

## eighth historical materialism annual conference

# Spaces of Capital, Moments of Struggle

10-13 November 2011 at SOAS, London, WC1

The ongoing popular uprisings in the Arab world, alongside intimations of a resurgence in workers' struggles against 'austerity' in the North and myriad forms of resistance against exploitation and dispossession across the globe make it imperative for Marxists and leftists to reflect critically on the meaning of collective anticapitalist action in the present.

Over the past decade, many Marxist concepts and debates have come in from the cold. The anticapitalist movement generated a widely circulating critique of capitalist modes of international 'development'. More recently, the economic crisis that began in 2008 has led to mainstream-recognition of Marx as an analyst of capital. In philosophy and political theory, communism is no longer merely a term of condemnation. Likewise, artistic and cultural practices have also registered a notable upturn in the fortunes of activism, critical utopianism and the effort to capture aesthetically the workings of the capitalist system.

The eighth annual Historical Materialism conference will strive to take stock of these shifts in the intellectual landscape of the Left in the context of the social and political struggles of the present. Rather than resting content with the compartmentalisation and specialisation of various 'left turns' in theory and practice, we envisage the conference as a space for the collective, if necessary, agonistic but comradely, reconstitution of a strategic conception of the mediations between socio-economic transformations and emancipatory politics.

For such a critical theoretical, strategic and organisational reflection to have traction in the present, it must take stock of both the commonalities and the specificities of different struggles for emancipation, as they confront particular strategies of accumulation, political authorities and relations of force. Just as the crisis that began in 2008 is by no means a homogeneous affair, so we cannot simply posit a unity of purpose in contemporary revolutions, struggles around the commons and battles against austerity. The conference is organised around two plenary sessions (the Deutscher lecture by David Harvey and the launch of the *Socialist Register 2012*), two HM plenaries (on contemporary Marxist politics, and the Arab uprisings) and panels in parallel sessions dedicated to specific themes and debates.

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. **Pre-registration** is highly recommended. The cost is £50 for waged and £15 for unwaged participants. The **suggested donation on the door** is £75 for waged and £35 for unwaged. A day ticket is £20. **A separate ticket is needed for the David Harvey Deutscher lecture** (£3 pre-bought, £5 on the door).

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## **ROOM KEY**

**G2, G3, G50, G51** – ground floor, main building, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), Thornhaugh Street

**116** – first floor, main building, SOAS

**445, 467, 4418, 4421** – fourth floor, main building, SOAS

**559, 563** – fifth floor, main building, SOAS

**KLT** – Khalili Lecture Theatre, basement, main building, SOAS

**B102, B104, B111** – first floor, Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street

**BGLT** – Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, basement, Brunei Gallery, SOAS

**22 RS T102** – 22 Russell Square

THURSDAY A – 14.00-15.45

KLT	116	B102	B104	4421
<p><b>RMF I. Marxist Theories of Money and Finance</b></p> <p>Chair: Costas Lapavistas</p> <p>John Weeks – Why Is There Finance?: Insights from Marx's Theory of Money</p> <p>Leda Maria Paulani - The Autonomisation of Truly Social Forms in Marx's Theory: Comments on Money in Contemporary Capitalism</p>	<p><b>Utopian Time</b></p> <p>Chair: Bue Rübner Hansen</p> <p>Luisa Lorenza Corna – Architectural Utopias: Ingrained Limits and Contemporary Degenerations</p> <p>Jamila Mascat – No Time for Utopia: The Dialectic of Space and its Discontents</p> <p>Haseeb Ahmed – Has the World Already Been Made?</p> <p>Oxana Timofeeva – The Angel of Communism: Future Lost in the Past</p>	<p><b>SPACES OF MARXISM: THINKING WITH DAVID HARVEY Accumulation by Dispossession</b></p> <p>Chair: Paul Reynolds</p> <p>Mritiunjoy Mohanty – India: Growth, Immiseration and Contestation</p> <p>Jesse Salah Ovadia – From Rentierism to Capitalist Accumulation: Accumulation by Dispossession, Oil and the Angolan and Nigerian Elite</p>	<p><b>Social Movements: Theory and Organising 1</b></p> <p>Chair: Dhruv Jain</p> <p>Orsan Senalp – Social Network Unionism: A Way Forward for the 21st Century Labour and Trade Union Movements?</p> <p>Elise Thorburn – From Autonomism to 'Assembly': New Structures in Movement Organising</p> <p>Nick Dyer-Witford – Net, Square, Platform</p>	<p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Radicalism and Communism in the U.S. Working Class</b></p> <p>Chair: Sebastian Budgen</p> <p>Paul LeBlanc: Labor-Radical Subcultures and the Rise of American Communism: Marxist and Revolutionary Traditions in U.S. Labor</p> <p>John McDonald: The Comintern and The Early American Communist Party: Inherited Misinterpretations</p> <p>Bryan Palmer – Discussant</p>

THURSDAY B – 16.00-17.45

KLT	G3	B102	G2
<p><b>Confronting the Global Colour Line: Race, Space and Imperial Hierarchy</b>  Chair: Alex Anievas  Branwen Gruffydd Jones – ‘Good Governance’ and ‘State Failure’: Genealogies of Imperial Discourse  Robert Knox – Civilising Interventions? Race, War and International Law  Richard Seymour – Red Hunters in the Deep South: The Raciological Dimensions of Cold War Anticommunism</p>	<p><b>Leaving Labour: A Mute Panel</b>  Chaired by members of <i>Mute</i>  Endnotes – The American Fall  Demetra Kotouza – Recent Movements in Greece: The Illegitimacy of Demands  Danny Hayward – Crisis Profits and How to Make Them</p>	<p><b>RMF II. Financialisation in Developed and Developing Countries: Theory and Practice</b>  Chair: Costas Lapavitsas  Özlem Onaran – Who Pays for the Costs of the Crisis?  Jeff Powell – Mexico’s Paradox: Financialised yet Lacking Finance?  James Meadway – The Shadow Banking System, the Financial Crisis, and the Circuit of Capital</p>	<p><b>Histories of Power, Space and Capital</b>  Chair: Paul Reynolds  James Norrie – Revolution in the Year 1000: Power, Space and Ideology  Ertan Erol – The Production of Space and Spatial Relations in Peripheral Geographies: Understanding the Development of Capitalist Spaces in Porfirian Mexico and Hamidian Turkey  Lorenzo Fusaro – The Relation between Crises and Hegemonic Transitions at the International Level and the Case of the Great Depression</p>
4421	G50	G51	
<p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b>  <b>Luxemburg, Levi, and the Comintern</b>  Chair: Sebastian Budgen  David Fernbach – Paul Levi and KPD between Lenin and Lux  Ottokar Luban - Luxemburg and Foundation of Comintern  John Riddell – 1922: The Periphery Pushes Back</p>	<p><b>The Crisis and the Revolt of the Indignants (co-sponsored by the Rosa Luxemburg foundation)</b>  Chair: Gonzalo Pozo Martin  Carlos Sevilla, Joseba Fernandez and Miguel Urban – Surfing with Sisifo: From Student Movements to the 15-May Movement  Ana Cecilia Dinerstein – The ‘Revolt of the Indignants’ in Southern Europe: The New Quest for Democracy Against <i>la police</i>  Mònica Clua-Losada – Where are the Workers? Spain’s Responses to the Crisis and the Left  Marina Sitrin – The Occupy Wall Street Movement: Horizontal Organisation and Popular Power</p>	<p><b>Social Movements: Theory and Organising 2</b>  Chair: Mary Robertson  Judith Orr - Women’s Bodies as Battlegrounds: The New Rebellions Against Oppression  Martin Smith – The English Defence League: The Organ Grinder’s Monkey  Elizabeth Humphrys – Understood in Their ‘Originality and Uniqueness’: Locating Gramsci’s Organic Intellectuals in the Australian Global Justice Movement  Saru Jayaraman – Building an International Restaurant Workers’ Movement: Targeting the Multinational Corporation as State Actor</p>	

HISTORICAL MATERIALISM PLENARY – 18.15-20.00

**Khalili Lecture Theatre**

# **IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE?**

## **Debating contemporary Marxist politics**

**Chair: Peter Thomas**

**Bruno Bosteels**

**Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz**

**Joel Geier**

**Peter Hallward**

**Clare Solomon**

**Panagiotis Sotiris**

**Alberto Toscano**

FRIDAY C – 9.45-11.30

<p>KLT</p> <p><b>Building Palestine Solidarity in the Academy</b>          Chair: Rafeef Ziadah          Mary-Jo Nadeau – Putting Academic Boycott on the Agenda: Organizing Faculty for Palestine at Canadian Universities          Suzanne Morrison - The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement: An Overview          Dan Freeman-Maloy – Western State Policy Towards Palestine and the Question of Sanctions</p>	<p>116</p> <p><b>Real Abstraction and Social Domination</b>          Chair: Alberto Toscano          Edwin Sayes – The Critique of Real Abstractions: Dialectics of the Abstract and the Concrete          Anselm Jappe – Sohn-Rethel and the Origin of 'Real Abstraction': A Critique of Production or Circulation?          Chris O'Kane – The All-Penetrating Ether of Society: Adorno, Exchange, and Abstract Social Domination</p>	<p>B102</p> <p><b>Althusser's Materialism</b>          Chair: Peter D. Thomas          Banu Bargu – Materialism of the Encounter and Political Spectacle          Panagiotis Sotiris - 'Putting Philosophy into Practice': Althusser and Gramsci on the Question of a New Materialist Practice of Philosophy          Thomas Carmichael - Is There a Text in the Underground Current? Althusser, Aleatory Materialism, Class and Culture</p>	<p>B104</p> <p><b>IIPPE 1: Beyond the Developmental State</b>          Chair: Mary Robertson          Eka Ikpe - Learning from Developmental States: The role of Agriculture in Structural Transformation in Nigeria          Jyoti Saraswati - Developmental Interventions in a Non-Developmental State: Evidence from the Indian IT Industry          Hajime Sato – The Rise and Fall of the Developmental State? The case of the Japanese and South Korean steel industries</p>	<p>4421</p> <p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b>  <b>A Long View of Comintern History</b>          Chair: Sebastian Budgen          Brigitte Studer – Founding Years of Comintern          John Riddell – The Workers' Government: Fiction, Pseudonym, or Transition?          Maurice Andreu – Eugen Varga and World Revolution          Kunal Chattopadhyay – The Bengal Famine and Communist-Influenced Culture in Bengal</p>
<p>4418</p> <p><b>Uneven and Combined Development in World History</b>          Chair: Alex Anievas          Jamie Allinson – Uneven and Combined Development and the Hashemite Response to Arab Nationalism          Luke Cooper – Uneven and Combined Development in Modern World History: State Formation in the People's Republic of China, 1949 – 1979          Kerem Nisancioglu – Rethinking Ottoman Decline: Uneven and Combined Development and the Contradictions of Capitalist Subsumption          Adam Fabry – Development under 'the whip of external necessity': The Political Economy of Hungary from 1989 to global economic crisis</p>	<p>563</p> <p><b>Anti-Imperial Struggles and Intellectual Politics</b>          Chair: Robert Knox          Anthony Galluzzo – Utopia, Exile, and Traveling Theory: Imagining a Radical Trans-Atlantic Public Sphere in the Age of Revolution          Rianne Subijanto – Media, Intellectuals and Nation-State Formation: the Struggle of Anti-Imperialist Revolutionaries in Early Modern Indonesia</p>	<p>G2</p> <p><b>SPACES OF MARXISM: THINKING WITH DAVID HARVEY</b>  <b>Spaces and Publics of Resistance</b>          Chair: Jeffery Webber          Paul Reynolds – Ethics, Dialectics, Totality and Space in Marx's Theory: Thinking with David Harvey          John Michael Roberts – Public Spaces of Dissent          Brice Nixon – Democracy Against Capitalism: Political Economy, History, and Reform in US Communication Policy</p>	<p>22 RS T102</p> <p><b>The Politics of Agrarian Reform</b>          Chair: Bue Rübner Hansen          Honor Brabazon – Neoliberal Agrarian Reform as Enclosure in Bolivia and the Challenges for Understanding its Resistance          Wendy Matsumura – The 'Agrarian Problem', Agricultural Land Reforms and the Emperor System in Postwar Japan</p>	

FRIDAY D – 11.45-13.30

<p>KLT</p> <p><b>SPACES OF MARXISM: THINKING WITH DAVID HARVEY</b></p> <p><b>Spaces of New Imperialism</b></p> <p>Chair: Alex Anievas</p> <p>Chris Hesketh – The Potential of the Periphery: Spaces of Resistance in Latin America</p> <p>Gonzalo Pozo Martin - The Roles of Space in the Geopolitics of Capitalism: Lefebvre, Harvey and Beyond</p> <p>Andreas Bieler and Adam David Morton, 'Axis of Evil or Access to Diesel?': Spaces of New Imperialism and the Iraq War'</p>	<p>116</p> <p><b>Socialism and/or Pessimism</b></p> <p>Chair: Matteo Mandarini</p> <p>Benjamin Noys – Mourning and Melancholia: Ultra-Left Disorders?</p> <p>Alexi Kukuljevic – Pessimism All Along the Line</p> <p>Alberto Toscano – From Capitalist Catastrophe to Communist Tragedy</p>	<p>B102</p> <p><b>Marxism and Architecture</b></p> <p>Chair: Steve Edwards</p> <p>Pier Vittorio Aureli – Bare Form and Free Space: On the Relationship Between Labour Power and Architecture</p> <p>Owen Hatherley – The Tower Has Been Bolshevised</p> <p>Gail Day – Discussant</p>	<p>B104</p> <p><b>IIPPE 2: The World Bank: One Step Forward, Twenty Years Back</b></p> <p>Chair: Mary Robertson</p> <p>Ben Fine - World Bank Scholarship after the Crisis: Business as Unusual, or, After After the post Washington Consensus: First Time Tragedy, Second Time Farce</p> <p>Carlos Oya - The World Bank Farming for a Bleak Harvest</p> <p>Deborah Johnston - Choosing to be HIV-positive? World Bank Research and the Focus on Individual Behaviour in Explaining HIV</p> <p>Jeff Powell – Discussant</p> <p><b>NB: There will be an open IIPPE meeting in the same room during the lunch break</b></p>	<p>4421</p> <p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>The Comintern Seen Through Its Leaders</b></p> <p>Chair: Sebastian Budgen</p> <p>Joao Nunes - Goncalves and Portuguese CP</p> <p>Florian Wilde - Ernst Meyer (1887-1930), the Forgotten KPD Leader: His Role in the Development of United Front Politics and his Position to Internal Party Democracy</p> <p>Kevin Morgan – Zetkin, Mann and Cachin</p>
<p>4418</p> <p><b>Settler-Colonialism, Anti-Arab Racism and Islamophobia</b></p> <p>Chair: Adam Hanieh</p> <p>Rafeef Ziadah – Anti-Arab Racism, Imperialism and Multicultural 'Tolerance'</p> <p>Joshua Moufawad-Paul – Sublimated Colonialism: The Persistence of Actually-Existing Settler-Colonialism</p> <p>Pietro Basso – Islamophobia as a State Industry</p>	<p>563</p> <p><b>International Law, Capitalism and Resistance</b></p> <p>Chair: Robert Knox</p> <p>Tor Krever – Quantifying Law: Neo-Liberalism and Legal Indicator Projects</p> <p>Paavo Kotiaho – A Market With a Human Face: The International Human Rights</p> <p>Law Movement and State Building in the 1980s</p> <p>Owen Taylor – Revolution, Resistance and the Dynamics of Critique</p>	<p>G2</p> <p><b>Labour Struggles Today</b></p> <p>Chair: Gregory Schwartz</p> <p>Joseph Choonara – From Crisis to Resistance</p> <p>Tim Pringle – Workers' Struggles and the Labour Movement in China</p>	<p>467</p> <p><b>First the Transition, Then the Crash: Eastern Europe in the 2000s</b></p> <p>Chair: Jane Hardy</p> <p>Mike Haynes – Being a Worker in Modern Russia</p> <p>Gonzalo Pozo Martin – Russia's Foreign Policy from Putin to Medvedev</p> <p>Stuart Shields – Poland and the Global Political Economy: From Neoliberalism to Populism (and Back Again)</p> <p>Martin Upchurch – Serbia from the October 2000 Revolution to the Crash</p>	

FRIDAY E – 14.15-16.00

<p>KLT</p> <p><b>A Hard, Merciless Light: The Worker Photography Movement, 1926-1939</b> Chair: Steve Edwards</p> <p>Jorge Ribalta - The Worker Photography Movement as a Counter-discourse to Hegemonic Photo-modernism</p> <p>Duncan Forbes - The Worker Photography Movement in Britain, 1934–39</p> <p>Simon Dell - Worker photography in France: National and international contexts</p>	<p>116</p> <p><b>‘Rediscovering and Rethinking’: Hidden Histories of the Left in the Middle East</b> Chair: Adam Hanieh</p> <p>Abdel Takriti – The Dhufar Revolution</p> <p>Omar Shehabi – The Founding Committee for the General Union of Workers and Tradesmen in Bahrain</p> <p>Brecht De Smet – The Prince and the Pharaoh: The Working Class, its ‘Party’ and the Revolution in Egypt</p>	<p>B102</p> <p><b>Forms of Capitalist Power</b> Chair: Alex Anievas</p> <p>Tony Norfield – The Economics of British Imperialism</p> <p>Kees van der Pijl – The Discipline of Western Supremacy: Open Nation-State Formation and the Origins of IR</p> <p>Neil Davidson – Imperialism as Capitalist Normality</p> <p>Oliver Nachtwey – Discussant</p>	<p>B104</p> <p><b>Between Autonomy and Communism</b> Chair: Alberto Toscano</p> <p>Nils Turnbull – Communisation as Critique of Autonomy</p> <p>Anthony Iles – Automation–Autonomisation–Automatism</p> <p>Steve Wright – Operaismo in Text and Context</p>	<p>4421</p> <p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b> <b>Gramsci and the Fourth Congress</b> Chair: Sebastian Budgen</p> <p>Derek Boothman – Gramsci at the 4WC</p> <p>Peter D. Thomas – Gramsci’s Interpretation of Trotsky</p> <p>Craig Brandist – The Proletarian Culture Debate Revisited: From Syndicalism to Gramsci</p>
<p>4418</p> <p><b>Future of World Capitalism (book series launch and discussion)</b> Chair: Mary Robertson</p> <p>Alan Freeman</p> <p>Radhika Desai</p> <p>Henry Heller</p> <p>Roger van Zwannenberg</p> <p>Costas Panayotakis</p>	<p>563</p> <p><b>Struggle and Political Economy</b> Chair: Gonzalo Pozo Martin</p> <p>Oisin Gilmore – Theories of Money and Struggle: From <i>Operaismo</i> to Open Marxism</p> <p>Christian Zeller - Abolition of Debt: Against the Global Rentier Regime</p> <p>Luke Stobart – Developing a Marxist theory of Migrant Labour Politics from a National Case (Catalonia)</p>	<p>G2</p> <p><b>Labour, Movements, Subjectivity: A (Post-)Socialist Anti-narrative (Part I)</b> Chair: Alex Levant</p> <p>Gregory Schwartz – Between History and the Past: Mnemonic Ritual and Symbolic Authority in Post-Communist Organizations</p> <p>Claudio Morrison and Devi Sacchetto - Towards a Critique of Nomadism: Mobility, Migration and Labor Turnover in Russia</p> <p>Carine Clement – Grassroots Movements in Russia: A Challenge to the Dominant Model of Power Relationships?</p>	<p>22 RS T102</p> <p><b>Latin American Political Economy</b> Chair: Jeffery Webber</p> <p>Antonio Carmona Baez – Market Socialism, State Capitalism and the (Re-)Making of a Socialist Development Model in Cuba</p> <p>Todd Gordon – Maple Leaf in the Isthmus: Canadian Imperialism in Central America</p> <p>Mariano Feliz – Theory of Crisis and the Limits of Neo-Developmentalism: Lessons from Argentina’s Experience, 2003-2011</p>	<p>B320</p> <p><b>Derrida after Marx: Political Economy and its Outside</b> Chair: Matteo Mandarini</p> <p>Lorenzo Fabbri – The End of Work and the Beginning of the World: Deconstruction as Sabotage, Sabotage as Deconstruction</p> <p>Yutaka Nagahara – Contaminating the <i>Arché: Vorwort</i> and <i>Einleitung</i> in Marx and Derrida after Hegel</p> <p>Gavin Walker – Primitive Accumulation and the Excess of Origin: Marx, Althusser, Derrida</p>

FRIDAY F – 16.15-18.00

<p>KLT</p> <p><b>Marxism and Film</b>  Chair: China Miéville  Carl Freedman – The Benjaminian Cinema of Michael Haneke  Steven Shaviro – After Hope: <i>Life and Death of a Porno Gang</i>  Mark Bould – Globalised Labour and World SF Cinema</p>	<p>116</p> <p><b>Dialectical Passions: Negation in Postwar Art Theory (book launch and discussion)</b>  Chair: Benjamin Noys  Stewart Martin  Alex Potts  Colin Mooers  Gail Day – Respondent</p>	<p>B102</p> <p><b>SPACES OF MARXISM: THINKING WITH DAVID HARVEY</b>  <b>Panel on Limits to Capital and Crisis Theory</b>  Chair: Gonzalo Pozo Martin  David McNally – The Dialectic of Over-Accumulation  John Weeks – Possibility, Cause and Manifestation: Understanding Crises  François Chesnais – The Resilience of Fictitious Capital and the Near-Capitulation of the State to Finance Capital in the Current Crisis</p>	<p>B104</p> <p><b>Popular Power in Latin America</b>  Chair: Jeffery Webber  Leandro Vergara-Camus – The Legacy of Social Conflicts over Property Rights in Rural Brazil and Mexico Current Land Struggles in Historical Perspective  Dario Azzellini - Popular Power Inside, Outside, With and Against the State: The Contradictory Path of the Bolivarian Process in Venezuela  Franck Gaudichaud – Revolutionary Urban Spaces: Popular Power and Workers’ Struggle in Santiago under the Allende government (1970-73)</p>	<p>4421</p> <p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b>  <b>The Comintern in Britain, France, and Ireland</b>  Chair: Sebastian Budgen  Emmet O’Connor – Communism in Ireland in Third Period  Christian Hogsbjerg – Reflections on Ray Challinor’s Marxism  Ian Birchall – Missing Founders: The French CP  John Barzman – Party and Trade Union: How the Question was Posed in the Le Havre General Strike of Summer 1922</p>
<p>4418</p> <p><b>Revisiting Rosa Luxemburg’s Introduction to Political Economy (book launch and debate)</b>  Chair: Paul Le Blanc  Michael Kraetke  Riccardo Bellofiore  Peter Hudis</p>	<p>G2</p> <p><b>On Walter Benjamin 1</b>  Chair: Esther Leslie  Andrew McGettigan – Walter Benjamin and the Construction of Collective, Historical Experience  Sami Khatib – ‘To Win the Energies of Intoxication for the Revolution’: Body Politics, Community, and Profane Illumination  Massimiliano Tomba – From the ‘State of Emergency’ to the ‘Real State of Emergency’: Notes to Walter Benjamin</p>	<p>559</p> <p><b>Labour, Movements, Subjectivity: A (Post-)Socialist Anti-narrative (Part II)</b>  Chair: Gregory Schwartz  Artemy Magun – Higher Education in Russia: Post-Soviet Inertia, Neo-Liberal Reform and Radical Subjectivization  Alexei Penzin – After the Shock: Towards a Genealogy of Post-Soviet Subjectivity  Oxana Timofeeva and Lorenzo Chiesa – (Post)Socialist Animals and Plants</p>	<p>22 RS T102</p> <p><b>Land, Food, Ecology</b>  Chair: Mary Robertson  FTC Manning - Land Speculation, Land Rent, and Class Struggle  Doug Elsey, Nicola Clewer, Toby Lovat – Eco-politics, Neo-liberalism and the Material Basis of Political Alternatives  Sébastien Rioux – Uneven Bodies, Food, and the Political Economy of Consumption</p>	<p>467</p> <p><b>Marxism, Materialism and Anthropology</b>  Chair: Peter D. Thomas  Marco Vanzulli – On Marx and Feuerbach again  Christoph Jünke - Socialist Humanism, Human Nature and Marxist Anthropology: The Case of Leo Kofler Today  Tad Tietze – Beyond Critical Psychiatry: Towards a Materialist Account of Mental Illness</p>

FRIDAY – 18.30-20.30

**ISAAC AND TAMARA DEUTSCHER PRIZE LECTURE\***

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

# **HISTORY VERSUS THEORY**

## **A COMMENTARY ON MARX'S METHOD IN CAPITAL**

**DAVID HARVEY**

**\*A separate ticket is needed for the lecture**

SATURDAY G – 9.45-11.30

<p>KLT</p> <p><b>Subalternity, Indigeneity, and Third-Worldism</b>          Chair: Jeffery Webber          Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz – The International Indigenous Movement for Self-Determination: A Marxist Perspective          Alf Gunvald Nilsen – Adivasis In and Against the State: Exploring The Dynamics of Subaltern Politics and State Power in Contemporary India          Matthew Swagler – Third World Marxism in Africa and the Global Revolt of 1968</p>	<p>116</p> <p><b>SPACES OF MARXISM: THINKING WITH DAVID HARVEY</b>  <b>States, Spaces and Capital</b>          Chair: Robert Knox          Colin Barker – State and States in Marx’s Capital          Giorgio Cesarale – Space, State and Capitalism in Poulantzas’s Later Work          John Kannankulam – Political Spaces of Capital: The Political Form of Capitalism and the Internationalisation of the State</p>	<p>B102</p> <p><b>Race, Gender and Forms of Exploitation – Research on Marx</b>          Chair: Peter D. Thomas          Kevin B. Anderson – Marx on Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism          Marcel van der Linden – Why Marx’s Distinction between Wage Labourers and Chattel Slaves is Not Correct          Heather Brown – Patriarchy, Women’s Oppression and Resistance: Comparing Marx and Engels on Gender and the Family in Precapitalist Societies          Soma Marik – The Bhadramahila as Communist</p>	<p>B104</p> <p><b>Urban Politics: Class, Transformation, Rebellion</b>          Chair: Bue Rübner Hansen          Ståle – Financial Crises and Changes in Urban Development and Planning in Malmö, Sweden and Oslo, Norway          Marcelo Badaró Mattos – Struggles for Space as Class Struggles in the Contemporary Brazilian Metropolis          Christian Garland – Vainglorious Efforts of an Imagined Victory: State Repression, Social Rebellion and Resistance</p>
<p>4421</p> <p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b>  <b>Early Years of the German Communist Party (presented by 'Revolutionary History')</b>          Chair: Ian Birchall          Mike Jones – Early Years of KPD          Reiner Tosstorff – Dissman and KPD/SPD          George Paizis – Victor Serge and Comintern          Ben Lewis – Discussant</p>	<p>4418</p> <p><b>The Rational Kernel of the Hegelian Dialectic (book launch and debate)</b>          Chair: Alberto Toscano          Tzuchien Tho          Bruno Bosteels          Frank Ruda          Anindya Bhattacharyya</p>	<p>22 RS T102</p> <p><b>On Walter Benjamin 2</b>          Chair: Sami Khatib          Lori Turner – Catastrophe, Critical Moment, Progress: Walter Benjamin’s Dialectic of Revolution          Phillip Homburg – Walter Benjamin and the Symbolic Experience of Capital          Esther Leslie – Discussant</p>	<p>G2</p> <p><b>Against Austerity</b>          Chair: Giorgos Galanis          José A. Laguarta Ramírez – To Learn and to Struggle in the Neoliberal Colony: School and University Strikes in Puerto Rico          Clarice Kuhling – Local and Global Anti-Austerity Struggles          Angela Stoutenburgh – University as Intellectual Commons: Reprioritizing and Respatialising Public Education          Keir Milburn and David Harvie – On Rupture and Fairy Dust</p>

SATURDAY H – 11.45-13.30

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<p><b>SR Launch 'The Left and the Crisis'</b></p> <p>Chair: Greg Albo</p> <p>David McNally</p> <p>Ursula Huws</p> <p>David Harvey</p>	<p><b>Capital, Consumption, World History – Research on Marx</b></p> <p>Chair: Mary Robertson</p> <p>Patrick Murray – Capital's Shadow Forms</p> <p>Michael Kraetke – Capitalism and World History: Marx's Unpublished Studies</p> <p>Ishay Landa – A Tale of Two Cities, and Two Manuscripts: Marx on Consumption</p>	<p><b>Histories of Class Struggle</b></p> <p>Chair: Matteo Mandarini</p> <p>Alberto Martínez Delgado – The 1930's Spanish Workers Councils: A Tragic Fate?</p> <p>David Broder – Revolution Versus Democratism in World War II</p> <p>Stefano Agnoletto – When Class Exploits Ethnicity: A Marxist Approach to Labour Migration: A Case Study of the Italian Strikes in Toronto (1960-1)</p>	<p><b>Time and Communism</b></p> <p>Chair: Alberto Toscano</p> <p>Stavros Tombazos - The Dialectics of Time in Marx's Capital</p> <p>Tom Bunyard – Temporality and Praxis in the Work of Guy Debord and the Situationist International</p>	<p><b><i>New Left Review</i></b></p> <p><b>'Lives on the Left': Intellectual Generations from the Bolshevik Revolution to the Present Day</b></p> <p>Francis Mulhern</p> <p>Tariq Ali</p> <p>NLR editors</p>	<p><b>Utopia and Marxist Literary Criticism</b></p> <p>Chair: Gonzalo Pozo Martin</p> <p>Georgios Papafragkou – The Emergence of the Utopian in Adorno</p> <p>Caroline Edwards – Uncovering the 'Gold-Bearing Rubble': Ernst Bloch's Literary Criticism</p> <p>Angela Hubler – Utopia and Anti-Utopia in Lois Lowry's and Suzanne Collins' Dystopian Trilogies</p>

SATURDAY H (cont.) – 11.45-13.30

<p>4421</p> <p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Dilemmas of Revolution in the East</b></p> <p>Chair: Sebastian Budgen</p> <p>Alexander Pantsov – The Comintern and the Chinese Communist Party: On the Role of Moscow in the Rise of the CCP</p> <p>Gregor Benton – Chinese Trotskyism 1927-1952</p> <p>Ben Fowkes – Communists and Muslims: The Years of Alliance</p>	<p>4418</p> <p><b>A Tribute to Dorothy Thompson (1923-2011): Campaigner and Historian</b></p> <p>Chair: Alex Levant</p> <p>Bryan Palmer – Dorothy Thompson: A Huguenot for Harried Times</p> <p>Penelope J. Corfield – Dorothy Thompson's Contribution to the Thompsonian Project</p> <p>Owen R. Ashton - Setting the Standard: Dorothy Thompson, Chartist Historian and Activist</p>	<p>563</p> <p><b>Performance, Subversion, Reproduction</b></p> <p>Chair: Antigoni Memou</p> <p>Larne Abse Gogarty – Performance as a Rehearsal for Revolution: Suzanne Lacy's Oakland Projects through the Lens of the Paterson Strike Pageant</p> <p>Alexej Ulbricht – Trash and Subversion: The Political Aesthetic of Deichkind</p> <p>Kerstin Stakemeier – Girls on Film: Roles of (Re)Production in Art</p>	<p>G2</p> <p><b>Cities in Struggle</b></p> <p>Chair: Esther Leslie</p> <p>Michele Masucci and Mattin – Learning from Alienation: Radical Art Practices and Political Struggles: Paris 1871, Italy 1977, Madrid May 2011</p> <p>Thai Jones – The Anarchist City, 1871-1919</p> <p>Owen Holland – From the Place Vendôme to Trafalgar Square: The Politics of Public Space</p>	<p>467</p> <p><b>Alternative Histories of Marxism</b></p> <p>Chair: Alex Anievas</p> <p>Paul Bowman – The Continuing Appeal of William Thompson, Father of Socialism</p> <p>Catherine Feely – Marxist Reading Groups in Historical Perspective</p> <p>Gareth Dale – Was Karl Polanyi an Austro-Marxist?</p> <p>Roberto Dainotto – For a Philosophy of Praxis: between Science and the Event</p>	<p>445</p> <p><b>Hegel Today</b></p> <p>Chair: Peter D. Thomas</p> <p>Frank Ruda - Hegel's Rabble</p> <p>Harrison Fluss – Fleeing the Absolute: On Fredric Jameson's Reading of Hegel's <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i></p> <p>Jan Völker - Thought as Exteriorisation</p> <p>Nathaniel Boyd – Politics at a Distance from the State? On Hegel's Political Modernity</p>
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SATURDAY I – 14.00-16.00

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<p><b>SPACES OF MARXISM: THINKING WITH DAVID HARVEY</b></p> <p><b>The Capital of Modernity and the Modernity of Capital</b></p> <p>Chair: Alberto Toscano</p> <p>Eric Hazan – The Barricade as a Symbolic Form</p> <p>Kristin Ross – Communal Luxury</p> <p>David Harvey – Discussant</p>	<p><b>Political Economy and Urban Change in Turkey</b></p> <p>Chair: Adam Hanieh</p> <p>Veli Yadirgi – The Political Economy of Kurdish Capitalism</p> <p>Thomas Marois – Emerging Finance Capitalism and some Premises of a Marxian Analysis: The Turkish Case</p> <p>Asuman Turkun – New Urban Policies and Radical Transformations in Historic Urban Centers and Squatter Housing Neighbourhoods in Istanbul, Turkey</p>	<p><b>Reflection, Commodity, Production: Art, Aesthetics and Theory</b></p> <p>Chair: Antigoni Memou</p> <p>Marina Gerber – Reflection Theory in Moscow Conceptualism</p> <p>John Roberts – The Missing Factory</p> <p>Nadya Zimmerman – Dis- Integrating Bach: The Aesthetics of Resistance, Repetition, and Reproduction in the Age of Commodification</p> <p>Dave Beech – ¥€\$: Art, Merchant Capital and Finance Capital</p>	<p><b><i>Socialist Register and Red Pepper, in association with the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation: 'Battling Austerity: New Movements, New Strategies?'</i></b></p> <p>Chair: Michael Calderbank</p> <p>Colin Leys</p> <p>Hilary Wainwright</p> <p>Greg Albo</p> <p>Nina Power</p>	<p><b>Ours to Master and to Own. Workers' Control from the Commune to the Present (book launch and debate)</b></p> <p>Chair: Bue Rübner Hansen</p> <p>Dario Azzellini</p> <p>Sheila Cohen</p> <p>Alan Tuckman</p> <p>Marina Sitrin</p>

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<p>4421</p> <p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>The Pivot of Comintern History</b>  Chair: Sebastian Budgen  Florian Wilde - The Rise and Fall of United Front Politics in the Weimar KPD: The Early 1920s  Marcel Bois - The Rise and Fall of United Front Politics in the Weimar KPD: The Late 1920s and Early 1930s  Bernhard Bayerlein – KPD, Comintern, and RCP, 1921-3</p>	<p>4418</p> <p><b>Fanon's <i>The Wretched of the Earth</i> 50th Anniversary</b>  Chair: Robert Knox  Branwen Gruffydd Jones - Africa's Postcolonial Condition and the Pitfalls of Disciplinary Consciousness  Peter Hallward – Fanon and Political Will  Arun Saldanha – Banks are Racist: Fanon Now</p>	<p>563</p> <p><b>Evald Ilyenkov and Creative Soviet Marxism</b>  Chair: Gregory Schwartz  Alex Levant - E.V. Ilyenkov and the Dialectics of the Ideal  Vesa Oitinnen - Spinoza and Marxist Dialectics: The Case of Evald Ilyenkov</p>	<p>G2</p> <p><b>Anthropological Perspectives on Utopia</b>  Chair: Greg Sharzer  Chris Knight – Back to the Future? The Human Revolution Then and Now  Jerome Lewis - Hunter-Gatherer Social Organisation Past and Present: Reflections on Utopia  Camilla Power - Gender, Ritual and Revolution</p>	<p>467</p> <p><b>Approaches to Political Economy</b>  Chair: Giorgos Galanis  Moshe Machover – The Stochastic Approach to Political Economy: A Radical Alternative  Jim Kincaid – Marx after Minsky: Perspectives on Financialised Capitalism</p>	<p>445</p> <p><b>Marx and Lacan</b>  Chair: Dhruv Jain  Pietro Bianchi – Lacan and the Discourse of the Capitalist: Object a Between Surplus-Value and Surplus Enjoyment  Samo Tomsic – Marx and Lacan: Social Non-relation, Sexual Non-relation and the Question of the 'Ideal Worker'  Marco Maurizi – Lacan <i>avec</i> Adorno</p>
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SATURDAY J – 16.15-18.00

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<p><b>Screening and discussion of Phil Collins's <i>Marxism Today (Prologue)</i> and Chto Delat's <i>Museum Songspiel: The Netherlands 20XX</i></b></p> <p>Chair: Steve Edwards</p> <p>Phil Collins</p> <p>Chto Delat members</p>	<p><b>Debt and Insurrection, Motherfuckers</b></p> <p>Chair: Alberto Toscano</p> <p>Jason Read – Debt Collectors: Towards Collective Refusal</p> <p>Annie McClanahan – The Living Indebted: Student Militancy and the Financialisation of Debt</p> <p>Joshua Clover – The Living and the Debt</p>	<p><b>SPACES OF MARXISM: THINKING WITH DAVID HARVEY</b></p> <p><b>The Space and Time of Crisis</b></p> <p>Chair: Rob Knox</p> <p>Giovanna Vertova and Riccardo Bellofiore – The Space of Capital in the Crisis: The Geographical Dimension of a Monetary Production Economy</p> <p>Jamie Gough - How to Relate Class Relations to Capital Flows?</p>	<p><b>Feminism, Race and Labour</b></p> <p>Chair: Nina Power</p> <p>Hester Eisenstein – Revisiting Feminism Seduced</p> <p>Stella Magliani-Belkacem and Félix Boggio – What the Fuck is Up with French Feminism?</p> <p>Sara Farris - Femonationalism and the Regular Army of Labour Called Migrant Women</p>	<p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>US Blacks and the Comintern</b></p> <p>Chair: Sebastian Budgen</p> <p>Paul M. Heideman – Reading the Russian Revolution in Afro-America</p> <p>Scott McLemee – Heterodox Communism and 'the Negro Question': Reframing the Debate</p> <p>Bryan Palmer – 'A Different and Far More Difficult Problem': Challenging the Communist International's Approach to the 'Black Question' in the United States, 1932-1933</p>	<p><b>Periodising Capital</b></p> <p>Chair: Matteo Mandarini</p> <p>Laurent Baronian and Francois Chesnais – Constant Capital in Long-Term Accumulation and the Present Crisis</p> <p>Matt Vidal – Still Searching for a New Growth Dynamic? Internationalization, Financialization and the Ongoing Plight of the Postfordist Accumulation Regime</p> <p>José Paulo Guedes Pinto – Post-Great Industry: General Intellect as the Centre of Capitalist Accumulation</p>

SATURDAY J (cont.) – 16.15-18.00

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<p><b>Reading Poulantzas I: Class, Crisis and the State</b></p> <p>Lars Bretthauer and Alexander Gallas – Class Struggle and Relations of Forces: Towards a Neo-Poulantzasian Political Analysis</p> <p>Thomas Sablowski – What Can We Learn from Poulantzas about the Current Crises</p> <p>Peter Bratsis - Discussant</p>	<p><b>Culture and Politics</b></p> <p>Chair: Antigoni Memou</p> <p>Tim Dayton – Base and Superstructure in Literary Criticism: A Case Study</p> <p>Warren Carter – Painting the Revolution: State, Politics and Ideology in Mexican Muralism</p> <p>Maria Elisa Cevalco – Culture and Politics, 1989-2010</p> <p>Bridget Fowler – Bourdieu, Cultural Production and Social Transformation</p>	<p><b>Marxist Perspectives on Non-Marxist Political Economy</b></p> <p>Chair: Adam Hanieh</p> <p>Jeanne Schuler and Patrick Murray – Capital, or the Truth of Utility</p> <p>Ben Selwyn – Liberty Limited? A Sympathetic Engagement With Amartya Sen's Development as Freedom</p> <p>Alessio Kolioulis – <i>Mille Plateaux</i>, Marx and Italian Theory: Which Market for Bioeconomics?</p>	<p><b>Left Critique from the Andes to Mexico</b></p> <p>Chair: Gonzalo Pozo Martin</p> <p>Jeffery Webber – 'The Last Day of Oppression, and the First Day of the Same': Capitalist Continuities and Indigenous-Left Resistance in Correa's Ecuador</p> <p>Abelardo Marina-Flores – Crisis and Resistance in Mexico Today: Socialism or Barbarism (once again)</p> <p>Dario Azzellini – Critiques and Contradictions Inside the Bolivarian Process: The Example of the Basic Industries and Workers' Control</p> <p>Valerio Arcary – Notes for a Historical Interpretation of the Trajectory of the Brazilian Workers' Party</p>	<p><b>Theorising the Crisis</b></p> <p>Chair: Paul Reynolds</p> <p>Michel Husson – Towards a Chaotic Regulation</p> <p>Andrew Kliman – A Crisis of Capitalism, Not Neo-liberalism</p> <p>Simon Mohun – Three Crises in the Long-Run Development of the US Economy: Similarities and Differences</p> <p>Michael Kraetke – Capitalism and its Crises: Marx's Studies of Crises from 1847/48 to the 1880s</p>

SATURDAY – 18.30-20.30

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THE EUROPEAN CRISIS, THE  
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SUNDAY K – 10.00-11.45

<p>G50</p> <p><b>SPACES OF MARXISM: THINKING WITH DAVID HARVEY</b>  <b>The Spatial Fix</b>  Chair: Alex Anievas  Henry Heller – Uneven Development and Spatial Fix in the Transition to Capitalism  Andreas Malm – Fossil Capital Moves to China: On the Political Ecology of the Spatial Fix  Andy Higginbottom – The Limits to Harvey: Capital’s Contradictions and Imperialism</p>	<p>G51</p> <p><b>Aesthetics, Class Composition, and Cultural Studies of Labor</b>  Chair: Stevphen Shukaitis  Gavin Grindon – Aesthetic Composition, Art and Activism  Bruno Gulli – New Aesthetics of Labour and Care: The Emancipation of the Senses  Stefanie Tan – Scene of the Crime: The Misadventures of Approximating Praxis in Community-Based Filmmaking.  Marina Vishmidt – ‘Real by Negative Virtue of Not Yet Being Impossible’: Speculation as a Mode of Production in Art and Capital</p>	<p>B101</p> <p><b>The Aesthetics of Marxism</b>  Chair: Peter D. Thomas  Daniel Hartley – The Politics of Style: Raymond Williams, Terry Eagleton and Fredric Jameson  Johan Hartle – Our Struggle is Beautiful: Considerations on the Aesthetics of Leftist Politics  Samir Gandesha – Marx, Benjamin and the Poetry of the Future</p>	<p>B102</p> <p><b>Struggles in the Workplace</b>  Chair: Gonzalo Pozo Martin  Agustin Santella – Workplace Labour Representation in Argentina: A Historical and Marxist approach  Stephen Bouquin – Working at the End of the Value Chain</p>
<p>B104</p> <p><b>Race, Migration and Capitalism</b>  Chair: Immanuel Ness  Philip Marfleet – Migration, State and Capital Today  John Smith – Migration and Exploitation  Younes Abuyoub - The Politics of Exclusion: Arab Activism in the USA  Alex Julca - Prisoners of Want and Walls of Shame</p>	<p>B111</p> <p><b>How to Write a History of Marxism?</b>  Chair: Paul Reynolds  David Mayer – Putting the History of Marxism on its Feet? Histories of Marxism, from Past Attempts to Current Perspectives  Paul Blackledge – Towards a ‘Marxism of Marxism’: Thinking about the history of Marxism  Omar Acha – Marxism in Latin America, Latin American Marxism: The Problem of its Histories  Bertel Nygaard – Historicising Marxism. Why? How?</p>	<p>4421</p> <p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b>  <b>Pan-Africanism and the Great Crash: Black Critics of Empire and Capital in 1930s Britain</b>  Chair: Christian Hogsbjerg  Leslie James – ‘The Most Completely Political Negro’: Marxism, Pan-Africanism, and George Padmore’s Re-establishment after his Comintern Years, 1935-1939  Daniel Whittall – ‘White Capital has Always Dominated the Islands’: Black Radicalism in London and the Capitalist-Imperialist Crisis in the 1930s Caribbean  Hakim Adi – ‘A Militant Organisation of Negro Workers?’ – The Negro Welfare Association, 1931-1939</p>	<p>116</p> <p><b>Imperialism and Development in the (Semi-)Periphery: The Neo-National Bourgeoisie</b>  Chair: Hessam Daryani  Nima Nakhaei - The Power Bloc in Post-Revolutionary Iran  Ali Behran Ozelik - The Transformation of the Turkish State and Intra-Bourgeois Contradictions: Poulantzas Revisited  Manuel Larrabure - ‘Socialism in the 21st Century’ or ‘Neo-National Bourgeoisie’: The Popular Economy in Venezuela’s Bolivarian Revolution</p>

SUNDAY L – 12.00-13.45

KLT	G50	116	B102	B104	B111
<p><b>Why Marx Was Right</b></p> <p>Chair: Steve Edwards</p> <p>Terry Eagleton</p> <p>Peter D. Thomas</p> <p>Matthew Beaumont</p>	<p><b>Contemporary Latin American Marxist Theory</b></p> <p>Chair: Jeffery Webber</p> <p>Bruno Bosteels – Marx and Latin America Revisited: From Aricó to García Linera</p> <p>Omar Acha – Social Theory and Political Practices in Contemporary Latin America</p> <p>Eduardo Sartelli – The Historical Role of Latinoamerican Bonapartism</p>	<p><b>Social Forces and Revolutionary Movements in the Middle East</b></p> <p>Chair: Rafeef Ziadah</p> <p>Elif Uzgoren – Social Forces and Hegemonic Projects in Turkey's Integration into European Structures: Is There Any Alternative to Neo-liberal Transition?</p> <p>Jeff Goodwin – Reform and Revolution in the Arab Spring</p> <p>Amr Abdulrahman – Populism and the Radical Democratic Possibilities: Observations from the Egyptian Revolt</p>	<p><b>Marxism and Politics</b></p> <p>Chair: Paul Reynolds</p> <p>Emmanuel Barot – Has the Proletariat Vanished? Contemporary Lessons from the Debate Between Marcuse and Mandel</p> <p>Alex Callinicos – Thinking About the Political in Marxism</p> <p>Alex Demirovic - The Critique of Politics</p>	<p><b>Temporary Labour Migration and Class Struggle</b></p> <p>Chair: Adam Hanieh</p> <p>Paolo Novak – Space, Place and Migration: Some Reflections</p> <p>Stephanie Kron - Regional Migration and Border Management in Central America</p> <p>Immanuel Ness - Guest Workers, Contemporary Capitalism, and Class Struggles: Global North and South</p>	<p><b>Documentary Politics</b></p> <p>Chair: Antigoni Memou</p> <p>Stephanie Schwartz – José Angle Toirac: Recycling Revolution</p> <p>Sarah Edith James – A Socialist Realist Sander? Comparative Portraiture as a Marxist Model in the German Democratic Republic</p> <p>Asefeh Esfahlani – Still Photography and Radical Filmmaking in Iran</p>

SUNDAY L (cont.) 12.00-13.45

4421	4418	563	G2	G50	B101
<p><b>HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Seedtime of the Comintern</b></p> <p>Chair: Sebastian Budgen</p> <p>Ben Lewis – Kautsky's Defense of Republicanism</p> <p>Lars Lih – Kautsky and Lenin on World Revolution</p>	<p><b>Communization and its Discontents (book launch and roundtable)</b></p> <p>Chair: Alberto Toscano</p> <p>Benjamin Noys</p> <p>Maya Gonzalez</p> <p>Evan Calder Williams</p> <p>Marina Vishmidt and Anthony Iles</p>	<p><b>Local Resistance</b></p> <p>Chair: Gregory Schwartz</p> <p>Greg Sharzer – The Fall and Rise of Petty Bourgeois Ideology: The Locavore as Utopian Socialist</p> <p>Riccardo Ciavolella and Armelle Choplin – Local Resistances to an Out-of-Reach Capitalism? Some Reflections from the Margins of an Uneven World</p>	<p><b>For Lukács</b></p> <p>Chair: Matteo Mandarini</p> <p>Tyrus Miller – Lukács and the Question of People's Democracy</p> <p>Erik M. Bachman – Naturalizing the Thirties: Lukács, Burke, Caldwell</p> <p>Robert Jackson – What is Distinctive about Lukács's Theory of Subjectivity?</p>	<p><b>Reading Poulantzas II: Authoritarianism and Internationalization</b></p> <p>Chair: Giorgos Galanis</p> <p>Ian Bruff – The Rise of Authoritarian Neoliberalism</p> <p>John Kannankulam - Poulantzas and the Internationalization of the State</p> <p>Ed Rooksby - Discussant</p>	<p><b>Law, Right and Capitalism</b></p> <p>Chair: Robert Knox</p> <p>Maia Pal – English State Formation, the Rise of Capitalism and Nineteenth-Century International Law: A Legacy of Double Standards</p> <p>Camilo Perez-Bustillo – Human Rights from Below: Latin American and Arab Contributions to Alternative Paradigms of Global Justice</p> <p>Radha D'Souza – 'Network Imperialism': Law, Science and Imperialism in 'Network Society'</p>

SUNDAY M – 14.15-16.00

KLT	116	B101	B102	B104	B111
<p><b>Communist Culture and Other Antinomies</b></p> <p>Chair: Peter D. Thomas</p> <p>Evan Calder Williams</p> <p>China Miéville</p> <p>Esther Leslie - Discussant</p>	<p><b>Theorising Finance</b></p> <p>Chair: Mary Robertson</p> <p>Tomas Rotta and Rodrigo Alves Teixeira – A Marxian Theory of Financialisation</p> <p>Leda Maria Paulani – Financial Dominance and Class Structure: Theoretical Questions</p> <p>Marco Antonio Martins da Rocha – The Formation of Finance-Capital in the Periphery: Understanding the Recent Transformations in Brazilian Capitalism</p>	<p><b>SPACES OF MARXISM: THINKING WITH DAVID HARVEY</b></p> <p><b>Thinking the New Politics of Space</b></p> <p>Chair: Matteo Mandarini</p> <p>Bue Rübner Hansen – Notes on the Dialectics of Time and Space</p> <p>Peter Dickens – Outer Space, Capital and Moments of Struggle</p> <p>Lorenzo Pezzani – Lines of Attrition: Infrastructures of Mobility and Control at the Edges of Europe</p>	<p><b>India's Political Economy</b></p> <p>Chair: Alex Levant</p> <p>Ilaria Alabiso and Anindya Bhattacharya – Localised Power Equilibrium and Exploitation in Rural India</p> <p>Matilde Adduci – The Impact of Mining Liberalization on Labour in the Indian state of Orissa: A Political Economy Analysis</p> <p>Pritam Singh – Federalism and the Indian Mode of Accumulation: Probing the Role of State and Nation</p>	<p><b>Workers' Movements in East Asia</b></p> <p>Chair: Adam Hanieh</p> <p>Dae-Oup Chang - Korean Labour Movements and Informality</p> <p>Au Loong-yu and Ruixue Bai – The Case for an Autonomous Workers' Movement in China</p> <p>Paula Nabuco – Reforms and Labour Struggle in Contemporary China</p>	<p><b>Perspectives on Precariousness</b></p> <p>Chair: Gregory Schwartz</p> <p>Franco Barchiesi – Against Job Creation: Precarious Work as a Challenge to Employment-Centred Normativity in Postcolonial Africa</p> <p>Deniz Yildirim and Evren Haspolat – Between Imagined Past and Lost Future: Precarious Teachers in Turkey and their Resistance Strategies</p> <p>Stelios Gialis and Andrew Herod – Spaces of Flexicurity in the European South: Struggles Against Flexible Working Arrangements in Greece</p>

SUNDAY M (cont.) – 14.15-16.00

4421	4418	563	G2	G50	G51
<p><b>Freedom, Liberalism and Distribution</b></p> <p>Chair: Sebastian Budgen</p> <p>Luke Evans – A Marxist Approach to the Concept of Freedom</p> <p>Ed Rooksby – The Relationship Between Liberalism and Socialism</p> <p>Dan Swain – 'Mortifies the Flesh and Ruins the Mind' – Alienation Today</p>	<p><b>Maoism and Social Movements in India and Nepal</b></p> <p>Chair: Gonzalo Pozo Martin</p> <p>Dhruv Jain – The Struggle Against Modern Revisionism: An Intellectual History of the Naxalite Movement from 1967-1978</p> <p>Alpa Shah – Maoism: A Reading from the Field in India</p> <p>Feyzi Ismail - Limiting the Revolution in Nepal</p> <p>Radha D'Souza – Three Actors, Two Geographies, One Philosophy: The Straightjacket of Social Movements</p>	<p><b>Art and Truth</b></p> <p>Chair: Antigoni Memou</p> <p>Amy Charlesworth – The Feminization of Labour and the Video-Essay's Politics of Truth</p> <p>Daniel Mourenza – Cracks in the Spaces of Global Capitalism: Jia Zhangke and Walter Benjamin's Allegory of Ruins</p> <p>Simon Constantine – Allan Sekula and the Truth of Critical Realist Photography</p>	<p><b>How Revolutionary Were the Bourgeois Revolutions?</b></p> <p>Chair: Alex Anievas</p> <p>Neil Davidson – The Specificity of Bourgeois Revolutions</p> <p>James M. Vaughn – The Classical Bourgeois Revolutions and the Marxian Philosophy of History</p> <p>Spencer Leonard - Revolution and Empire: The Case of India from Smith to Marx and from Marx to the Third International</p> <p>Charles Post – The Bourgeois Revolution: A "Political Marxist" Perspective</p>	<p><b>Childhood, Global Capitalism and Marxism</b></p> <p>Chair: Paul Reynolds</p> <p>Susan Ferguson – Children of Global Capitalism: Modes of Critique</p> <p>Alan Sears – Virtual Kids: Commodification and the Disembodied Child</p> <p>Jyotsna Kapur – The Indians are Coming... for Your Jobs!: Desperate Talk for Desperate Times</p>	<p><b>Law, Ideology and Class Struggle</b></p> <p>Chair: Robert Knox</p> <p>Nina Power – Political Science and the Image of Man: Althusser's Critique of Law</p> <p>Simon Behrman – Reclaiming the Refugee from Refugee Law</p> <p>Grietje Baars – Law: Congealed Capitalism or a Site for Class Struggle? Law's Emancipatory Potential Examined</p>

HISTORICAL MATERIALISM PLENARY – 16.30-18.30

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# **CRISIS AND REVOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

**AHMED SHAWKI – US IMPERIALISM AND THE ARAB SPRING**

**GILBERT ACHCAR – THE ARAB UPHEAVAL IN THE LIGHT OF HISTORICAL MATERIALISM**

**MAHA ABDELRAHMAN – ON PROTEST MOVEMENTS AND UPRISINGS: EGYPT'S PERMANENT  
REVOLUTION**

**ADAM HANIEH – COUNTER-REVOLUTION AND THE GULF ARAB STATES**