinson***Steven Rolf** – Uneven Development and uneven and combined development: towards a unified theory**Hannes Lacher** – Political Marxism and global history**Jessica Evans** – Uneven and combined development – migrant labour and working class formation**Cemal Burak Tansel on Capitalism** – Class and Geopolitics: Marx and Engels on the 'Eastern Question'

B104

Reformism and Left Strategy*Chair: Peter Thomas***Paul Blackledge** – Left Reformism – the State – and the Problem of Socialist Politics Today**Jonah Birch** – Social Democracy and Class Mobilization: the Left without Reformism?**Daniela Chironi** – Radical left-wing parties and "anti- neoliberal social movements" in Western Europe: strategic interactions in time of crises. A comparative study of Italy and Greece**Panagiotis Sotiris** – Gramsci and contemporary Left strategy: The 'historical bloc' as a strategic concept

4426

Gender and the Making of the Working Class*Chair: Lucia Pradella***Estelle Cooch** – Trouble at t'Mill - class and gender in the 1853 Preston lock-out**Margot Beal** – Domestic work in and around 19th century Lyon (France): gender and class conflicts within the household**Sian Moore** – Gender and the making of the English Working class: the Bradford worsted industry 1780-1845

B111

Materialism, Affect and Alienation: The French Marxist Use of Spinoza*Chair: Paul Reynolds***Geoff Pfeifer** – Ideology – Imagination – and History: Althusser's 'Heretical' Spinozism**Jason Read** – Economies of affect/ affective economies: Towards a Spinozist critique of political economy**Ted Stolze** – Revisiting a Marxist Encounter with Spinoza: The Case of Alexandre Matheron

FG01

Reading Capital after 1968: The commodity form, value and crisis in the Neue Marx-Lektüre and Althusserian Marxism*Chair: Alberto Toscano***Frank Engster** – Money: the Blind Spot in Lukacs, Adorno and Sohn-Rethel's Commodity-form Criticism'**Chris O'Kane** – The Structure of the Process and Perception of the Process: Value and Fetishism in Ranciere's 'the concept of critique and the critique of political economy.**Jan Hoff** – Present-day debates on crisis and emancipation in Germany

G50

Emancipatory politics in the Arab World in an era of Revolutions*Chair: Adam Hanieh***Anne Alexander** – 'The Arab Revolutions and the rebirth of the workers' movement in the Middle East'**Nadine El-Anany** – 'The Limits of Law as a Revolutionary Tool: Rough Music in Egypt since Jan 25 2011'**Philip Marfleet** – 'The Streets and the Revolutions'**Joel Beinín** – 'Arab Workers and the Popular Uprisings of 2011'

4429

The Agrarian Question*Chair: Jeff Webber***Wendy Matsumura** – Uno Kozo's analysis of the 'agrarian question', post-WWI Okinawa's small producers and prospects for the attainment of revolutionary subjectivity**Florian Schaefer** – Revisiting the Agrarian Question: Ethiopia's New Agrarian Capitalists**Ye im Akmeraner** – Resistance of Agricultural Petty Commodity Production in Turkey: Working Class Formation of Peasant-Based Workers**Eric Aunoble** – Making Revolutionary Proletarians Out of Ukrainian Peasants



Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Prize Lecture

Chair: **Gilbert Achcar**

David McNally

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The Blood of the Commonwealth: War—the State and the Making of World Money

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At the lecture the winner of the 2013 Deutscher Memorial Prize will be announced.

The following books have been shortlisted:

- **Heather Brown**
Marx on Gender and the Family: A Critical Study (*Brill*, 2012)
- **Vivek Chibber**
Postcolonial Theory and the Spectre of Capital (*Verso*, 2013)
- **Leo Panitch & Sam Gindin**
The Making of Global Capitalism: The Political Economy of American Empire (*Verso*, 2012)
- **Massimiliano Tomba**
Marx's Temporalities (*Brill*, 2013)

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Class Struggles in India*Chair: Jamie Allinson***Amit Anshumali** – Class formation and localized agency of migrant farm workers in Central India**Elisabeth Armstrong** – Turning to the village to fight neoliberalism: Inter-sectoral organizing in the All India Democratic Women's Association**Snehal Shingavi** – Class Struggle in "Shining India"

B102

Marxist-Feminist Political Organising*Chair: Nina Power***Johanna Brenner** – Socialist-Feminist Politics Today**Hannah Dee** – Marxism, feminism and austerity

B104

Realism, Actualizations of a Committed Art*Chair: Steve Edwards***Robert Burghardt** – For a new Realism in Architecture**Johannes Paul Raether** – Our Realism – From political art to artistic politics.**Kerstin Stakemeier** – Realism and Naturalism. Another Media-Specificity

B111

Challenges and Opportunities for the Central and East European Left*Chair: Kate Hudson***Goran Markovic** – 'Challenges of the Czech Radical Left'**Daniel Jakopovich** – 'Scorched Earth and Subterranean Blues: Notes on the Landscape of the Democratic Left in Croatia'**Anastasia Riabchuk** – 'Recent Developments in Workers' Struggles in Ukraine'**Gavin Rae** – 'Recent

Developments on the Polish Left'

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G50

The Legacy of Italian Marxist feminism*Chair: Sue Ferguson***David Palazzo** – Italian feminism in the social factory: reproduction and the crisis of class composition
Maya Andrea Gonzalez – Refusal or self-valorization: Rethinking wages for housework today**Anna Frisone** – Labour Feminism in Italy in the 1970s. Giving voice to working women: an oral history

G51

Marxism, Revolution, Insurrection*Chair: Matteo Mandarini***Peter Hallward** – Blanqui and Marx reconsidered**Anindya Bhattacharyya** – Karl Korsch as a precursor of Alain Badiou**Harrison Fluss** – Rational tyranny: On Hegel, Robespierre and Revolutionary crisis**Nathaniel Boyd** – Stratification and status: Hegel's interrogation into modernity's foundational split

G3

Dimensions of Settler-Colonialism*Chair: Rafeef Ziadah***Brenna Bhandar** – Title by Registration: instituting property & conjuring race in the settler colony
Niko Block – Nation-building oppressions: a historical framework of settler colonialism and reproductive rights**Parastou Saberi** – On working-class struggles and the politics of space in white-settler-colonial metropole

(DLT) G2

How Bourgeois were the Bourgeois Revolutions?*Chair: Mary Robertson***Neil Davidson****Charles Post****Colin Mooers**

KLT

Communisation and the End(s) of Art*Chair – Benjamin Noys***Jaleh Mansoor** – Readymade Matrices: Notes on Determinism and the Artist**Marina Vishmidt** – Nihilation, Congelation, Art: For More Useless Mediations**Anthony Iles** – Intentional abolition of art is only more art
Daniel Spaulding – Value-Form and Art-Form: The End of the

European Neo-Avant-Garde – 1957-1979

L67

Weimar Culture and Art*Chair: Esther Leslie***Daniel Mourenza** – The Creation of a Proletarian Techno-Body: Walter Benjamin on Class and Technology**Gene Ray** – Science in the Force Field: Brecht's Galileo Now**Sabine Hake** – Weimar Culture and Proletarian Modernism**Jenny Nachtigall** – The politics of reproduction in Dada and beyond

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Recent Workers' Struggles*Chair: Lucia Pradella*

John Smith – The Rana Plaza disaster: how Bangladeshi workers prop up the British economy
Pierre Odin – Unionism and class struggles in the French West Indies : the case of LKP coalition (2009)
Bill Crane – The Contradictions of "Capitalism of the Oppressed" in the U.S. and India

B102

Marxism in the Third World: New Configurations of Struggles*Chair: Amanda Latimer*

Radha D'Souza – 'Class in the 'Epoch' of Imperialism: Global Apartheid and Lenin's Labour Aristocracy Thesis'
Júlio da Silveira Moreira – 'Investment megaprojects, state violence and the actual configuration of capitalism in Brazil'
Andy Higginbottom – 'Chain extraction - chain reaction: Following the extractivist chain: mining, finance, imperialism and the BRICS'
Karen Gabriel – The Work and World of Surrogacy

B104

Deforming – Refunctioning – Destroying Capital*Chair: Matteo Mandarini*

Alberto Toscano – Transition Deprogrammed
Sami Khatib – Deforming the Forms of Capital. On Destruction, Negativity and Nihilism
Benjamin Noys – Days of Phuture Past: Capitalism, Time and Acceleration

B111

Social Wage and Social Reproduction: Global Struggles in Mexico, South Africa and North America*Chair: Elizabeth Esch*

Christina Heatherton – 'Red Love: Alexandra Kollontai, social reproduction and the Mexican revolution'
Kate Doyle Griffiths-Dingani – 'Women, work and the precarious state in South Africa'
Jordan T. Camp – 'Urban insurgency in Detroit: Black freedom and socialist struggles for a social wage'
Stephen Shukaitis – Learning from affective revolts: social reproduction & political subjectivation

G50

CLR James and history*Chair: Robert Knox*

Scott McLemee – Proletarian Journalism of a New Type: C.L.R. James and Correspondence
Kevin Edmonds – Revisiting CLR James and the West Indian Federation
Christian Hogsbjerg – People's History and Socialist Theory: When E.P. Thompson met C.L.R. James

G51

Feminism's dangerous liaisons: neoliberalism, liberalism, nationalism*Chair: Angela Dimitrakaki*

Catherine Rottenberg – Containing the Liberal Imagination: How Superwoman Became Balanced
Sara R. Farris – State feminism and productivist ethics in times of workfare
Sinead Kennedy – Feminism and Marxism in an Age of Crisis: A Response to Nancy Fraser

G3

Marxist Literary Theory*Chair: Esther Leslie*

Jernej Habjan – From cultural third-worldism to the literary world-system – and back
Daniel Hartley – Towards a Marxist poetics: A critical reconstruction of Raymond Williams's theory of style
Roberta Fabbri Viscardi – The impossibility of class mobility in the great gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

(DLT) G2

The role of women in building a strong left: between patriarchy and imperialism in the periphery (Roundtable)*Chair Chiara Bonfiglioli*

Andrea Milat
Jelena Petrovic
Mariya Ivancheva
Matija Medenica

KLT

The Arab Uprising Through the lens of Marxism: Around Gilbert Achcar's The People Want: A Radical Exploration of the Arab Uprising*Chair: Adam Hanieh*

Gilbert Achcar
Joel Beinin
Maha Abdulrahman

L67

Critical Perspectives on Rancière*Chair: Jamie Allinson*

Ledys Sanjuan Mejia – "We Speak in Tongues": A Woman of Colour Critique of Rancière's Political Subject
Knox Peden – The Irony of Equality: Rancière's Control Group
Max Kubinyi – Reflections on the Making of Revolutionary Agency in E.P. Thompson and Jacques Rancière

13:00-13:45pm**Lunchtime meeting:** For International Initiative for the Promotion of Political Economy (IIPPE) **Room 116**

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Problematising Histories of Capitalism: Working class – law and state formation

Chair: Robert Knox

Frantz Gheller – Rethinking the social roots of Quebec's development: The challenge of international relations

Xavier Lafrance – 'Problematising capitalism and re-thinking the making of a working class in France'

Maia Pal – 'Processes of jurisdictional accumulation in early modern Spain & France: a pre-capitalist history of international law'

Javier Moreno Zacarés – Rethinking the Spanish empire and world systems capitalist development: the role of burghers

G51

CLR James and Marxist theory

Chair: Mary Robertson

Azfar Hussain – The 'Dark Proletariat' in Du Bois and James: Is a race theory of value possible?

Matthieu Renault – C. L. R. James. Towards a decolonial materialism

Kenneth Surin – The Three 'Logics' of CLR James

B102

Althusser and Thompson revisited

Chair: Peter Thomas

Paul Reynolds – 'We cannot have love without lovers, nor deference without squires and labourers': Thinking the moral agency and practice in Marxist thought with Thompson and Althusser

Susan Brophy – From Pashukanis to Thompson to Banaji: Fresh Avenues in Law and Marxism Studies

Marcelo Badaro Mattos – E. P. Thompson, historical materialism and political intervention: a view from Brazil

G3

Photography & the Left: Producing Politics & Publics

Chair: Steve Edwards

Blake Stimson – Photographic Communism

Sarah James – Picturing Communism in LIFE: Photography Against the Grain

Jorge Ribalta – Politicisation vs Institutionalisation

B104

Class struggles in Latin America

Chair: Jeff Webber

Laurent Baronian – The economic genesis of contemporary left-wing States in Latin America: the cases of Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador and Venezuela

Thomas Chiasson-LeBel – Class relationships In Ecuador and Venezuela: a comparative study on class organizations under left wing governments

Leonardo Brito – The impasse of capitalism and democracy in the twenty-first century Brazilian: the debate on Lulism

Ana Cecilia Dinerstein – Autonomy and emancipation in Latin America: On shaping absences and the untranslatable excess

(DLT) G2

Marxist Feminisms: Theoretical contributions to anti-capitalism

Chair: Sara Farris

Susan Ferguson – Theorizing Class Through Gender and Race

Shahrazad Mojab – From Women's Revolt to Revolutionary Marxist-Feminist Organizing

Abigail B. Bakan – Marxism, Feminism, Indigeneity: Re-thinking/re-reading Engels' Origins of the Family, Private Property and the State

Heather Brown – Gender, Politics and Political Thought: Revisiting Marx's Political Economy

B111

Workers' Inquiry Yesterday and Today

Chair: Alberto Toscano

Salar Mohandesi – Workers' Inquiry: A Genealogy

Asad Haider – Crisis and Inquiry

Liz Mason-Deese – Unemployed Inquiry and Investigation in Argentina.

Jamie Woodcock – An attempt at a workers' inquiry in a call centre: possibilities of resistance, potential for organisation

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Registering Class: Launching the 50th volume of the Socialist Register

Chair Leo Panitch

Vivek Chibber

Ursula Huws

Bryan Palmer

Alfredo Saad-Filho

G50

Book Launch:

Profiting without Producing (Costas Lapavitsas book roundtable)

Chair: Dae-oup Chang

Costas Lapavitsas
Charles Masquelier
Samantha Ashman
Samuel Knafo

L67

The Politics of Trade Unionism

Chair: Dimitris Milonakis

Immanuel Ness – State Repression of New Workers Movements

Sai Englert – Zionism, workers and the Histadrut: laying the foundations of the Israeli state

Samuel Hayat – The role of representative government in the making of the French labour movement

116

Popular and communist politics in early Soviet Russia*Chair: Ana Cecilia*

Gleb J. Albert – Bolsheviks, Workers and 'Proletarian Internationalism' in NEP Russia
Simon Pirani – The politics of working-class dissent: Moscow, Petrograd and Kronstadt in 1921
Arturo Zoffmann – Russian Working Class Identity in a Period of Ideological Crisis: 1900-1921

G51

Debates in Marxist Political Economy*Chair: Dae-Oup Chang*

Michael Roberts and Guglielmo Carchedi – The long roots of the present crisis: Keynesianism, Austrians and Marx's law
Radhika Desai – Reassessing Regulation Theory: productivity, post-Fordism and finance
Riccardo Bellofiore – Sweezy and Mattick on capitalism and crisis

B102

Class movements in China*Chair: Lucia Pradella*

Paula Nabuco – Laid-off workers and social struggles at the Chinese "rust belt"
Tim Pringle – Reflections on Labour in China: From a moment to a movement
Pierre Rousset – Reflexions on post-1949 revolution and counter-revolution in China

G3

Non-Western Critical Marxisms*Chair: Jeff Webber*

Jorge Murga Armas – Marxism and Racism in Guatemala
Samuel Carlshamre – Materializing Tradition. Arabic Marxist writing on Islamic Intellectual History

B104

Politics and Morality from Machiavelli to E.P. Thompson*Chair: Peter Thomas*

Jeremie Barthas – Marx with Machiavelli. A Genealogy of the Critique of Economic Fetishism.
Carlos Frade – The political meaning of the plebs' moral economy in Thompson vis-à-vis the people's desire in Machiavelli and its implications for a communist political strategy
William Dixon and David Wilson – E.P. Thompson and the Moral Depletion Hypothesis

(DLT) G2

Marxist Feminisms and Anti-Capitalist Organizing Today*Chair: Paul Reynolds*

Alan Sears – Queering anti-capitalist organizing: Learning from sexual and gender liberation
Clarice Kuhling – Marxist Feminism – Sexual violence and anti-capitalist organizing
Rafeef Ziadah – Lessons of Palestine organizing
Mary-Jo Nadeau – Towards a politics of critical diversity: Reflecting on the legacy of left anti-racist struggle in Canada's women's movements

B111

Occupation and Liberation in Israel/Palestine*Chair: Adam Hanieh*

Neve Gordon and Nicola Perugini – The Human Right to Kill
Steve Nutt – Liberal Zionism and the Question of Labour

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Socialist Register at 50: Class and Politics in Britain*Chair: Greg Albo*

Madeleine Davis
Colin Leys
Andrew Murray
Leo Panitch

G50

Capitalist Crisis and Critique: Race, Class, Gender, Nation*Chair: Mary Robertson*

Nancy Fraser – Crisis, Critique, Capitalism
Rose Brewer – "Capitalist crisis and social transformation: The black radical tradition today, gender, race, class and nation"
Tania Toffanin – Marxism or feminism, class or gender: The analysis of the Italian case

L67

Virtual paupers: The politics of surplus populations*Chair: Matteo Mandarin*

Ken Kawashima and Gavin Walker – Resurrection and Insurrection: On the figure of Lazarus in Marx's Capital
Daniel Zamora and Nic Gortz – The 'They' below 'Us'

G2

Half-Plenary:
**Historical Materialist
Geography**

Chair: **Mary Robertson**

Alex Loftus – The violence of geographical
abstractions

Kanishka Goonewardena – Marxism and totality:
Henri Lefebvre on state capitalism, urbanization and
everyday life

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Half-Plenary:
The Other Face of the BRICs

Chair: **Sam Ashman**

Tim Pringle

Snehal Shingavi Inqilab Zindabad – the
contradictions of Indian economic development

Aleksandr Buzgalin

Maria Cevasco – Where does the anger in the
streets come from? Perspectives from Brazil

20.00
**Wine and
Cheese
Reception**

SOAS Student Bar
(downstairs from the book
stalls)

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What Was "Real" in "Really Existing Communism"? Revisiting ideas and narratives of the Soviet age, Part 1: Platonov and the October Revolution

Chair: David Broder

Oxana Timofeeva – 'Animality and Utopian Community: From Kafka to Platonov and Back'

Artemy Magun – 'Andrey Platonov's Negative Revolution'

Maria Chehonadskih – Communism in Desert: Political Weakness and Potentiality of the "Poor Life" in Andrei Platonov's "Dzhan"

B102

Feminism, Corporations and the Capitalist World Order

Chair: Abbie Bakan

Adrienne Roberts – Gender, leadership and the corporate-led aid industry

Genevieve LeBaron – Corporatizing feminism

Sara Wallin – The EBRD and privatised 'solutions' to re(production) in Turkey

Julie Dowsett – The historical/theoretical roots of contemporary corporatized feminism

B104

James, Mariategui, Fanon and the national question

Chair: Lucia Pradella

Vasant Kaiwar – The category of class in the oppositions to capitalism and imperialism.

Felipe Lagos – Marxist method in Imperialist Times: reading Mariategui on Marxism and the national issue

Neil Larsen – Fanon, the Brazilian

Selma James – Discussant

B111

Revolutionary Internationalism

Chair: Sebastian Budgen

George Paizis – The Federacion of Salonica – Jewish, Internationalist, anti-war, the foundation of the Greek Communist Party [KKE]

Maurice Andreu – The Communist International and the World Working Class - an ideological approach

William A Pelz – The Myth and Reality of the International Working Men's Association as a Facilitator of Strikes and workers' movements. 1864-1874

G50

The Poor Stockinger, the Luddite cropper and the deluded followers of Joanna Southcott (Luke Fowler 2012)

Film Screening and panel

Owen Hatherley, Steve Edwards and John Roberts – Discussants

Fowler's 61-minute film mixes archive footage with newly-shot material in an a typically evocative video essay that reflects on the life and times of the critic, historian and activist E.P. Thompson.

G51

Drone Theories

Chair: Rafeef Ziadah

Jamie Allinson – Cyborg empire and necropolitical economy

Gregoire Chamayou – Manhunt from the skies. Hunter-killer drone as the weapon of contemporary cynegetic warfare.

Eyal Weizman – Forensic warfare (video presentation)

G3

Recent reinterpretations of the 'Transformation Problem'

Chair: Giorgos Galiana

Fred Moseley – Recent Reinterpretations of the 'Transformation Problem'

Simon Mohun – 'Value and Prices in the "New Interpretation"'

Mary Robertson – Discussant

Anders Ekeland – Discussant

(DLT) G2

Marxist-Feminist Keywords: Texts, theories, histories and praxis – roundtable

Chair: Adrienne Roberts

Helen Colley – The Marxist-Feminist Keywords Project

Katharina Volk – Foundations and basic concepts of a Marxist Feminism – A German-based international dictionary project

Jamie Magnusson – Financialization

Ruth May – In search of herstory -- market women, for example

Claudia Gdaniec – Feminist-Marxist concepts and terms as a linguistic challenge

Sheila Gruner – Nature and the environment

KLT

Revisiting the Making of the English Working Class

Chair: Adam Hanieh

Bryan Palmer – History as argument: The contrarian analytics of E P Thompson's The Making of the English Working Class

Matthew Roberts – E. P. Thompson, Luddism and The Making of the English Working Class

Kostas Kanellopoulos – The remaking of the Greek working class

4429

Histories of Black Communism

Chair: Alex Anievas

Bryan Banker – "Black Men Speak!": Mapping the radical political philosophy of Paul Robeson and Langston Hughes

Paul Heideman – A. Philip Randolph and the Intellectual History of American Socialism

Evan Sarmiento – The New Communist Movement and desegregation in Boston

Brunei Gallery

Book Launch:

Theories of Ideology: The powers of alienation and subjection (Brill 2013)

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Jan Rehmann
Esther Leslie
David McNally
Bob Jessop
Peter Thomas

116

What Was "Real" in "Really Existing Communism"? Revisiting ideas and narratives of the Soviet age, Part 2: Communism, state, sexuality and present reverberations of the Soviet legacy

Chair: Sebastian Budgen

Alexei Penzin – The State that Falls Asleep: An Update to Lenin's Idea of Communism

Keti Chukhrov – Sexuality in the Conditions of the Non-Libidinal Economy

Ilya Budratskis – Soviet, Anti-Soviet and the identity of the Russian Left

B102

Lineaments of Social Reproduction, Past and Present: Examples from domestic labour and sex worker struggles

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Laura Schwartz – 'Servants' Trade Unions and Feminist Debates on Work, Britain 1900-1914'

Kate Hardy – Sex Work, Social Reproduction and the Neoliberal State: The case of AMMAR

Katie Cruz – 'Sex work as or against wage labour'

B104

Crossing borders: writing the histories of Marxism in a transnational perspective

Chair: Lucia Pradella

David Mayer – 'Transnational Marxism in Latin America – actors and ideas in connection'

Bertel Nygaard – 'Young Marx to the North: The use of Marx and Engels in Denmark during the 1840's'

Jean-Numa Duncange – 'What is Marxist historiography? Elements for a transnational historical method'

B111

Dilemmas of Democracy

Chair: Alex Anievas

Fabio Frosini – Emancipation in the singular

Alfredo Saad-Filho and Alison J. Ayers – Democracy against neoliberalism: paradoxes, limitations, transcendence

Romain Felli – Markets against democracy in environmental governance

G50

Should dialectics break weird? Speculative realism and/or historical materialism. A Mute magazine discussion

Chair: Benedict Seymour

Giorgio Cesarale – A dialectical critique of the 'necessity-contingency' couple in speculative realism

John Cunningham – Speculative Horror, Weird Marxism and the Dread of Real Abstraction.

Svenja Bromberg – The politics of an object-oriented aesthetics

Sebastian Truskolaski – Reflections on Realism – Adorno contra Meillassoux

Alberto Toscano – *Discussant*

G51

Logistics, supply chains and the internationalisation of production

Chair: Dae-Oup Chang

Jonny Jones – Logistics and labour in the global economy

Grietje Baars – Regulating away the revolution?: Supply chain regulation and resistance in the Bangladesh garment sector

Frido Wenten – Making sense of class struggle in global capitalism – The internationalisation of a global automotive firm to Mexico and China, 1970s to today

G3

Wrestling with the Legacy of 20th Century Marxism

Chair: Giorgos Galianis

Georg Souvlis – History and Politics: Revisiting Perry Anderson's historical sociology

Kimon Markatos – Passages from Modernity to Postmodernity: Perry Anderson as a cultural thinker

Christoph Jünke – A contribution to the critique of philo- and neo-Stalinism: Notes on Canfora and Losurdo

(DLT) G2

Existence and politics: the work of Race & Class and the Institute of Race Relations

Chair: Esther Leslie

A. Sivanandan – "Catching history on the wing: a conversation with Avery F. Gordon"

Jenny Bourne – "Revolution and reconstruction: a political history of the Institute of Race Relations"

Colin Prescod – "The seeds of opposition: culture, anti-racist struggles and communities of resistance"

Liz Fekete – "In the shadow of the new nativism: European racism and the 'migrant' experience"

KLT

The Turkish Working Class

Chair: Peter Thomas

Ismail Doga Karatepe – State, Bourgeoisie and Economic Policies in Turkey

Isil Erdinc – Reconnecting with the Leftwing Political Parties as a Working Class Strategy: The case of Trade Unions and Leftwing Politics in Turkey since 2002 in a Context of Political Repression and Social Inequality

Ezgi Pinar – A Class Finding Its Way: A Historical Period from the Turkish Labor History

Aylin Topal and Galip Yalman – The Turkish Winter of Discontent and its Aftermath: The Case of Tekel Workers

4429

The Politics of the Critique of Political Economy

Chair: Adam Hanieh

Paula Rauhala and Miika

Kabata – Heinrich and abstract labour

Massimiliano Tomba – Forms of subsumption of labour

Elena Louisa Lange – The Spectre of Japanese Marxism – Uno Kōzō, Karatani Kōjin and the problem of value

L67

Althusser and Politics 1

Chair: David Broder

Katja Kolsek – Althusser and Hegelian Totality

Ozren Pupovac – Althusser's Three Elements of the Dialectic: Structure, Fusion, Rupture

Agon Hamza – Althusser's Žižek

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Peter Sedgwick's legacy: Politics, psychiatry & freedom*Chair: Paul Reynolds***Ian Birchall** – Peter Sedgwick, Lenin and 'Leninism'**Tad Tietze** – Neither psychiatry nor anti-psychiatry, but mental health as radical politics**Helen Spandler** – The ethical-political value of Sedgwick's concept of illness

B102

Marxism and Music*Chair: Angela Dimitrakaki***Martyn Hudson** – Music and materiality: Avant-garde and worker's music in Tippett and Cardew**Nicholas Till** – Pop Star to Opera Star: Class, labour and value in post-fordist societies**Mark Abel** – The African roots of Western popular music - A reconsideration

B104

Financialisation and the Transition in post-Yugoslavia*Chair: Mary Robertson***Mislav Žitko** – After the Crisis: Financialisation and Credit

Euroization in Eastern Europe

Andreja Živkovi – From the Market...to the Market: On the origins of the present debt crises in the former Yugoslavia**Jan Toporowski** – Discussant

B111

Class Wars and Green Wars*Chair: Sebastian Budgen***Andreas Malm** – 'To cut off the source of power': Attacks on fossil infrastructure as a strategy of class struggle, from the general strike of 1842 to the present**Les Levidow** – 'The Green Economy' agenda: marketising natural resources, dispossessing communities**Anders Ekland** – Do the ecosocialist left have an "exit strategy" from fossil fuel capitalism?

G51

Considerations on Contemporary Brazil*Chair: Jamie Allinson***Ruy Braga** – Class Configuration in Lula's Brazil**Edu Teruki Otsuka** – Social disintegration in contemporary Brazil, through Beatriz Bracher's fiction**Ivone Daré** – Figurations of Contemporary metropolitan Life**Valerio Arcary** – Is there a new middle class in Brazil?**Maria Elisa Cevalco** – Wither is Brazil bound?

4429

Althusser and Politics 2*Chair: Peter Thomas***Thomas Carmichael** – Atomism and Class Formation: Louis Althusser and the underground current of class struggle**Laurent de Sutter** – Louis Althusser and the Theatre of the Trial**William Lewis** – Philosophical Cosmopolitanism and Class Politics**Juha Koivisto** – Discussant

G50

Marxism and Postcolonial Theory: What's Left of the Debate? Part 2*Chair: Dae-Oup Chang***Kamran Matin** – Marxism and the Postcolonial Challenge: What Is To Be Done?**Lucia Pradella** – Postcolonial theory and the making of the world working class**Subir Sinha** – 'Some observations on primitive accumulation and subaltern political subjectivity'**Alf Gunvald Nilsen** – Welcome debate? A critical reading of Chibber's postcolonial theory and the specter of capital

(DLT) G2

A comparative analysis of socialist/class struggle feminism in France and Britain in the 1970's and 1980s*Chair: Nina Power***Josette Trat** – Contribution to the history of feminist class struggle in France as part of second wave feminism**Terry Conway** – Socialist feminism in Britain in the 1970s and 1980s, hidden from history**Penelope Duggan** – The feminist challenge to traditional political organising**Fanny Gallot** – Professional equality policies tested among the popular class: the case of the female workers in France from 1968 to the 1980s

KLT

Free labour and Wage Slavery*Chair: Alberto Toscano***Heide Gerstenberger** – The political economy of capitalist labour**Robin Blackburn** – Dynamics of the Second Slavery**Priyamvada Gopal** – A 'Barbaric Independence': Morant Bay 1865 and the Meaning of Freedom

Closing Plenary

Labour, Race and Gender in the Making of the World Working Class

chair: **Robert Knox**

David Roediger

The Self-Emancipation of U.S. Slaves:

The Jubilee of Freed people and Freedom for All

Abigail Bakan (OISE, University of Toronto)

When Class meets Race and Gender: Reflections on Method

S'bu Zikode (Founder of Abahlali baseMjondolo, shack dwellers' social movement in South Africa)

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