13
th Annual
Historical Materialism
Conference

Limits, Barriers and Borders

In the Grundrisse, Marx diagnosed the effort to turn unsurpassable limits into transcendable barriers as one of capital's defining features, that permitted it either to avert crises or to employ them to its own advantage.

Ecological critique and activism is increasingly identifying the endurance of capitalist imperatives as a limit of a different kind, a limit on the reproducibility of human livelihoods, a limit both to and of nature, which is not necessarily a limit to capital.

HM 2016 seeks to address from a multiplicity of angles the question of the relationships between the limits and barriers of capital and those of its human and non-human "others". Or: its limits and ours, their barriers and ours. How does Marxist theory address the so-called 'spatial turn' and various geographies of capital?

We hope to investigate the theoretical and practical challenges to capital's increasingly disastrous or desultory forms of crisismanagement, from the COP21 agreements on climate change to the sinister responses to mass migration and civil war.

We hope that this theme of limits will not be taken simply in a systemic sense – as the limits to capital, or to nature, or to the capitalist state, etc. – but also in a strategic one, as an occasion to reflect on the limits (or barriers) of current socialist, communist and emancipatory political movements.

From public outcries against financial scandals to the rise of populist anti-elitism, are movements redrawing the limits of politics?

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The Historical Materialism conference is not a conventional academic conference but rather a space for discussion, debate and the launching of collective projects.

We therefore discourage 'cameo appearances' and encourage speakers to participate in the whole of the conference. We also strongly urge all speakers to take out personal subscriptions to the journal.

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Ecology, History, Politics

Chair: TBC

Alex Tonnetti – Breaking the natural limits given by the sea: the case of the Roman Empire and its tragedy in the Medea of Seneca.

Bela Irina Passos Natário de Castro - The 4th industrial revolution or the rebranding of the crisis of capital?

Cagri Idiman - Transition: The formation of the capitalist world-ecology through the age of manufacture (1450-1750)

Marxism, Security, Insurgency

Chair: Jamie Allinson

Rvan Toews – The colonial lineages of the new counterinsurgency

Memphis Krickeberg – Security, risk and capitalism

Nick Dyer-Witheford – You may not be interested in cvber-war: towards a Marxist theorization of militarized networks

Energy, Ecology. Extraction

Chair: Jeff Webber

Mika Minio-Paluello -Transitioning the North Sea

Vasna Ramasar – South Africa's energy nexus: Energy security, climate change mitigation and capital expansion

David Schwartzman

 Extractivism from an ecosocialist perspective

Tabitha Spence – Trade Unions, energy democracy, and seeds of possibility: transitioning to a postcarbon/post-capital world

S312

Marxism and the reserve army of labour

Chair: Peter Thomas

Bill Dunn – Towards a theory of unemployment

Johan Alfonsson - On-call employees – An alienated reserve army?

Ed Yates – Reproducing low wage labour: capital accumulation and voung workers in Greater Manchester

S113

Contemporary perspectives on dialectics: revisiting the legacies and schools (part I)

Chair: Stewart Martin

Artemy Magun - Soviet Marxism as one of the three dialectical schools of the 20th century, and the case of Boris Porshnev's dialectical anthropology

Yoel Regev – Deleuze and Porshnev: Diplastv. Resonance. Materialist dialectics

Alexei Penzin - Dialectics and 'proletarian awareness' in Alexander Kojève's 'Sophia' (1941)

S311

Labour: Politics and law

Chair: Maia Pai

Alexis Cukier – Can labour law actually limit exploitation? The French case

Natalia Delgado – Body and labour power. A legal dissociation.

Facundo C. Rocca – Marx and the labour contract: symptom, counter-law and state of exception

The Political **Economy of Financial** Transformation in Turkev

Chair: Jamie Woodcock

Thomas Marois – The neoliberal restructuring of banks in Turkey, 2001 to present

Aylin Topal - The impact of the financial transformation since the 1980s on the Turkish SMEs

Galip Yalman - Modalities of state-capital relations in the context of financialisation: insights from the Turkish case

S314

Sacrifice zones: neoliberal form and the limits to capitalist nature

Chair: Jamie Woodcock

Nick Lawrence – Uncanny Valleys: Neoliberal Ecotones in Recent US/Mexican Border Fictions

Michael Niblet – Slum **Ecologies and Sacrifice Zones:** Neoliberalism and Narrative Form in the Work of Marlon James and Paulo Lins

Kerstin Oloff - From '936' to 'Junk': Monsters and Puerto Rican Literature after 1976

Myka Tucker-Abramson -The Summer of Hate and the End of the Road (Novel)

Developing eco-socialist perspective: Emerging issues-Session 1

Chair: TBC

Nadia Singh – 'Green' Capitalist Inititiatives In Developing Economies: A Case Study Of Bioenergy Proiects In Puniab, India

Gordon Peters – The metabolic rift and ecological

Pritam Singh – Capitalism has always developed unevenly - does the current spatial shift in global capitalism matter?: An ecosocialist perspective

S211

The Marx and Philosophy Society: Social atomisation in real abstraction. feminist theory, and historical life

Chair: TBC

Tom Bunyard - Guy Debord's Concepts of Life. Non-Life and Spectacle

Chris O'Kane - Totality and Real Abstraction in Marx and Beyond

Ane Engelstad – Where Feminist Critiques of Social Antomism go Wrong

The dynamics of change in nature

Chair: Liam Campling

Romain Felli – The Great Adaptation: climate and capitalism

Elmar Flatschart - Valuedissociation. Crisis and Society-Nature Relationships

Bela Irina Passos Natário de Castro, Sergio Martín **Arguello** – Putting

capitalism in court: Between environmental justice and the construction of another law

Developing eco-socialist perspective: Emerging issues- Session 2

C: 18.00-20.00

Chair: Pritam Singh

Alan Thornett – What is the Anthropocene and why is it

Pat Devine – Ecosocialism for a New Era

Judith Watson – Mode of production and development model as embodied learning outcomes

S312

The black radical tradition: The legacy of Cedric J. Robinson (II)

Chair - Rob Knox



Avery Gordon – Power and Resistance: The Historical Materialism of Cedric J. Robinson

Roderick Ferguson – Black Marxism and the Promise of Other Orders

Brenna Bhandar - Racial Regimes of Representation and Ownership: Thinking through Property with Cedric J. Robinson



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Capitalism and crisis

Chair: Sebastian Budgen

Robin Halpin – The Absolute Inner Limit to Capital and the Theory of Breakdown

Peter Green – Reclaiming Forgotten Theories of Disproportionality and Crisis

Rikard Warlenius, Ståle Olgersen – Destroy what destroys the planet. Steering creative destruction in the dual crisis

S311

Marxism, Science and Nature

Chair: TBC

Joost Kircz – Science: model, icon, and the subjective factor

Caroline Edwards -

Uncovering a New Marxist Cosmology through Natural Historical Time

Pablo Pulgar Moya – The Marxist dialectic between Society and Nature.

S113

Contemporary perspectives on dialectics: Revisiting the legacies and schools (part II)

Chair: Stewart Martin

Anton Syutkin - From Division to Event: Alain Badiou and Materialist Dialectics

Alex Levant – Posthuman Subjectivity: New Materialism and Activity Theory

Discussant: Paul Reynolds

S312

The black radical tradition:

The legacy of Cedric J. Robinson (I)

Chair: **Avery Gordon**

Rob Knox - Race, Law and the Black Radical Tradition

Alberto Toscano – Black Sansculottes and Ambitious Marionettes: C.L.R. James, Cedric J. Robinson and the Critique of Political Leadership

Respondent: Roderick

Ferguson

S113

Marxism/Feminism Stream:

Class, Gender, Labour

Chair: Maia Pal

Morgane Merteuil – Feminist mobilisations against the labour reform in France

Hester Eisenstein – Hegemonic Feminism, Neo-Liberalism And Womenomics: Empowerment instead of Liberation?

Natasha Zaretsky – Social Reproduction and Species Reproduction in the Ecological Imaginary

G51

Syndicalism and trade unionism in the interwar years: Britain, Germany and the US

Chair: David Broder

Jule Ehms – Revolutionary Syndicalism in Weimar Germany: the case of the FAUD

Richard Stoenescu – Syndicalism and trade unionism in the interwar years; Germany and the US

Ralf Hofrogge – The Amalgamated Engineering Union (AUE) In Great Britain 1920-1935

G51a

Thinking ecology

Chair: Esther Leslie Irene Sotiropoulou

Nature, gold and the struggles for value(s)

Michael Ekers, Alex Loftus

– Concrete Natures; Concrete

Possibilities

Jonathan Beacham – Limiting the Anthropocene? 'Alternative' food production and living with the capitalist

imperative

L67

Value theory's applications

Chair: TBC

Ricardo Antunes – Marx, Circulation and Value in the Service Sector Today

Heesang Jeon – A value theory of intellectual property rights

Mathew Cole – Limited Value: Hospitality work and production in the UK

4429

Aesthetics and ecologies

Chair: **Peter Thomas**

Andrew Milner – Science Fiction and Climate Change

Anton Wedding – The Aesthetics of Gentrification

Evanthia Tselika – The urban ecology of ethnonational divided cities and the paving of their gentrification through the arts

3111

The Brenner debate after thirty years: Transitions to capitalism in France, Japan and Taiwan

Chair: Maia Pai

Stephen Miller – Peasant Farming in the Eighteenthand- Nineteenth-Century France and the Transition to Capitalism under De Gaulle

Mark Cohen – The Disarmament of the Gentry: Pre-History to Japanese Capitalism

Chris Iset – The Contingent Origins of Taiwanese Capitalism

Discussant: Charles Post

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Political ecology

Chair: Jamie Woodcock

Paul Guillibert – The ecology of global capitalism

Mark Tilzey – Political Ecology and the 'Natural' Limits to Capital

Patrick Bond – Red-Greening South Africa's Next Revolt?: Eco-Socialist Opportunities And Nascent Leadership

S211

Brazil and Marxist critique

Chair: Juan Grigera

Leda Maria Paulani – Financialization in Brazil

Carolina Alves Vestena, Guilherme Leite Gonçalves

 Financial accumulation, soft law and development in Brazil

Krista Lillemetsdixon – Reproduction of Capital and Labour Regimes in the Global Periphery: Reading in the light of the Brazilian Marxist Thought

S20

Understanding global transformation and uneven development

Panel 1: The CICP approach and the new international division of labour

Chair: Jeff Webber

Greig Charnock – The New International Division of Labour and the Critique of Political Economy Today

Gastón Caligaris – The Global Accumulation of Capital and the Classic International Division of Labour: Ground-Rent and 'Resource Rich' Countries

Guido Starosta – Revisiting the New International Division of Labour Thesis

B104

Imperialism, Colonialism, Marxism

Chair **Ashok Kumar**

Mathieu Renault – Lenin as a decolonial thinker

Ammar Ali Jan – 'The Time Has Come...' M.N. Roy and the problem of anti-colonial Marxism

Ayca Cubukcu – The Humanity of Franz Fanon

B11'

Historical sociology and world history: Uneven and combined development over the longue durée

Chair & Discussant: Maia Pal

Owen Miller – The Uneven, Combined and Intersocietal Dimensions of Korean State Formation and Consolidation over the Longue Duree: 300-1900CE

Jessica Evans – Rejecting the 'Staples' Thesis and Recentring Migration: A Comparative Analysis of 'Late Development' in Canada and Argentina

Jamie Allinson – Revisiting the Transformation of the 19th Century and the 'Eastern Question': Uneven and Combined Development and the Ottoman Steppe

Luke Cooper – The Anglo-Mysorean Wars, the Global Transformation and the Long Nineteenth Century

S312

The Dimensions of hegemony: Language, culture and politics in revolutionary Russia

Chair & Discussant:

Peter Thomas Craig Brandist Brendan McGeever Örsan Şenalp

S31

Marxism and political economy I

Chair **Ashok Kumar**

Jamie Gough – A lacuna in David Harvey: the valorisation of property and fictitious capital by value production

Riccardo Bellofiore

The adventures of Vergesellschaftung

Rebecca Carson – Fictitious Capital, Personal Power and Social Reproduction

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HMSPEN:

Marxism, sexuality and political economy

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Kate Cherry – Marxism, Sexuality and Political Economy. Gender and The Transition Debate 1400-1600: Historicising Practices of Resistance and Persecution

Cristian Lo Iacono -

Flexiqueerity: or, in the realm of 'real subsumption', the perfect labourer is queer

Colin Wilson – The state as a key actor in social reproduction strategies and the construction of sexualities: the example of nineteenth century Britain

G51a

What constitutes a Marxist approach to science?

Chair: **Helen Sheehan Helena Sheehan** –
Introduction

Kostas Skordoulis – Reconsidering Science as Social Practice

Thodoris Dimitrakos – Beyond native realism & social constructivism

Joost Kircz – 4 ways of dealing with science and Marxism in the 21st century

Stany Maczurkiewicz

 Conditions, sense and possibility of a dialectical and materialist epistemology of mathematics

G51

Europe and politics

Chair: **Sebastian Budgen Christakis Georgiou** – British capitalism and European unification, from Ottawa to the Brexit referendum

Benjamin Bürbaumer – 'We are worth better than this' – youth protests against the labour law in France

Stefanie Prezioso – Italy: Sub-Cultural Hegemony and 'Liquid Times'

S211

Notes on modernization, from the periphery I

Chair: Juan Grigera

Luiz Renato Martins – Notes on David Craven's 'alternative modernism'

Jorge Grespan – Subject in Modernity: representation forms and social conscience

Ana Paula Pacheco

 Modernization as depoliticization and social anomie

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Understanding Global Transformation and Uneven Development

Panel 2: Uneven development within the new international division of labour

Chair: Greig Charnock

Thomas Purcell – Post-Neoliberalism in the International Division of Labour: The Divergent Cases of Ecuador and Venezuela

Tomás Friedenthal & Guido Starosta – The New International Division of Labour in 'High-Tech' Production: The Genesis of Ireland's Boom in the 1990s

Alejandro Fitzsimons &Sebastián Guevara – Transnational Coroporations and the 'Restructuring' of the Argentine Automotive Industry: Change or Continuity?

B104

Marxism/Feminism Stream:

Islamophobia, Abjection, Decoloniality

Chair: Félix Boggio Ewanjé-Epée

Dimitra Kotouza – Affect in Crisis Racism and Sexism, and the Concept of Abjection

Jules Falquet – The 'straight combinatory': the political economy of sex, race and class. A lesbian feminist contribution to materialist and decolonial analysis

Flora Eder – The Eclipse of Gender and Reason

LUNCH BREAK (13.30-14.15)

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Meet the Editors -Historical Materialism and Book Series

Theorising nature: Adorno

Chair: Peter Thomas

Agnès Grivaux – Exploitation and domination of nature : Adorno's

of nature : Adorno's reflections on the Marxian critique of the capitalist exploitation of nature

Alexandre Féron – Dialectics of Nature and Ecology: the Debate in Post-War French Philosophy

Marah Nagelhout –

Materialist Aesthetics in the Age of the Anthropocene

S312

The Greek left

Chair: Panagiotis Sotiris

Eirini Gaitanou – Forms and characteristics of the social movement in Greece in the context of the economic and political crisis: Political participation and consciousness transformation

Konstantinos Gousis

 Bolivarian Messages in Greek Bottles – How are the developments in Venezuela 'translated' in the Greek debate on the crisis?

Angelos Kontogiannis-Mandros, Corina Petridi

– Remarks on the necessity of an absent dialogue: The tragedy of the Greek left and the Latin American experience

S211

Notes on modernization, from the periphery II

Chair **Steve Edwards**

Luiz Marques – Capitalism and deforestation

Alex Calheiros – The Cinema of Brasilia: an amputated society

Convenor: **Ana Paula Pacheco**

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HMSPEN:

Marxism, sexuality and politics

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Peter Drucker – Shifting Boundaries: Europe, heteronationalism and homonationalism in political economy and history

Rhonda Koch -

Performativity and Social Structure: Thinking Butler and Voloshinov Together

Gianfranco Rebucini

– Toward molecular transformations. Gramsci, Deleuze and Guattari and queer anti- capitalist emancipation

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Legacies of Ellen Meiksins Wood I

Chair: Maia Pai

Charles Post – The Separation of the 'Economic' and the 'Political' Under Capitalism: 'Capital-Centric Marxism' and the Capitalist State.

Xavier Lafrance – A historically very specific type of society': The specificity of capitalism and socialist politics in the work of Ellen Meiksins Wood.

Colin Mooers – Citizenship, Fetishism and Political Marxism



5209

Marxism, Urbanism, Modernism

Chair: Jamie Woodcock

Ruth Lorimer – The urbanization of crisis and resistance in Athens

Soraya El Kahlaoui – In the name of modernity: When urban expansion is synonymous with land grabbing in Morocco

Anneleen Kenis & Maarten Loopmans – Politicising spatial injustice: the struggle against urban air pollution in Antwerp (Belgium)

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Marxism and Turkish politics

Chair: Sara Farris

Oguzhan Ozgur Guven – Neoliberal Transformation of the City of Diyarbakir under the Shade of Political Tensions

Oyku Safak Cubukcu –

Agricultural Restructuring in Post-1980 Turkey and Persistent Primitive Accumulation

Ahmet Zaifer – Labour Resistance to Privatisation in Turkey: Limits and Barriers

S312

Marxism and contemporary movement politics

Chair: Jamie Allinson

Alberto Martínez-Delgado

– From Marxism to the faculty club culture in Spain: Podemos.

Stella Magliani-Belkacem, Félix Boggio Éwanjé-Épée

 Tout le monde déteste la police. French insurgency and new approaches to smashing the State

Discussant: Jason E Smith

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Ecology and labour politics

Chair: Andreas Malm

Larry Reynolds -

Technology, Crisis and Transition - the long duration of the ecological regime of petro-Fordism

Anna Plowman – Violent Storms and Cheap T-Shirts: Climate Change and Profits in Bangladesh's Readymade Garment Industry

Anthony Galluzzo -

#Decelerate: Marxism, ecosocialism, and the ecological limited to growth in the age of the Anthropocene

B104

Revolutionary politics, revolutionary leaders & revolutionary thinkers

Chair: David Broder

Ottokar Luban – Together with Rosa Luxemburg for Peace, Social Justice, and Revolution: The Female German Spartacus Militants Clara Zetkin, Kaete Duncker, Berta Thalheimer, Fanny Jezierska, and Mathilde Jacob (1914 - 1918) – comparison of her characters

Orsan Senalp – Tektology - Energetic Materialism: The Boqdanov - Sultan Galiev Connection

Eric Benjamin Blanc – The Rosa Luxemburg Myth: A Critique of Luxemburg's Politics and Practice in Poland (1893-1919)

Matthew Nichter – Clash of the Titans: W.E.B. DuBois and Harry Braverman Debate the Soviet Union

S209

Marxism and the Politics of the Global South I

Chair: Ashok Kumar

Edna Bonhomme – Anticolonialism, Afro-Arab solidarity, and the Politics of Liberation

Elleni Zeleke – Nationalism and the Literature of the Ethiopian Student Movement

S312

The Italian Road to Socialism

Chair: Jamie Woodcock

David Broder – A country within a country: what exactly was the Italian road to socialism?

Lauren Langman – Identity and Hegemony: The Implicit Social Psychology of Gramsci

Robert Jackson – Between the living and the dead: Gramsci, mummification and common sense

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Capitalism, Rent and Capital Flows

Chair: Mary Robertson

Indigo Carson – Transborder Capital Flows and Imperialist Nationalisms in Serbia, 1860-1914: Finance, State Formation, and the Geopolitics of Irredentism

Havva Ezgi Dogru – Limits of Limits to Capital: Understanding the Rise of Real Estate Sector in the Late Comer Context on its Own Dynamism

Andy Higginbotom – 'False Social Value': The debate on rent in Argentina and its consequences

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HMSPEN:

Marxism, Sexual Politics, and Sexual Violence and Harassment

Chair & Discussant: Rosie Warren

Shona McCulloch – Marxists, Sexual Politics, and the SWP 'Comrade Delta' Case: Representations of and responses to rape allegations within the British Left

Paul Reynolds – Between Moralism and Exploitation: Towards a Political Ethics of Sex

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Legacies of Ellen Meiksins Wood II

Chair: Maia Pai

Genevieve LeBaron – Capitalism, Origins, and Orthodoxies

David McNally – Democracy and the Spirit of the Labouring Citizen

Jonathan Martineau – History as Method: Ellen Meiksins Wood and the History of Political Theory

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The Nature of Today's Ongoing Capitalist Crisis'

Chair: Sebastian Budgen

Al Campbell and Erdogan Bakir

- The Nature of Today's Ongoing
Capitalist Crisis.

Michael Roberts – Recessions, depressions and recoveries: theory and evidence.

Jim Kincaid – Surplus Money Capital as Crisis Mechanism.

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Marxism Colonialism and Post-Colonialism

Chair: Jamie Allinson

Jonathan Viger – The 'Culture' of Capital in the Middle East: Subalterns, Democracy, and Post-Colonial Theory

Selim Nadi – Anti-colonialism and anti-racism in Maxime Rodinson's political thought

John Smith – Imperialism in the 21st-century - exploitation, super-exploitation, and Marx's Capital

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Pink Tide

Chair Juan Grigera

Isabel Estevez – The economictheoretical underpinnings of Latin American 'pink tide': a Marxist critique

Jorge Enrique Forero – Gramsci in Ecuador: Hegemony and Passive Revolution in the Latin American 'Pink Tide'

Mike Gonzalez – A revolution brought to its knees

KL

Marxism/Feminism Stream:

Social Reproduction, Capitalist Households and Ecology

Chair: TBC

Wendy Matsumur – Social reproduction and the politics of household: the extension of the farm household survey to Okinawa in 1930

Carina Brand – Extraction and Social Reproduction, Affects and Aesthetics: Fracking, The Subsumption of Public Services, and Zika

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Marxism and Education

Chair: Panagiotis Sotris

George Souvlis – 'Reforming' the University: The neoliberalization of the Greek Higher education in the post-junat era

Chris Knight – War research, student unrest in the 1960s and Noam Chomsky's science

Paul Heideman – New Evidence on the Origins of American Education Reform

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Marxism, Immigration and Migration

Chair: TBC

Pedriye Mutlu, Ertan Erol, Kıvanç Yiğit Mısırlı, Ipek Gümüşcan, Ezgi Akyol, Ezgi Pınar, Cemal Salman, Mustafa Kahveci – Migrant workers and its impact on the labour market: a comparative study on the Syrian refugee labour and its recent positioning within the textile industry in Istanbul

Savas Michael-Matsas – At the frontline of crisis: Europe, Greece, and the Refugees

Sophie Williams, Ruth Atkinson
– Exposing the true costs of the
Immigration Act in the NHS

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Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Memorial Prize Lecture

Chair: Rob Knox

Deutscher, Lenin and the East European Perspectives (On the history of the theory of socialism)

Tamas Krausz

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Book Launch

Europe in Revolt: Mapping the New European Left Catarina Principe & Bhaskar Sunkara, Haymarket Books

Chair: Bhaskar Sunkara

Catarina Principe – Towards a Left Strategy: lessons from Portugal

Luke Stobart – 15-M, Podemos and the crisis of social-democracy

Dan Finn – The Adaptable Sinn Fein

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New Reflections on Fetishism — Reduction, Quantification, and the Disappearance of Critique

Chair: Sebastian Budgen

Frank Engster – Fetishism and Quantification — On the Problem of Measuring Relations

Tommaso Redolfi Riva –

Perverted forms and reductio ad hominem: Hans Georg Backhaus and Marx's Theory of Fetishism

Elena Louisa Lange – How the Critique of Fetishism got lost — The Case of the Uno School

Discussant: **Riccardo Bellofiore**

SALT

The Worlds Within Our Words - Keywords for Radicals - A Roundtable

Chair: Esther Leslie
SUSTAINABILITY
Patrick Bond

DEMAND
Nina Power

POPULISM

Stefan Kipfer

COMMUNITY
Sarah Lamble

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Queering Sex and Power in Society

Chair: Holly Lewis

Grietje Baars – Queering Corporate Power

Annunziata Faes – Trans Liberation: a movement whose time had passed

Sigrid Vertommen & Camille Barbagallo – On waged and unwaged reproductive labour

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Marxism/Feminism Stream:

Feminism in Latin America and Eygpt

Chair: TBC

Almendra Aladro – The agenda of the feminist movement in Argentina against the international economic crisis

Ashley Bohrer – The Coloniality of Capitalism: Intersectional Theories of Capitalism from Latin America

Ulle Tammemagi-Abuelnaga – Exploring 'Elite' Egyptian Woman & Her Political Engagement in Amidst of Daily Social Life

B111

Latin America and Marxism I

Chair: Irina Feldman

Mike Geddes -

Megaprojects, states and social movements in Latin America

Roberto Pareja – Dissonant Music as Flypaper: Capitalist Sonic Unconscious in a Bolivian Newsreel from 1970

Maryanne Galvão – Small hydroelectric power plants, indigenous communities and dispossession: the case study of the Juruena Project and the Enawene Nawe population in Mato Grosso. Brazil

B102

Marxism and Labour

Chair **Ashok Kumar**

Marcel Van Der Linden – Global labour: a not so grand finale and perhaps a new beginning

Michael Bray – The Limits of Mental Labour: Class & Politics Today

Justin Paulson – Rethinking (un)productive and necessary labour

PC Lab G50

Critical Political Economy

Chair: Jim Kincaid

Félix Boggio Ewanjé-Epée– Contemporary Political
Economy as a Utopian Project

Jason Dawsey – Theorizing Capital's Limits: Anselm Jappe, the Microelectronics Revolution, and the Critique of Labour

Mariana Hirsch – The 'Increasing Misery' Debate revisited. An alternative approach

B104

Middle Eastern Marxism

Chair: Maia Pai

Samuel Carlshamre – Beyond the dichotomy of 'Authenticity' and 'Backwardness': Mahdi Amil on temporality and heritage

Jonathan Viger – Property Relations and Social Closure: The Origins of 'Imagined Communities' in the Ottoman Middle East.

Omar Hesham AlShehabi

– The origins of sectarianism, nationalism and absolutism in the Gulf Arab States: the case of Bahrain under British colonialism

G:

Capitalist Crisis & Government Policy,

Chair: Mary Robertson

Maria Ivanova – The Limits of Unconventional Monetary Policy

Michael Roberts -

Corporate cash, profitability and the Marxist Multiplier

Tony Norfield – Debt, Stagnation and Political Decisions

DIT

Strategies for the Politics of Nature

Chair: Jeff Webber

Andreas Malm – Against hybridism: Why we need to distinguish between society and nature, now more than

Arjun Sengupta – Abstract and Concrete Nature: 'Limits to Nature' as Historical-Ideological Limits to Our Understanding of Nature

Anders Ekeland – The strategies of the climate movement – a critical evaluation after COP21 and 'Ende Glände'

Latin America and Marxism II

Chair: Peter Thomas
Pedro Mendes Loureiro

 Three decades of class inequality in Brazil and Argentina

Pedro Salgado – Who made Brazil's Old Republic? — Coffee, Slavery, and the Making of a New Ruling Class in Late 19th Century

Carol Munoz Nieves

 Commodification of Telecommunications and Wireless Systems in Cuba: A Marxist Political Economy Overview

SAL

Neo-Liberalism and Austerity

Chair: TBC

Miguel García Duch

Neoliberalism As
 Govermentality: Towards A
 Materialist Conceptualization

Antonio Maria Pusceddu, Patricia Matos – Austerity, the state and common sense in Europe. A comparative perspective on Italy and Portugal

Mat Vidal – Neoliberalism is symptom, not cause: Geriatric capitalism in the UK, USA and Germany

Marxism and Art

Chair: Esther Leslie

Jordy Cummings – Geopolitics of the Avant-Garde: Rethinking the Cultural Cold War

Paul Ingram – Adorno's Philistine: The Other of Art and Aesthetics

Rasmus Fleischer

 Commodification, copyright and the economic exceptionalism of art

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HMSPEN BOOK LAUNCH

The Politics of Everybody: Feminism, Queer Theory, and Marxism at the Intersection Holly Lewis. Zed Books

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Holly Lewis

Discussants:

Peter Drucker, Nizan Shaked, Crystal Stella Becerril

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Marxism/Feminism Stream

Women's Work, Violence, Re/Production

Chair: Sara Farris

Loana Perrone – Labour, violence and gender: feminicide and the neoliberal ascension in 20th century Mexico

Carolyn Elerding – The Chemical and the Digital: Automation and Social Reproduction

Isabel Maria Bonito Roque – Fragmented Feminine Occupational Identities: A study on the Portuguese and British Contact Centre Female Workers

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Race and Class

Chair: Ashok Kumar

Hira Singh – Inequalities of Race and Caste: Relevance of Marxism

Aaron Tauss – Transnational class formation in the periphery: A critical analysis of Colombia's neo-extractivist and agro-industrial model of accumulation

Kevin Anderson – Race, Colonialism and Revolution. From Marx to Today

PC Lab G50

The Politics of trade

Chair: Liam Campling

Benjamin Bürbaumer – Structuring monopoly power through the back door of free trade negotiations: TTIP and

international standardisation **Li Eriksdoter Andersson**

 Pushing the Perimeter of Private Property: A Marxist Perspective on the Expansion of Free Trade Agreements and the Concept of Indirect Expropriation

Zeno Leoni – Marxist theories of imperialism and US 'pivot' to Asia: the making of the Trans-Pacific Partnership

Marxism, Populism, Democracy

Chair: Sebastian Budgen
Panagiotis Sotiris

Rethinking Popular
 Sovereignty: From the Nation to the People of a potential new Historical Bloc

Discussant: Frédéric Lordon

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Critical Theory and Marxism

Chair: Chris O'Kane

Emanuele Leonardi – The Value-Nature Nexus. André Gorz Between Marxism And Degrowth

Marie Moran – Identity and Capitalism: A Cultural Materialist History

Delal Aydin – The Unbearable: Devaluation of Human Lives as a Limit to Capital

B104

Marxism and the Middle East

Chair: **Adam Hanieh**

Sara Kermanian –

International Order and Limits of an Alternative: A study on the limits of democratic confedralism in Rojava

Emre Öngün – Turkey, Kurdistan and the Marxist case for peace

Jean Batou – The material and the mental in the birth and expansion of Islamic societies

B102

Workers' Struggles

Chair: Jamie Woodcock

Mat Myers – Going to the workers: Revolutionary workplace entryism in the long

Jason E. Smith – Whither the CGT? Reflections on the Recent Struggles in France

Discussants:

Stella Magliani-Belkacem, Félix Boggio Éwanjé-Épée





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Journal of Agrarian Change roundtable

The Political Economy of Agrarian Change: Essays in Appreciation of Henry Bernstein

Chair: Liam Campling
Terence J Byres
Gavin Capps
Barbara Harriss-White
Bridget O'Laughlin

S31:

The Politics of Identity I

Chair Ashok Kumar

Yohann Douet – The Politics of Identity and the Problem of Subalternity : on Laclau/ Mouffe's Solution

Nizan Shaked – Form and Content: Art and Identity Politics

Jon Anderson – No Man Knows My Historiography: Joseph Smith's Utopian Vision

G51

Red Wedge Panel: A New Popular Avant-Garde

Chair **Toby Manning**

Alexander Billet – For a 21st Century Popular Avant-Garde

Adam Turl – The Democratic Image: Aesthetic Leveling and Differentiated Totality

Crystal Stella Becerril – The Thirst is Real: On Bringing Back the Popular Avant-Garde and Drinking the Lemonade

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Queer Marxism?

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Holly Lewis – What Are The Foundational Questions of a Unitary Queer Marxist Theory?

Alan Sears – The Resilience of Heternormativity: Queer Marxism and the Liberation of Normal

David Alderson – Queer Solidarity?

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Marxism/Feminism Stream

FEMINISM & COMMUNISM

Chair & Discussant: Gianfranco Rebucini

Leila **Ouitis – Primitive Communism is still not what it was: C.** Darmangeat and P.Tabet

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Juan Sebastian Carbonell – What is to be done with Engels? On the uses of The Origin of the Family in French Marxist anthropology

B111

Latin America and Marxism III

Chair: TBC

Chris Hesketh – Is Gramsci Dead in Latin America

Raúl Burgos – Notes On Marxism In Latin America: New Issues And Challenges. The Role Of Gramscian Thought In The Renewal Of The Theoretical And Political Patrimony Of The Latin American Left

Pedro Lima, Josué Medeiros – Struggling within populism's straightjacket: limits and repetitions of Marxist readings on the Brazilian crises (from 1964 to 2016)

G51a

The International and Transnational Division of Labour

Chair: Juan Grigera

Guido Starosta – Revisiting the New International Division of Labour Thesis

Gastón Caligaris – The Global Accumulation of Capital and the Classic International Division of Labour: Ground-Rent and 'Resource Rich' Countries

Tomás Friedenthal – The New International Division of Labour in 'High-Tech' Production: The Genesis of Ireland's Boom in the 1990s

B102

Commentaries on Fred Moseley's Money and Totality

Chair: Michael Roberts

Al Campbell Guglielmo Carchedi Pertti Honkanen Jim Kincaid

Respondent: Fred Moseley

GE

Marx and Time

Chair: **Maia Pai George Tomlinson** –
Towards a Concept of

Concrete Labour-Time **Sami Khatib** – The Age of

Felipe Torres – Time as field of struggles. A Marxist perspective on temporalities

Space and the Time of Capital

DLT

Socialist Register 2017 Launch - Rethinking Revolution

Chair: Greg Albo

Leo Panitch – Class, Party and the Challenge of state transformation

Hilary Wainwright

 Radicalising the Party-Movement Relationship

Patrick Bond – South Africas Next Revolt

Andreas Malm – Revolution in a Warming World

Tony Zurbrugg – 1917 and the Workers State

Althusser

Chair: **Félix Boggio Ewanjé- Epée**

Dimitris Papafotiou, Panagiotis Sotiris – Althusser and value-form theory: A missed encounter?

Thomas Carmichael – Reading Capital at Fifty: Aleatory Materialism at Forty-Five.

Gavin Walker – Althusser and the Political Economy of 'Original Sin'

PCLab G50

The Politics of identity II

Chair **Ashok Kumar**

Jessica Evans – Liberal Subjectivity and the Constitution of Race in Settler Colonies

Kenneth Surin – Marx And Limits: The Discourses Of Race And National Identity

G51

Marxism and the Arts

Chair: Jordy Cummings

Thomas William Lynn
Travers – 'Nameless Arrays
of Existence': Finance,
Deterritorialization, and
Surplus Population in Don
DeLillo's Players

Suzana Milevska – Monumentomachia: The 'Colourful Revolution' as the Participatory Turn in Art and Politics

Sophie Coudray – Theatre as Political Method: Reflections on the Theatre of the Oppressed

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Theorising Human and Post-Human Politics

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Alex Levant – Posthuman Subjectivities: A Cultural-Historical Activity Theory Critique of New Materialist Philosophy

Bernardo Bianchi – Emancipation: the building of humanity

Vassilis Charitsis, Alan Bradshaw – Selling your (digital) self

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Latin America and Marxism IV

Chair: Juan Grigera
Christopher Gunderson

 Reading Lenin in the Jungle: The Marxist Roots of Zapatismo

Irina Feldman – 'Let us be free, for the rest does not matter': state-sponsored emancipatory cultural politics in Argentina.

Marcelo Badaró Matos

 Brazilian crisis: social struggles, economic recession and political instability

G3

BOOK LAUNCH

Time, Capitalism and Alienation. A Sociohistorical Inquiry into the Making of Modern Time.

 $\textit{Jonathan Martineau}, \, \text{HM}$

Chair: Jeff Webber
Jonathan Martineau

Discussants
Alan Sears,
Charlie Post

S312

Value Form and Capitalism

Chair: Chris O'Kane

David Fishman – Value Forms and the Structure of the Capitalist System

Christian Stache – Marx's value form analysis in Capital and the exploitation of nature in capitalism

Frederick Harry Pits –
Marxian Value Theory and
the 'Crisis of Measurability':
A Case Study of Work in the
Creative Industries in the UK
and the Netherlands

SALT

Territory, Sea, Migrants: New Agents of Accumulation

Chair **TBC**

Alex Colas and Liam Campling – Capitalism and the Maritime Frontier

Chris Hesketh – Territory, rights and class: the scale of an environmental problem

Maia Pal – Migrant subjects: the potential of critical pedagogies

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Marxism and Philosophy

Chair: **TBC**

Giorgio Cesarale – Rousseau and Marx: An Evaluation of Della Volpe's Interpretation

Zaira Rodrigues Vieira – A critique of the concept of abstract domination in Moishe Postone's work

Frédéric Monferrand

 Marx's Ontology of Capitalism. Reconsidering the 1844 Manuscripts

DI

Socialist Register/ Red Pepper Panel

A Revolution in the Labour Party? Where Next for the Corbyn Leadership

Chair **Leo Panitch** *Socialist Register*

Hilary Wainwright – Red Pepper

Andrew Murray – Unite Richard Seymour – Salvage Alex Nunns

SOAS STUDENT BAR 20:00



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M: 18.00-20.00

ПΙ

Chair: Maia Pai

Politicizing the Anthropocene. Ecology and class struggle in the age of capital Stefania Barca Marco Armiero

Andreas Malm

The political in environmental history

Occupy the Anthropocene! Counter-hegemonic narratives of violence and liberation

This is the Hell that I have heard of: Fossil fuel fiction in the Anthropocene/Capitalocene

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Marxism/Feminism Stream

PANEL

Salvage and Gender: Woman Does Not Exist

Chair: Jamie Allinson

Richard Seymour – None Shall Pass: Trans and the rewriting of the body

Sophie Lewis – SERF 'n' TERF: Notes on Some Bad

Materialisms

Discussant: Rosie Warren

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The Language of Utopia in the Work of Ernst Bloch

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Johan Siebers – Truth as Prayer and the Language of Insurrection: Speech Acts in Bloch's Philosophy

Cat Moir – Poetics and the Politics of Speculative Materialism

Craig Hammond – The Blochian Trace: Hieroglyph of the Future

Nathaniel Jerzy Philip Barron – Language in Ernst Bloch's Materialism: A Reading of Anacoluthon

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Latin America and Marxism V

Chair: Juan Grigera

David Mayer – The mode of production debate in 1970s Latin America — a hidden pearl of 20th century Marxism

Ertan Erol – Subimperialism reconsidered: the rise and crisis of the Mexican subimperialism and the neoliberal rescaling in Central America

Heike Schaumberg – From participatory budgeting to the new managerialism: neoliberal crisis and the State in movement in Argentina

B102

Marxism/Feminism Stream

PANEL

Marxist Feminism and the Common/s

Zoe Sutherland and Marina Vishmidt – Aporias of Social Reproduction

Angela Dimitrakaki – Feminism, Capitalism, Art: Why (Not) Instituting for the Common/s?

FTC Manning – The Commons, the Undercommons, and Communization

G3

The Frankfurt School

Chair: Chris O'Kane

Peyrical Aurélia – After Mimesis and Aufklärung : an epistemological way-out capitalism? Benjamin and Adorno on how knowledge can transform social praxis

Conall Cash – Marxism and the Holocaust in Cultural Memory and Critical Theory

B111

New Methodologies for Marxist Art History

Chair: Esther Leslie

Fiona Allen – The Dialectics of Untranslatability

Simon Constantine – Social Abstraction and the Commodity Form in the Writings of Allan Sekula

Luisa Lorenza Corna – Architectural Theory and New Realism

B104

BOOK PANEL

Karl Polanyi A

life on the left

Chair:

Gareth Dale
Pat Devine
David McNally

ROOM

Marxism and Political Economy II

Chair: Jamie Woodcock

Guillaume Fondu – Marxian monetary theory and the NEP

Mikołaj Ratajczak –

Metaphysics of capital: productive labour as a proper capitalist ic relation of power

Melih Yeşilbağ – Financialization, R

Financialization, Real Estate and Hegemonic Projects: Construction-Led Accumulation in Contemporary Turkey

G5

Marx and the Ultra Left

Chair: Sebastian Budgen

Jason E. Smith – The Ultra-Left & the Party

Jonathan Staford – On Re-Fucking the Communist Manifesto: or, Marx and Shit

Stuart Smithers – What is to be Undone? – Notes on Communization and Cult Value

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Marxism and Thinking Development

Chair: Maia Pal

Lorenzo Fusaro -

The 'Development of Underdevelopment' beyond and before Dependency Theory and Political Marxism: Re-reading Marx's General Law of Capitalist Accumulation

Susan Dianne Brophy

 Law as Fetter, Law as Fodder: Toward an Uneven and Combined Development Theory of Law

G51a

State, Space, Racism in the Current Conjuncture

Chair: Peter Thomas

Stefan Kipfer – (De-) constructing public housing: how much more than a housing question?

Parastou Saberi – The geo-political fear of 'the immigrant neighborhood': State, racism and development in the imperial metropole

Carmen Temple Hopkins

 Islamophobic disciplining of Muslim women in public space: a social reproduction approach

Alienation

Chair: Chris O'Kane

Ali Yalçın Göymen – Reading Karl Marx's Theory of Alienation as a Theory of Subjectivity

Dan Swain – Alienation, Human Nature, Human Good

Paul Raekstad – Marx's Theory of Alienation and Contemporary Anti-Capitalist Politics

Mat Vidal – Socialization versus alienation in the capitalist labour process:Reclaiming Marx from the neomarxists

B104

Communist Parties and Workers' Struggles

Chair **David Broder**

Selim Nadi – 'Working for the People of France'. The National Making of the French Communist Party (1920 – 1962)

Sean Larson – The KPD Cadre Schools in the German Revolution

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Latin America and Marxism VI

Chair: TBC

Gwendolen Pare – Pedro Lemebel's Manifesto (Hablo por mi diferencia)

Nicolas Lema Habash

 The Problem of Space in Mariátegui's 'Seven Interpretative Essays on Peruvian Reality'

Carl Wilén – Liberty or Death in the Haitian Revolution: Contribution to the Critique of Politico-Juridical Forms in Marx

B102

Marxism and the State

Chair: Jamie Woodcock

Baraneh Emadian – The State as an Internal and External Limit

Sharri Plonski, Patrick Meehan – Violent Geographies: Ordering Space at the Margins of the State

Mat Bolton – Justice and the Separation of the 'Economic' and 'Political'

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Marxism/Feminism Stream

Social Reproduction Feminism.

HISTORICAL MATERIALISM SPECIAL ISSUE, 24.2 (Roundtable to present the special issue)

Chair: **TBC**

Sara Farris Sue Ferguson

Genevieve Le Baron

Angela Dimitrakaki

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Marxism, Value, Abstraction

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Francesca TC Manning

– Sohn-Rethel and the Liquidation of Kant's Fetish: The Illusory Problem with Real Abstraction

Stewart Martin – Alfred Sohn-Rethel: A Re-Assessment

Paula Rauhala – Marx in the Fast

4426

The Politics of Identity III

Chair: Natalia Delgado

Bulent Gokay – Race and national identity in Turkey, from Ataturk to Erdogan (and back again)

Paromita Chakrabarti – The Indian State, Marxism and the Politics of Identity

Roddy Slorach – Disability: a very capitalist condition

PC Lab G50

Aesthetics and Politics

Chair **Esther Leslie**

Ayesha Hameed – Black Atlantis

Camilo Ruiz Tassinari – The poet armed: The Marxism of Roque Dalton

Irina Borislavova Samokovska – Writing Politically for the Theatre: the Limits of Identity

G51

Gramscian Perspectives on Current Transformations in the Middle East

Chair: Jamie Allinson

Sara Salem – Centering Class: Gramsci, Elite Analysis, and the 2011 Revolution

Roberto Roccu -

Neoliberalism as Passive Revolution? Insights from the Egyptian Experience

Brecht De Smet – The crisis of capitalism and the impossibility of hegemony in post-Mubarak Egypt

G51a

Marxism, Debt, Dispossession

Chair: Juan Grigera

Bruno Hofig – A Marxist analysis of personal debt securities and risk

William Dixon – The Rise and Fall of Money

GE

The Spinoza/Marx Relationship

Chair Sebastian Budgen

Fredric Lordon – What Makes the Workers Work?

Arthur Duhé – Tensions Implied by the Concept of 'Indignation' in Spinozist Marxism

Discussant: **Panagiotis Sotiris**

P: SUNDAY 15.15-17.00

B11'

Marxism and Communism

Chair: Sara Farris

Rade Zinaić – Androcentric Communism: The Contradictions of Identity and Liberation in a Yugoslav Case

Luca Basso – Marx and the Russian Commune

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BOOK LAUNCH

Working the Phones: Control and Resistance in Call Centres (Wildcat series)

Jamie Woodcock, Pluto Press

Chair: Ashok Kumar Jamie Woodcock Peter Flemming Isabel Rogue

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Latin America and Marxism VII

Chair: Juan Grigera
Jonas Van Vossole –

Contradictions and crisis in the sub- imperial south: the case of Brazil today

Laura Lema Silva – Literature and Marxism in Latin America: for a broader approach to literature's emancipatory potential

Omar Acha – After Marxism: the Case of Oscar Terán on Post-Marxism and the History of the Lef t Omar Acha

B102

Marxism and Literature

Chair: Steve Edwards

Daniel Hartley – For a Marxist Theory of the Impersonal

Daniel Barrow – 10:04: Everyday Life and The Novel as Late Capitalist Limit-Form

Priscila Figueiredo – A phenomenology of fatigue under capitalism in Kafka, Carolina de Jesus and Linda Tirado

B104

Ideology and Critique

Chair: Chris O'Kane

Ismael Puga – The mechanism of 'Ideological Inversion': a social-analytical theory of Ideology.

Juan Mario Diaz – Subversion, Historic Dialectic and Ideology Critique: The Marxist origins of Participatory Action-Research (PAR)

Will Searby – Stay For The Sign; The English Revolution and the Outlines of Liberal Legal Ideology

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Closing Plenary

Marxism/Feminism Stream

Towards a Definition of Social Reproduction Theory

Chair: Ashok Kumar

Tithi Bhattacharya – The Ontology of Labour Power: Producing and Social Reproducing Capital,

Susan Ferguson – The Child, the Market, and Capitalism: a Social Reproduction Perspective on Children's Subjectivities

David McNally – Dialectics and Intersectionality: Critical Reconstructions in Marxism and Social Reproduction Theory

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BOOK LAUNCH

Blood of Extraction: Canadian Imperialism in Latin America Todd Gordon & Jeffery R Webber, Fernwood

Chair & Discussant: Jeffery R. Webber David McNally Leandro Vergara-Camus

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Art and Radicalism

Chair: Jamie Allinson
Jaswinder Blackwell-Pal –
The Politics of Kanve

Medialien – Praxis and Theory

Toby Manning – Pinko Floyd: Mainstream Rock in Opposition

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Daniel Bensaid, Henri Lefebvre and Radical Political Thinking

Chair: Paul Reynolds

Darren Roso – Daniel Bensaid's critical obsession with Foucault

Josep Maria Antentas – The Politics of the Melancholic Wager

Roberto Mozzachiodi – Autogestion: the limits of Marx or the limits of power ldeology

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BOOK PANEL

Finance Capital Today
Francois Chesnais, HM

Chair: Sebastian Budgen Francois Chesnais Jim Kincaid Peter Green Michael Roberts Tony Norfield

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