# Historical Materialism Sydney Conference 2017

## Thursday 7 December

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| 1000-1130 | Panels | TIME, SPACE & ABSTRACT SOCIAL NATURE Giacomo Bianchino – ‘At once!’: the momentous subjects of the New Soviet Calendar  
Timothy Erik Ström – Abstraction, Technology and the Capitalist Reorganisation of Nature  
Cat Moir – Natural history and the art of empire: Ferdinand Bauer and the world ecology of colonial science | MOVEMENT & ORGANISATION — FROM ABOVE & BELOW  
Dieter Plehwe – Trump, climate change and neoliberal networks  
John Krinsky – Social movements and the politics of abstraction | GRAMSCI, TROTSKY & LUKACS  
Sanjay Ramesh – Gramscian hegemonic historic bloc  
Rjurik Davidson – Once more on the Gramsci – Trotsky question  
Margaret Moussa – Lukacs on labour | |
| 1130-1145 | Break |            |             |             | Foyer |
| 1145-1315 | Panels | Room: The Law Lounge  
PLAY: SERVANT OF THE REVOLUTION  
Directed by ANITRA NELSON | NEOLIBERALISM & CORPORATE CAPTURE  
Cameron Smith – ‘Authoritarian neoliberalism’ and the Australian border-industrial complex  
I-Yi Hsieh – Neoliberalism with Chinese characteristics: the case of art marketplace in Beijing  
Toby Rogers – The corporate capture of science and medicine and the implications for the autism epidemic | CLASS POLITICS & SOCIAL MOVEMENTS  
Jean Parker – The Left-reformist revival: challenges for anti-austerity economics  
Alexander Waters - #BlackLivesMatter in the home of the Panthers: rebuilding islands of class after a tsunami of identity politics  
Geoff Robinson – Class politics and socialist electoral strategies | ECOLOGY & CLIMATE CHANGE  
Andrew Milner – Climate change and climate fiction: cultural materialism as a resource of hope  
Natasha Heenan – Ecotourism, sustainable development, and the production of nature  
Jean-Philippe Deranty – Work in the time of climate change |
<p>| 1315-1430 | Lunch break | University food outlets &amp; local cafes |             |             |                  |</p>
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| 1430-1600 | Panels | **HOUSING, RENT & THE POLITICS OF SPACE**  
Anitra Nelson – An Ecosocialist answer to the housing question  
Adam Morton – Spatial Serge: the urban revolution in Victor Serge  
Joe Collins – Should communists care about rent-seekers?  
**ECONOMIC PLANNING**  
Shannon Walsh  
Nathalie Jaques  
James Roberts  
**CRITICAL MARXIST PERSPECTIVES ON CURRENT AUSTRALIAN POLICY**  
Andrew Brodzel – Conducting energy and resisting capital: on the possibility of post-carbon communism  
Daniel Cotton – Australia’s border regime: repressing labour movement and the labour movement  
Riki Scanlan – The evolutionary formation of urban statehood: a case study of the Greater Sydney Commission  
**SOCIAL REPRODUCTION**  
Senka Anastova – Theory of social reproduction and fight against oppression  
Samuel Russell – No fluoro on floor: sumptuary law, courtesy, and feeding the servants of the rich by bicycle  
Peter Green – The future is in the living present | **PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS IN ALTHUSSER, SARTRE & STEIGLER**  
Knox Peden – Problems and pseudo-problems in Althusserian science  
Robert Boncardo – The individual as constitutive power: accumulation and inflation in Sartre’s Critique of Dialectical Reason  
Dmitri Vouros – Philosophy and the tendential fall in the rate of profit: Bernard Stiegler on the continuing relevance of political economy  
**STRATEGY & PRAXIS**  
Jordan Edney – Dogma and the future of the Left  
Samuel Russell – Marxism as bourgeois organizational science and the meaning of the mobility rule in 2017  
Nathalie Jaques – Circulation as a site of value and of struggle  
**GREENS PARTIES: BETWEEN (ECOLOGICAL) SOCIALISM AND (ECOLOGICAL) BARBARISM**  
Riki Scanlan – A critique of environmentalism, Green parties and the drift towards ‘sustainable’ policy  
Andy Mason – Builders’ labourers in green politics then and now  
Patrick Wright – The Greens NSW: lessons for a radical future |  |
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Dinesh Wadiwel – Food animals, labour and value  
Jean Parker – Nature in Marx’s value system  
Gareth Bryant – Value in a climate-changing capitalism  
**CAPITAL & CAPITAL**  
Humphrey McQueen – Down with transition! Up the revolution! The revolution inside capital: barely a conspectus  
Sean McMahon – Material reality, commodity fetishism and fictitious capital  
Takashi Satoh – Marx beyond Sraffa: toward the generalized formulation of the circuit of capital in a multisector mode  
**POPULISM, ANARCHISM & SOCIALISM**  
Aaron Tauss – Socialism and populism today: building ‘people’s’ power from below? A critical analysis of the anticapitalist strategy of Colombia’s People Congress  
Araz Aminnaseri – A critique of the Universal Basic Income and an alternative socialist proposal  
Paul Rubner – Radical democracy: from Bookchin to Öcalan and the Rojava Revolution |
| 1530-1545 | Break   |                                                                           |
| 1545-1715 | Panels  | **THE IMPACT OF OCTOBER 1917**  
Phil Chilton – Not just a Russian affair: the impact and inspiration of the Russian Revolution in Ireland, 1917-1923  
Tim Dobson – The Russian Revolution’s impact on communism in Iran  
Kaveh Boveiri – On Žižek’s suggestion to reinvent the politics of truth of the October Revolution  
**CAPITALISM IN AUSTRALIA**  
Llewellyn Williams-Brooks – The Australian New Left and capitalism in Australia: a theoretical introduction  
Nandita Das – Australian climate policy in historical perspective: climate, capital and hegemony  
Lindy Nolan – Driving disunity: the Business Council of Australia and Aboriginal community (Chair: Joe Collins)  
**ART IN THE SHADOW OF COLONIALISM & REVOLUTION**  
Ben Etherington – Ralph de Boissière’s crown jewel: anti-colonial communism three ways  
Rory Dufficy – Surrealism, gender and revolutionary subjectivity  
Verónica Tello – The multiplication of labour in contemporary art |
| 1730- | Social event & food | **Cornerstone Bar, Carriageworks**  
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