

VI.2: CONFERENCE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9th Historical Materialism Conference, 8-11 November 2012, London

The following papers relevant to the history of communism have been presented at the Historical Materialism Conference 2012 in London:

- Andre Mommen: Eugen Varga and the Hungarian Councils' Republic of 1919
- Paul Kellogg: Lost in Translation: Explaining the Tragedy of Germany's 1921 'March Action'
- Florian Wilde: The Origins of United Front Strategy: The KPD 1921/22
- Miguel Cardina: Portuguese Maoism in the "Long Sixties"
- Dhruv Jain: Charu Mazumdar and Contested Legacies: Indian Maoisms from 1971-1984
- Jukka Gronow: The Two Marxist "Orthodoxies:" Comparing Kautsky's Marxism with Marxism-Leninism
- Ben Lewis: 'Baron', 'Ede' and the Politics of Correspondence
- John Rose: In the Shadow of October, Lenin's 'Left Wing' Communism, Its Misunderstood Significance, Then & Now
- Rebecca E. Karl: Chinese Feminist Encounters with Anarchism and Marxism at the Turn of the Twentieth Century: He-Yin Zhen and her Theories of Female Labor
- Lin Chun: Socialist Feminism in the Maoist Period
- Kevin Morgan: Germany and the Absent Revolution 1848-1948: British Marxist Historians and the *Irrweg*
- Gleb J. Albert: 'World Revolution is a Lovely Thing': Internationalism and Rank and File Communists in Early Soviet Russia
- Ian Birchall: *Le sou du soldat*, 1900–1914
- Dan La Botz: The Mexican Revolution and the American Left: 1910-1928
- Donny Gluckstein: A People's History of the Second World War: Resistance versus Empire
- Craig Brandist: Metamorphoses of Hegemony Each Side of the Russian Revolution
- Lori Turner: On 'Homogeneous, Empty Time': Walter Benjamin's Polemic Against German Social Democracy's False Historical Premises
- Mark A. Lause: The Red and the Black: The Diverse Roots of the First International in the US
- Jacob Zumoff: The Communist International, the Communist Party, and the Fight for Black Liberation in the United States during the 1920s
- Todd Chretien: Anti-Racism, Anti-Colonialism and U.S. Communism in the 1920s
- Pierre Rousset: Revolutionary Politics and Solidarities in the Philippines: From the Central Mindanao Region of the CPP to the Revolutionary Workers Party- Mindanao (RPM-M)
- Maurice Andreu: What was Bolshevism? The Case of Bukharin
- John Marot: Stopping Stalin
- Philippe Bourrinet: Council Communism
- Todd Gordon: The Overthrow of a Moderate and the Birth of a New Resistance: The Coup Against Manuel Zelaya and the History of Imperialism and Popular Struggle in Honduras
- Ricardo Pagliuso Regatieri: State Capitalism, Monopoly Economy, Civilizational Critique: The Institute of Social Research in Exile in the United States in the 1940s
- Luca Basso: History and Revolution in 1848: From the *Manifesto* to the 18th *Brumaire*
- Martyn Hudson: Trotsky, the 18th Brumaire, and the Thermidorian Reaction

- Lev Centrih: The Historical Significance of the Partisan Solidarity: The Case of National Liberation Committees in Slovenia, 1943–1945
- Jan Mervart: Robert Kalivoda's Philosophy of History. Czech Marxism and the Avant Garde
- Bill Bowring: Spinoza in Soviet Philosophy: What if Evald Ilyenkov Had Known Marx's Notes on Spinoza?
- Catherine Samary: 1968: The "Concrete Utopia" of an Organic Self Management Socialist System in Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia
- Sjaak van der Velden: The Dutch Union Movement and the Social Pact (1950-2011)
- Rianne Subijanto: A Communication History of Indonesian Communism: On Method
- Sai Englert: "Grains of Sand in a Bloc of Granite?": the Contradictions of the Jewish Labour Bund
- Daria Dyakonova: Canadian Communists and the USSR: Interaction or Domination?
- George Paizis: Victor Serge, Memoirs of a Revolutionary
- Wictor Marzec: The Peripheral Political and Lateral Marxism – the Case of Kazimierz Kelles-Krauz

Conference Programme: Workers' Internationalism before 1914

15-16 February 2014, School of History, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ, UK

2014 is the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the International Working Men's Association in 1864. It is also the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Socialist International in 1889, and the centenary of the outbreak of the war which precipitated the collapse of that International.

To mark these anniversaries, UEA School of History, in conjunction with the journal *Socialist History* and the Institute of Working Class History (Chicago) are organising a conference on "Workers' internationalism before 1914". The preliminary programme is following:

Saturday 15 February 2014

10.30 Registration, Coffee

11.00 – 12.45 Session 1

- Thomas Davies, City University, London: "Robert Owen and Workers' Internationalism Before Marxism"
- Jürgen Schmidt, Humboldt-University, Berlin: "Transnational Tendencies in a National Framework? The Early German Labour Movement as Civil Society Actor, 1830s to 1860s"
- William A. Pelz, IWCH, Chicago: "'The Emancipation of Labour is neither a Local nor a National, but a Social Problem,' the International Working Men's Association's role in promoting Internationalism, 1864-1874"

12.45 – 1.45 Lunch

1.45 – 3.30 Session 2

- Mark Lause, University of Cincinnati: "Internationals With Guns 1870-71: the Legends of Garibaldi's Armée des Vosges"
- Deborah Lavin, London: "The two separate inaugural Second International Congresses, Paris, August 1889"

- Jamie Melrose, University of Bristol: “Rereading Social Democratic Marxism: The Creation of a Science”
- Julia Nicholls, Queen Mary, University of London: “Federation, Republic, and International: French revolutionary thought in exile, 1871-1880”

3.30 – 4.00 Coffee

4.00 – 5.45 Session 3

- Robert Brier, German Historical Institute Warsaw: “Nationalism and International Society: The Polish Question and the Politics of Representation at the Second International”
- Rory Castle, Swansea University: “Rosa Luxemburg and the Origins of her Internationalism”
- Katya Vladimirov, Kennesaw State University: “‘The Artist of Terror’: Grigori Gershuni and his memoirs ‘Iz Nedavnego Proshlogo’ (From the Recent Past)”
- Richard Albrecht, Bad Münstereifel: “Clara Zetkin: Anti-militarism, anti-imperialism and the struggle for peace in a socialist perspective”

Sunday 16 February 2014

9.30 – 11.15 Session 4

- James Owen, Research Fellow, House of Commons: “John Burns, Tom Mann and the culture of socialist politics in England, 1884-1887”
- Gwynn Thomas, “‘Impossibilist’ Socialist Party opposition to World War I in Britain and Canada”
- Yann Béliard, Paris 3 University (Sorbonne Nouvelle): “Labour internationalism in the port of Hull (1880s-1914): foundations, achievements, limitations”

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 1.15 Session 5

- Andrei Sorescu, UCL SSEES, London: “The Limits of Imagining Internationalism: Early Romanian Socialism and Hegemonic Entanglements”
- Ramin Taghian, Vienna: “The Transnational Dimension of the early Iranian Socialist Movement (1906-1911)”
- Lucas Poy, Buenos Aires: “The relationship within the Argentine Socialist Party and the Second International, in the period 1889-1914”
- Ian Birchall, London: “La Vie Ouvrière: A Beacon of Internationalism”

1.15 – 2.15 Lunch

2.15 – 4.00 Session 6

- Tim Wätzold, Catholic University, Eichstätt-Ingolstadt: “Migration and the transplantation of labour movement culture: The libertarian Atlantic, cultural and transnational aspects of mass migration, class-formation and working-class-identity in South-America”
- Reiner Tosstorff, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz: “From the International Secretariat of trade union federations to the International Federations of Trade Unions: The rise of a trade union international in the years before World War One”
- Ad Knotter, IISH Amsterdam: “Transnational cigar-makers. Cross-border connections, strikes and solidarity at the time of the First International (1864-1873)”

4.00 – 4.30 Summary and Conclusion

Paris: International Rosa Luxemburg Society Conference

Our next conference with the main issue "Rosa Luxemburg's Concepts of Democracy and Revolution" with international speakers (e. g. Annelies Laschitzka, Isabel Loureiro, Sandra Rein, Claudie Weill, Michael Brie, Jean-Numa Ducange, Sobhanlal Datta Gupta, Peter Hudis, Narihiko Ito, Michael Kraetke, Michael Löwy, David Muhlman, Ingo Schmidt) will take place on October 4 - 5, 2013 in Paris. The conference languages will be English and French with simultaneous translation.

You will find a detailed program on our website.

English version:

http://www.internationale-rosa-luxemburg-gesellschaft.de/html/english_papers.html

French version: <http://www.internationale-rosa-luxemburg-gesellschaft.de/html/francais.html>

Ottokar Luban (Secretary of the International Rosa Luxemburg Society)

Madrid: Symposium "Europa del Este durante el comunismo: aportaciones desde la historiografía española", 25-26 October 2012

The Universidad Complutense de Madrid has conducted a two-day symposium on the history of East Europe in the times of communism. With mostly young scholars presenting their ongoing research, the conference was considered a big success by the organisers. Following presentations have been made:

- Ángel Luis Encinas (UCM): El renacimiento de la vida judía en Polonia (Opening lecture)
- Carlos González Villa (UCM): Ayuda envenenada: las implicaciones del apoyo de Estados Unidos a la unidad e independencia de Yugoslavia
- Cristina Álvarez González (UCM): Pasado y presente de Polonia vistos desde la oposición al régimen comunista (1976-1989)
- Enrique Uceda (Universidad de Alicante): Los nacionalismos encubiertos en la República Socialista Federativa de Yugoslavia
- Alfredo Sasso (Institut Català de la Pau, UAB): La derrota de los partidos no-nacionalistas en la transición del comunismo al pluripartidismo en Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Magdalena Garrido (Universidad de Murcia): Relaciones Este-Oeste durante el comunismo: La imagen de la Unión Soviética en España
- Carlos Domper Lasús (UZ): Urnas sin democracia. Los casos español y húngaro desde una perspectiva transnacional
- Francisco José Rodrigo Luelmo (UCM): La disidencia en el Este y el Acta Final de Helsinki: ¿transferencias, redes y conexiones?
- Amelia Serraller Calvo (UCM): *La jungla polaca*: viaje a la Polonia comunista de la mano de Ryszard Kapuściński
- Verónica Gama (UCM): Museos del recuerdo: la articulación de una memoria pública en la Europa post-comunista

- Carolina Rodríguez (UCM): Nacionalismo y reconstrucción en dictaduras: la España franquista y la Polonia socialista en comparación (1939/1945-1956) (con visionado de No-Dos y PKF)

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Promotions- und Graduiertenkolleg:

Geschichte linker Politik in Deutschland jenseits von Sozialdemokratie und Parteikommunismus

In der Geschichtsschreibung linker sozialer Bewegungen in Europa herrschte zur Zeit des Kalten Krieges im 'Westen' eine sozialdemokratische Perspektive vor. Im 'Osten' war die parteikommunistische Sichtweise allein bestimmend. Die Historiographiegeschichte der Linken vom Ende des zweiten Weltkriegs bis zur Gegenwart leidet noch an diesen Dichotomien. Es ist deshalb notwendig, sich den Organisationen linker sozialer Bewegungen jenseits von Sozialdemokratie und Kommunismus verstärkt zuzuwenden, die Potentiale enthalten, um diese eingespielten Dichotomien zu überwinden, wobei folgende Fragen im Zentrum stehen: Welche Parteien und sonstige Institutionen dieser Art gab oder gibt es? Welche Akteure waren oder sind in ihnen aktiv? Welche Traditionslinien greifen diese Akteure auf und was unterscheidet sie von sozialdemokratischen und kommunistischen Traditionslinien? Welche Bündnisse

gehen linke soziale Bewegungen mit Sozialdemokraten und Kommunisten, aber auch mit linksbürgerlichen Kräften sowie mit Gewerkschafts-, Genossenschafts- und neuen sozialen Bewegungen ein? Das Promotionskolleg konzentriert sich auf folgende fünf Themenkreise, wobei deutsche Themen im transnationalen Kontext behandelt werden sollen:

- Syndikalismus, Rätekommunismus und Trotzismus in der Zwischenkriegszeit;
- Unorthodoxe Kommunisten und ihr Verhältnis zur KPD, DKP und zu K-Gruppen einerseits sowie zu verschiedenen sozialen Bewegungen (Gewerkschaften, Sozialdemokratie, Genossenschaftsbewegung, neue soziale Bewegungen) andererseits (1945-1990);
- Neue Linke und linke Intellektuelle in der Bundesrepublik und ihre transnationale Vernetzung;
- Deutsche Linke und linke Dissidenten in Ost- und Ostmitteleuropa (1945-1990);
- Die Linken nach dem Ende des 'real existierenden Sozialismus': die PDS (1989-2007) und die Formierung der WASG.

Zu diesen Themen werden vier Promotionsstipendien sowie ein Habilitationsstipendium (letzteres vorbehaltlich der Finanzierung durch das BMBF) vergeben.

Die wissenschaftliche Anbindung und Betreuung erfolgt durch Prof. Dr. Stefan Berger am Institut für soziale Bewegungen der Ruhr-Universität Bochum und durch Prof. Dr. Mario Kessler am Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung in Potsdam. Die Promotion erfolgt an der Ruhr-Universität Bochum oder an der Universität Potsdam. Die Stipendiatinnen und Stipendiaten verpflichten sich während der Laufzeit des Stipendiums an einem der beiden Orte weitgehend präsent zu sein.

Bewerbungsschluss ist der 15.04.2014. Die Förderung beginnt am 01.10.2014. Es gilt das

Datum des Poststempels.

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