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This year marks the first of a series of centennial commemorations and anniversaries, starting with that of the first worldwide inter-imperialist conflict. Centuries of colonialism and imperialism served as a preparatory phase for the catastrophe. Indeed, while the main parties of the Second International trampled the revolutionary socialist tradition in trench-mud, the First World War destroyed the illusion that imperialist violence could be wreaked on the colonies while leaving Europe untouched. If capital came into the world 'dripping from head to toe, from every pore, with blood and dirt', Marx's analysis of 'primitive accumulation' has certainly not been confined to a pre-history of capital.

and yet, contrary to all expectations, despite these tremors and shocks, despite the terrifying glances into the abyss of destruction, capitalism has survived. Not only has capital muddled through; it has mutated, adapted and, by some criteria, emerged stronger than before. At the same time, however, new contradictions and crises have appeared, expanding the spaces of critique to the ecological and the ideological terrains and opening up new possibilities of revolutionary breakthrough.

In recent years, the crisis and the movements emerging in response have re-opened an opportunity to envision, and fight for, substantive alternatives. But these movements have remained fragmented and have faced increasing state repression and imperialist aggression. and the on-going crisis is now raising the stakes. It is clear that this crisis is indeed global, leading to deepening austerity in the North and undermining the conditions for sustained growth in the South. If,

in the North, the 'war on terror' manifests itself in intensified state racism and Islamophobia, the crisis is also intensifying and bringing to the surface underlying international rivalries. The winds of war from the South are reaching Europe once again. But from the South, movements worldwide also bear witness to countless examples of struggle and resistance.

At this year's conference, we want to explore capital's capacity to survive in order to explore, first and foremost, how it can be overcome. We are interested in investigating contemporary geographical reconfigurations of accumulation and interrogating theories of imperialism, hegemonic succession, and capital's tendencies towards increasing inter-state rivalries. On the other hand, we want to delve into theories and practices of class struggles, social movements and resistance which create possible alternatives to neoliberalism, crisis and war by constantly challenging the smooth reproduction of capitalism in its gendered, social, economic, political, racial, ecological, cultural and ideological dimensions. In doing so, we also want to enrich our understanding of a Marxian analysis of 'core' and 'periphery' with an analysis of current developments of Marxism in the South in general and in the BRICS economies in particular. We also hope to continue the theme on Race and Capital inaugurated last year.

VG03

The Anatomy of Modernity: on Oliver Feltham's book, *Philosophy and Political Action*

Chair: **Peter Thomas** (org)

Chair: **Filippo del Lucchese**

Discussants: **Peter D.**

Thomas, Alberto Toscano

Respondent: **Oliver Feltham**

V120

Classes of labour and survival of capitalism 1

Chair: **Tim Pringle**

Kevin Doogan – Zero Hours Contracts: Underestimated or Overstated?

Nikil Saval – White Collar Work, Space, and Class

Tijana Stevanovic – Architecture for the 'Non-class of Non-workers': Self-management or the Performance of the Self?

V121

Social Reproduction: Towards an Integrative Frame 1

Chair: **Alan Sears** (org)

Chair:

James Cairns – Social reproduction in the age of entitlement

Nicole Leach – Unhealthy Relations: Social Reproduction and Civic Exclusion

V122

Postwar Marxist Debates

Chair:

Emmanuel Barot – One-dimensional Man, fifty years after

Robert Jackson – Postone, Lebowitz and Subjectivity in Marx's Capital

Christopher Mastrocola – Kosik Today: The Dialectic of Knowledge as Emancipatory Project

V301

Capitalist crisis: theory and experience

Chair: **Mary Robertson**

Riccardo Bellofiore – Which crisis, which capitalism?

Marxian political economy and Financial Keynesianism

William Dixon –

Development, Consolidation and the Commodity

Juan Pablo Mateo Tomé – The Spanish crisis: theoretical questions and empirical analysis

V326

Facism, far-right and survival of capitalism

Chair:

Stephen Ashe – 'Whatever happened to the labour movement?' A Gramscian analysis of the electoral rise and 'fall' of the British National Party

Che Brandes-Tuka – Discourse and ideology of the European far-right and the fertile soil for the rise of Fascism

Matteo Cavallaro – Towards a political economy of radical right parties

V327

From Ibn Khaldun to contemporary Israel

Chair:

Terry Conway – No pinkwashing

Sai Englert – The changing class nature of Israeli Society

Faruk Yalvac – Uneven and Combined Development and Islamic Socio-Historical Transformation in the Middle Ages: The Case of the Transition from Umran Badawi to Umran Hadawi in Ibn Khaldun's Thought

V329

The Power of Capital: State, Hegemony, Resistance

Chair: **Lucia Pradella**

Robert Cavooris – Habit and Hegemony in 20th Century Latin America

Patrick King – Collective Will, Relations of Force, and Jacobinism in Gramsci

Katy Fox-Hodess – Scale as Weapon of Class Struggle: Spatial Fix through Shifting Regulatory Environments

VG03

Marxist Histories
 Chair: **Alberto Toscano**
Samuel Carlshamre – History, Heritage, science and ideology: Marxist Arabic Turath-studies post-1967
Ishay Landa – Capitalism, History, and Progress: Marxist Perspectives Re-examined
Sebastiano Taccola – Marx and the Ancients. The Italian debate during the Seventies

V326

Marxist Analyses of Authoritarianism and Fascism
 Chair:
Paraskevi Gikopoulou – The Greek Communist Struggle and its Suppression: Prelude to Greece's Right-Wing Politics, 1944-1946
Sebastian Klauke – The Rise of Authoritarian Statism
Angelos Kontogiannis-Mandros and **Despoina Paraskeua-Veloudogianni** – Neofascism in the era of crisis: The case of Golden Dawn

V120

Labour, Skill, Technology and Reproduction of capitalism
 Chair: **Tim Pringle**
Joseph Choonara – Deskilling and the two-fold nature of skill
Andrew Murray – Socialised and Specialised Labour on the Charterhouse of Champmol
Jocelyn Wills – Satellite Surveillance and Outer Space Capitalism

V327

Rosa Luxemburg's Writings on Revolution
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (org)
 Chair: **Evelin Wittich**
Peter Hudis
Holger Politt
Jörn Schütrumpf

V122

Marx and Althusser: On subject, structure and class struggle
 Chair: **Paul Reynolds**
Miha Andric – Ideology, Interpellation and Class Struggle (Marx, Althusser, Lacan)
Saso Furlan – Alienation as deobjectification: On Marx's theory of the social constitution of substanceless subjectivity
Tibor Rutar – How is class struggle possible? Against Althusserian structuralism

V328

Fossil energy and capitalism 1
 Chair: **Andreas Malm**
Lucia Gallardo – Compensation for keeping fossil fuels in the soil: From within and outside Capitalism
Simon Pirani – The drivers of rising fossil fuel consumption since 1950
Mehmet Yusufoglu – The Cost of Energy-material Intensive Economy on Ecology and Labour in Turkey

V301

Drugs and Crime
 Chair:
Michael Haynes – Neo-Liberalism and the Crimogenic University
Annie Spencer – Toward a Geographical Historical Materialist Theory of Addiction in the Capitalist Mode of Production

V329

Migration, race and survival of capitalism
 Chair:
Mathieu Bonzom – How immigration control survives in the US: the current immigration regime, hegemony and strategy
Constantinou Constantinos and **Leandros Savvides** – The scientific management of migration in Cyprus: the racialisation of labour

VG06

Social Reproduction: Towards an Integrative Frame, Panel 2
Alan Sears (org)
 Chair:
Clarice Kuhling – Sexual Assault and the Social Reproduction Frame
Genevieve LeBaron – Towards an Integrative Analysis of Unfree Labour
Alan Sears – Sexuality and Social Reproduction
Donya Ziaee – Social Reproduction Feminism and the Challenge of Socializing 'Race'

V111

The European Radical Left at the Crossroads
Josep Maria Antentas – Regime crisis and political strategy in the Spanish State
Stathis Kouvelakis – The Greek radical Left and the dilemma of power
Panagiotis Sotiris – How can we change the world, if we can't change ourselves? The challenges facing the anti-capitalist Left in Europe

VG01

Marxism and Latin America: The past and present of a mis-understanding. Session 1: Álvaro Garcia Linera and contemporary Marxism

John Kraniauskas, Felipe Lagos, Cesar Perez (orgs)

Chair: **Felipe Lagos**

Peter Baker – The Spectre that Does Not Sleep: On the Early Work of Bolivias Grupo Comuna

Irina Feldman – Indianista Readings of The Communist Manifesto: Fausto Reinaga (1970) and Álvaro Garcia Linera (1999)

Cesar Perez – Transition and the Limits of Plurinational State Form: to/from Álvaro Garca Linera

VG04

National questions

Chair: **David Broder**

Craig Brandist – Problems of Ukrainization: The Political and Cultural Dynamics of Hegemony 1923-1932

Mathieu Renault and Olga Bronnikova – Reconsidering Muslim Communism: The Case of Mirsaid Sultan-Galiev Discussant: **Eric Blanc**

V221

Art, cultural labour and reproduction of capitalism

Chair: **Steve Edwards**

David Mabb – A Romance in Fourteen Parts

Mirko Nikolic – “All That Is Air Melts Into City”. Sketches of a “flat ontological” political economy

Marina

Vishmidt and Melanie

Gilligan – Subjects of Crisis

V120

Classes of labour and survival of capitalism 2

Chair: **Tim Pringle**

Clash City Workers – Labour, class and movement in Italy. An analysis of class composition

Matthew Cole – Dynamics of Proletarianisation: Financial Deepening and Class Post-Crisis

Rocio Hiraldo – Classes of labour experience and respond to green grabs: economic consequences of territorialisation through mangrove conservation in Niombato, Senegal.

V223

Unfinished crisis of global capitalism

Chair: **Gregory Schwartz**

Eirini Gaitanou – An examination of class structure in Greece, its tendencies of transformation amid the crisis, and its impacts on the organisational forms and structures of the social movement

José Reis – Ambivalence and gloom on the edge of the Atlantic: the post-2008 global crisis in Portugal

Stavros Tombazos – The Economic Crisis in Cyprus

V121

Anti-politics, social movements & the practical critique of the state

Chair:

Elizabeth Humphrys & Tad Tietze – ‘Abolishing the present state of things’: reconstructing Marx’s critique of politics and the state

Jonny Jones – Some thoughts on ‘anti-politics’ in austerity Britain

Luke Stobart – The politics and ‘anti-politics’ of Podemos

V326

Debates in Marxist political economy 1

Chair: **Jamie Allinson**

Ankica Cakardic – Theory of accumulation and Luxemburgian analysis of reproductive labour and current crises

Benjamin Kunkel – Stationary Revolution? Implications for Socialism and Capitalism of an End to Growth

James Meadway – Surplus population, secular stagnation, and the ghost of Malthus: Rosa Luxemburg’s Anti-Kritik reconsidered

V122

Knowledge and labour

Chair: **Dae-oup Chang**

Kevin W. Gray – The Feminization of Labor and Capitalism’s Stability

Heesang Jeon – Knowledge and the contradiction between the forces of production and the relations of production in capitalism

F H Pitts – Form-giving fire: creative industries as Marx’s ‘work of combustion’

V327

Walter Benjamin and biopolitics

Chair: **Sami Khatib**

Blair Ogden – What is Divine Violence? Towards a Definitive Account

Jonathan Short – Benjamin and De-Vitalized Life: Notes on Politics

Lori Turner – Walter Benjamin, Precarious Labour, and the Proletarianisation of the Independent Producer

V201

An Obscure Disaster: Ideology and knowledge as pillars of new reality

Chair: **Wiktor Marzec**

Ewa Majewska – Capitalism in semi-peripheries. Errors, failures or back side of success?

Katja Praznik – Artistic autonomy between mystification and emancipation: theorizing cultural labour legislation in postsocialist context

Veronika Stoyanova – The construction of the idea of civil society and its role in the neoliberal transformation in Bulgaria

V328

Fossil energy and capitalism 2

Chair: **Simon Pirani**

Andreas Malm – Steamroll all the brutes: Fossil energy and British imperialism in the nineteenth century

Jonathan Stafford – Circulation, Repetition and Globalised Patterns of Accumulation: the temporal logic of steam power in nineteenth century imperialist shipping

Eigo Tateishi – Smoking Metropolises: Capitalist urbanization and fossil fuels

V211

Social Reproduction: Towards an Integrative Frame, Panel 3

Alan Sears (org)

Chair:

Tithi Bhattacharya – Spaces of Insurgency: Confronting Capital Beyond the Factory Floor

Sue Ferguson – Degraded Bodies and the Work of Social Reproduction

Rebecca Jane Hall – Women’s Work? An anti-colonial contribution to Marxist feminist discussions of labour, gender and the reproduction of capitalist relations

VG01

The Politics of Austerity 2

Chair: **Jamie Allinson**

Josep Maria Antentas – Anti-austerity protest, regime crisis and political strategy in the Spanish State

Thanos andritsos and Giorgos Velegrakis – In search of unity: From the multiple geographies of resistance to the common place of a renewed class project

Sofia Tsadari and Konstantinos Fourikas

– The 50 shades of red: perspectives of the left in conflict during the memorandum era in Greece

VG04

The Bolsheviks and the national question

Chair: **Alex Levant**

Eric Blanc – National Liberation and Bolshevism Reexamined

Chris Ford – Reconsidering the Ukrainian Revolution 1917-1921: The Dialectics of National Liberation and Social Emancipation

Brendan McGeever – The Bolsheviks and Antisemitism in the Russian Revolution, 1917-1919

V120

Unions, social struggles and the state

Chair: **Dae-oup Chang**

Luciana Zorzoli – What do structural reforms meant to worker's organizations? The impact of neoliberalism in the trade union model in Argentina

Jamie Woodcock – Possibilities for new workplace organisation: workers refusal and the challenges for trade unions
Andreas Ytterstad & Helge Ryggvik – Strategies for climate jobs in fossil based economies: the case of Norway

V121

BOOK LAUNCH
Lucia Pradella's
Globalisation and the Critique of Political Economy: New Insights from Marx's Writings

Chair:

Discussants: **Ben Fine, August Nimt**
Respondent: **Lucia Pradella**

V122

Agency and subjectivity in Marxism

Chair: **Chair: Dae-oup Chang**

Samuel Knafo and Benno Teschke – Escaping Brenner's Rules of Reproduction: Political Marxism & Historicity
Paul Reynolds – The Lure of Agency and subjectivity: Reflecting on Hall and Laclau and the problem of agency and practice in Marxist theory
Wiktor Marzec – Marxism as a subjectifying device. Remarks form the empirical inquiry into the mobilizing power of Marxism

V211

The Cost of Social Reproduction

Kate Doyle Griffiths Dingani (org)

Chair:

Emily Cousens and Sarah Pine – Cognitive Capitalism and the Instrumentalization of Sexuality as Vulnerability
Erin Chun – Crisis, Austerity and the Restructuring of Social Reproduction: Feminization and the Rise of 'Female Householders'
Kate Doyle Griffiths-Dingani – Gender, Household Precarity and Extended Family Networks in South Africa's Crisis

V221

Marxism and Latin America: The Past and Present Of A Mis-Understanding. Session 2: Capital Accumulation, Power, and Revolutionary Trends

John Kraniauskas, Felipe Lagos, Cesar Perez (orgs.)

Chair: **John Kraniauskas**

Sergio Villalobos – Marxism and Post-Capitalist Forms of Accumulation

Jeffery Webber – andean Labyrinth: Passive Revolution in Bolivia, Ecuador, and Venezuela

Gareth Williams – Between Dual Power and Internal Colonialism: The Question of State-Form in Contemporary Bolivia .

V223

Imperialism: the old and new faces

Chair:

Juan Chingo – The geopolitics of the current international crisis: neo-Kautskyism or inter-imperialist rivalries?

Mike Macnair – From the Anti-Imperialist Left to the Social-Chauvinist Right: the DieGlocke group and the theory of imperialism

Tina Schivatcheva – Accidental hegemon? Exporting the core chimera 'Modell Deutschland' in the Eastern European periphery

V301

Debating China's transformation

Chair: **Tim Pringle**

Florian Butollo – The Transformation of the Chinese Economy A Leap beyond Cheap Labour?
Scott McLemee – From "the Russian Question" to China (and Back Again): Debating China in Trotskyist Theory, 1950-58

John Nescher – The Spatial Dimension of Historical Materialism: On Chinese Experiences

V326

Race and class: history of interaction

Chair:

Phil Griffiths – The class origins of the White Australia policy
Samir Karnik Hinks – A "Tribune of the Oppressed": Positioning Claudia Jones' Leninism
Cedric Johnson – Between Revolution and the Racial Ghetto: Harold Cruse and Harry Haywood Debate Class Struggle and the Negro Question, 1962-1968

V327

Benjamin and the Bolsheviks: Walter Benjamin, Asja Lacis and Moscow

Chair: **Esther Leslie**

Richard Braude – Asja Lacis and the Struggle for Reality
Sam Dolbear – Soviet Spiel: Walter Benjamin on Toys and Terror
Hannah Proctor – Soviet Madonnas: Walter Benjamin on the Emancipation of Women

V328

Climate change and global governance and movement for climate justice 1

Chair: **Andreas Malm**

Martin Empson – Sustainable Agriculture: Are small-farms the answer in a post-capitalist world?

Emanuele Leonardi – Carbon Trading Dogma: Financial Dimensions and Political Implications of Global Carbon Markets

Jonathan Neale – From Copenhagen to Paris -the climate justice movement and the contradictions of ruling class climate strategies

Chris Williams – Assessing Development Strategies in the Context of Neoliberalism and the Age of Ecological Crisis: A Comparative Analysis of Vietnam, Morocco and Bolivia

VG01

Commodity-form, fetishism and reproduction of capitalism

Chair: **Gregory Schwartz**

Taek-Gwang Lee – The Natural Ontology of Commodification: How Could Commodity Be Our Own Identity?

Vesa Oittinen – Commodity Fetishism as A Transcendental Illusion: from Kant to Marx and back

Louis-Georges Schwartz – From Use Time To Use Value and Back?

VG04

Revisiting the Russian revolutionary tradition

Chair: **Alex Levant**

Barbara Allen – Alexander Shlyapnikov under Arrest, 1935-7

Lars Lih – Inescapable Torments: Bukharins Vision of the Russian Revolution

Kevin Morgan – Cult and anti-cult: Lenin, Stalin and Trotsky in the 1920s.

V111

Marxist interventions on European integration

Chair:

Christakis Georgiou – What is to be done about the EU? Situating the debate in the long-term tendencies behind European unification

Eva Hartmann – Competitive solidarity and the Europeanisation of the professions

Andreja Zivkovic – Towards a Critique of Euro-Marxism

V120

Mining Capital and Workers' Movements

Chair: **Tim Pringle**

Michael Goldfield – Coal Miners in the Vanguard
Andy Higginbottom – The multinational corporation -concentration, fiction or rent?

Immanuel Ness – South African Mineworkers and Class Struggle Unionism

John Smith – Resource extraction, production outsourcing and the new divisions of labour in the global economy

V121

Gender, Race, & Class in Contemporary Neoliberalism: From Estranged Theories Towards a New Intersectional Global Marxist-Feminism

Chair:

C. Stella Becerril – Towards a Marxist Xicanx Feminism

Ashley Bohrer – Reproducing Bourgeois Feminism: Islamophobia in the Era of Neoliberalism
Nikeeta Slade – Recovering a Black Marxist Feminism

V122

BOOK LAUNCH
Land and Freedom: The MST, the Zapatistas and Peasant Alternatives to Neoliberalism by Leandro Vergara-Camus

Chair:

Discussants: **Greg Albo**, **Jeffery Webber**
Respondent: **Leandro Vergara-Camus**

V211

Capitalist world-system and (inter) dependency: critical engagements 1

Chair: **Juan Grigera**

Muhammad Ali Jan – Class, State and the 'making' of Indigeneous capital in a global milieu: a case study of the Pakistani Punjab

Zhaohui Wang – World-systems theory, the US-China economic relations, and the global economic crisis

V221

An Obscure Disaster: Trajectories of the state socialism, CPEs and post-transformation economies

Chair: **Krystian Szadkowski**

Bill Jefferies – How the CIA mis-measured the central plan

Nektarios Kastrinakis – The Stillbirth of Communist Russia

Stuart Shields – The time for reform is always now: The European Bank for Reconstruction & Development and the renewal of neoliberalisation in Central Eastern Europe after the financial "crisis"

V223

Postcolonialism and Marxism

Chair:

Paromita Chakrabarti – Between Capitalism and Imperialism: Subaltern

Feminist Resistance and Struggle in Mahashweta Devi's Breast Stories

Peter Hudis – Frantz Fanon's Contribution to Hegelian Marxism

Nivedita Majumdar – Class, Culture and Postcoloniality

V301

Finance capital, corporations and class

Chair: **Mary Robertson**

Dick Bryan and Michael Rafferty – Re-thinking employment through finance
Francois Chesnais – The notion of finance capital and the contemporary operations of TNCs

Tony Norfield – Capitalist Power: Fictitious Capital, Corporations and Finance

Sune Sandbeck – Uneven and Combined Development and the Sovereign Spaces of Offshore Finance

V326

Alternative Macroeconomic Policies and the Global Crisis

Chair:

Annina Kaltenbrunner and Juan Pablo Paineira

Paschoa – Defying the Impossible Trinity? Some Suggestions for Macroeconomic Management in Emerging Capitalist Economies

John Weeks – Global Crisis: Fundamental, Systemic or Conjunctural?

Jan Toporowski – Global Finance and Banking or Macroeconomic Regulation in the EU crisis?

Alfredo Saad Filho – Social Policy for Mature Neoliberalism: The Bolsa Familia Programme in Brazil

V327

Rethinking the Debate on Japanese Capitalism

Chair:

Gavin Walker – The Debate on Japanese Capitalism: Theory, History, Memory

Yutaka Nagahara – The Emperor-System as an Apparatus of Capture
Katsuya Hirano – Settler Colonialism and Primitive Accumulation: The Case of Japans Hokkaido

V328

Climate change and global governance and movement for climate justice 2

Chair: **Andreas Malm**

Romain Felli – Resilience to climate change : neoliberalising adaptation ?

Larry Lohmann – Neoliberalism's Climate
Jonas Van Vossle – Global Climate Governance: a legitimization crisis Capitalism, power and alienation -Marxist and Polanyian Perspectives

VG01

Capitalism: States and Markets

Chair: **Paul Reynolds**

Neil Davidson – Neoliberal regimes and the potential for capitalist self-destruction

Charlie Post – Political Marxism and the Capitalist State

Michael Andrew Zmolek – The State as Conjurer : Why Markets are Never Completely Free and Never Completely Self-Sustaining

VG04

International solidarity against capitalism: A history

Chair: **David Broder**

Bernhard H. Bayerlein – The Abortive Women's International (1919-1943)

Ian Birchall – Rereading Rosmer in 2014

James Heartfield – The Manchester Workers, the US Civil War, and the founding of the IWMA

V111

The Political Theology of Capitalism

Chair:

Sami Khatib – From Creative to Messianic Destruction:

How a Zombies Dies

Alexandru Cistelean

and Dana Domsodi – The Messianic Time of Value. On The Political Theology of the new Wertkritik

Sebastian Truskolaski – Adorno's Inverse Theology

V120

Classes of labour and survival of capitalism 3

Chair: **Leandro Vergara-Camus**

Valentina Alvarez –

Experience of domestic work in Chile: social reproduction an identity construction of the working classes

Morgane Merteuil –

Sexwork against work: analyzing sexwork as a reproductive work issue

Kristen Francis Tran – The Political Economy of Domestic Substitutes: A Critical Assessment of Contemporary Transfer of Paid Reproductive Labour

V121

Towards a Marxist-Feminist Crisis Theory

Chair:

Ashley Bohrer – Labour in Transition: Social Reproduction in Early Capitalism

Trish Kahle – To 'Joy My Freedom'?: Slavery, Capitalism, and Black Women's Labour in the Age of Emancipation

Sarah Jaffe – Creep: How We All Wound Up Doing 'Women's Work'

V122

Financialisation and survival of capitalism

Chair: **Mary Robertson**

Cédric Durand – The violence of fictitious capital
Seungman Kim and Jiwon Lee – Two financial crises and neoliberal financialization in Korean welfare regime

Stefano Sgambati – Leveraging equity, securitising debts: the significance of modern banking in the making of financialisation

V201

An Obscure Disaster: Aftermaths of the disaster recirculation of imperialism and nationalisms

Chair: **Krystian Szadkowski**

Filip Ilkowski – "New Warsaw Pact", beggar imperialism and power politics in Central and Eastern Europe

Rick Simon – Russia, Ukraine, and the new Imperialism

Martin Upchurch and Claudio Morrison – Nationalism, Neoliberalism and Revolt in Bosnia

V211

South Africa's Elite Transition: looking backward and forward

Chair:

Patrick Bond

Ama Biney

Castro Ngobese

V221

Transnational Marxism circulations from/ within the South

Chair: **Nate George (org.)**

Chair:

Fadi A. Bardawil – Revolutionary Vectors: Marxist Theorists in Late 1960s Beirut

Nate George – In the Hour of Arab Revolution: Tricontinental and the Question of Palestine

Tariq Mehmood – South-South Anti imperialist literary dialogues: the case of the Afro-Asian Writer's Association

Abdel Razzaq Takriti – Maoism and the Arab Revolutionary Tradition

V223

Culture, domination and counterhegemony 1

Chair:

Deirdre O'Neill – Film as a Radical Pedagogic Tool

Paul LeBlanc – Class Consciousness, Labour-Radical Sub-Culture, and Revolutionary Strategy

Nizan Shaked – Capitalist Institutions/Leftist Art

V326

Race Matters

Chair: **Feyzi Ismail**

Selim Nadi – Why do we need an indigenous party in France?

Alberto Toscano – Du Bois, Race & Class and 1914

Satnam Virdee – A Marxism without guarantees: Stuart Hall and why race matters

V327

Althusser and Marxism

Chair:

Thomas Carmichael – The Aesthetic Ideology of the Later Althusser

Gianluca Pozzoni – Between Philosophy and Social Science: Althusser and the Della Volpean Marxism

Panagiotis Sotiris – Encounter, inexistence of the origin and virtual forms of communism: Althusser's new materialist practice of philosophy in the 1970s

V328

New Frontiers in Eco-Marxism

Chair: **Andreas Malm**

Ulrich Brand – Growth and Domination. Shortcomings of the (De-)Growth Debate

Paul Guillibert – Capitalism and "space-time appropriation"

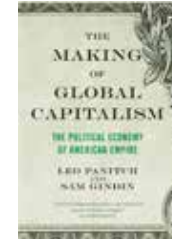
Tobias Menely – Verdampft: Energy, Air, and History in Marx



Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Prize Lecture

Marxist theory and strategy:
getting somewhere better

Sam Gindin and Leo Panitch –



VG01

Explaining the Decline of Organized Labour in the US: Is Globalization to Blame
 Chair: **Genevieve LeBaron**
Charles Post – What's Globalization Got To Do With It?: The Decline of Industrial Unionism in the US Tire Industry, 1966-2008
Kim Moody – Is Globalization to Blame?: An Examination of the Data for the US
Comments: Michael Goldfield

VG03

The International in retrospect
 Chair: **David Broder**
Maurice Andreu – Did the leadership of the Communist International believe that capitalism could not survive?
Ricardo Antunes – The International Working Class 150 Years After and its Challenges Today
William A. Pelz – Failed Experiment or Useful Example? The International Working Men's Associations attempts to promote the Emancipation of Labour, 1864-1876

VG06

Reification and the non-collapse of capitalism: Book Launch for Andrew Feenberg's The Philosophy of Praxis: Marx, Lukacs and the Frankfurt School
 Chair: **Graeme Kirkpatrick (org.)**
Discussants: Konstantinos Kavoulakos, Graeme Kirkpatrick, Clive Lawson
Respondent: Andrew Feenberg

V111

State, Human rights and the Critique of legal forms
 Chair: **Gregory Schwartz**
Olivier Chassaing – Legal Form Theory and Criminal Law Criticism
Paavo Kotiaho – Tales of Transformismo: International Human Rights Law and the Onslaught of Neoliberal Capitalism
Maia Pal – Human Rights or State Capitalism Beyond Borders? Extraterritorial Obligations and Jurisdictional Accumulation

V121

Feminism, Psychoanalysis and the Frankfurt School
Rose-Anne Sophia Gush (org)
 Chair: **Esther Leslie**
Christina Chalmers – The Paradox of Masochism
Rose-Anne Gush – Feminism and Negativity in Adorno and VALIE EXPORT
Betty Schulz – Girls, Crisis and the Phantasmagoria of automated (re)production: Reflections on Benjamin and Kracauer

V122

C.L.R. James, Darcus Howe and Black Power in Britain
 Chair:
Christian Hogsbjerg
Robin Bunce
Paul Field
Darcus Howe

V201

India, Japan and the agrarian question
 Chair: **Feyzi Ismail**
Barbara Harriss-White – Towards A Lower Carbon Agriculture : An Experiment In Expert and Situated Knowledge In India
Wendy Matsumura – Uno Kozo's theorization of Japan's post-World War I agrarian question;
Robert Stolz – From Imperial Agriculture to Income Doubling: The Postwar Japanese Agrarian Crisis

V211

The Politics of Austerity 1
 Chair:
Nilufer Akalin – Dispossessed immigrants: The reproduction of racialization in the times of austerity measures
Richard Seymour – The Austerity State
Jim Wolfreys – Austerity politics and the relationship between conservatism and fascism

V221

Latin America and Marxism:
 Chair: **Alberto Toscano**
Bécquer Seguí – On the Peripheral Location of the Hispanic World in Marx
Bruno Bosteels – Marx in Times of Riots: The Late Writings of José Revueltas
Diana Fuentes – Modernity and civilizational crisis. A Latin American approach

V223

Understanding Neoliberalism:
 Chair: **Lucia Pradella**
Damien Cahill – Neoliberal Doctrine as Ideology;
Paul Heideman and Jonah Birch – What Does it Mean to Call Neoliberalism a Class Project?
Jamie Gough – The crisis in Britain since 2007: why has the resistance so far been weak, and the possibilities for a socialist response

V225

A great and terrible world: on Derek Boothman's translation of Gramsci's pre-prison letters
 Chair: **Peter Thomas**
 Discussants: **Carl Levy, Craig Brandist**
 Respondent : **Derek Boothman** (translator and editor)

V325

Primitive accumulation and accumulation by dispossession 1:
 Chair: **Juan Grigera**
Shapan Adnan – Interactions between primitive accumulation and capitalism in the South Asian region
Orazio Irrera – Environmentality between Primitive Accumulation and Colonial Biopolitics. The struggle for the use of the forests in Himalayan India (1864-1931);
Aditya Ray and Jayprakash Sharma – Analyzing Primitive Accumulation at the Margins: Incomplete Commodification and the Wastelands of Capital in Chattisgarh, India

V326

Marxism and Intellectual History:
 Chair: **Sebastian Budgen**
George Souvlis – Towards a Materialist epistemology of Intellectual History: Deconstructing the Skinnerian Canon
Ross Speer – Machiavellian Marxists: Comparing aspects of Gramscis and Althussers interpretations of Machiavelli
Ted Stolze – Paul of Tarsus, Thinker of the Conjunction

V328

Debord and Sartre
 Chair:
Tom Bunyard – Dialectical, Strategic Thought': An Outline of the Model of Praxis that Supports Guy Debord's Theory of 'Spectacle'
Alexandre Féron – Sartre's Theory of Class
Marieke Mueller – How the Bourgeoisie survives: class and collective subjectivities in Sartre's later work

VG01

The Crisis of Labour in the United States

Jeff Goodwin (org.)

Chair:

Jeff Goodwin – The Crisis in Numbers

Jane McAlevey – The Crisis of New Labor

Sam Gindin – Crisis of Labor, Crisis of the Left

VG03

War and capitalism

Chair: **Lucia Pradella**

Paul Kellogg – For unity against war and capitalism the half-remembered contribution of Leon Trotsky, 1914-1917

Ottokar Luban – Left German Social Democrats against the Great War

John Rose – Lenin, Luxemburg War & Revolution: Lenin's criticism of Luxemburg's anti-war Junius pamphlet

VG06

Critical theory, Alienation and Reification

Chair: **Paul Reynolds**

Christoph Henning – Alienation: Defending the Classical Theory with new arguments

Stuart Smithers – Mimesis and Magic: Breaking the Spell of Self-Forgetfulness and Reification in Adorno and Benjamin

Michael Thompson – Reified Intersubjectivity: A Critique of Contemporary Critical Theory

V111

BOOK LAUNCH

Lise Vogel's *Marxism and the Oppression of Women: Towards a Unitary Theory*

Discussants:

Tithi Bhattacharya, Kate Davison, Sue Ferguson, Nina Power

Respondent: **Lise Vogel**

V121

Postwar French Thought

Chair: **Sebastian Budgen**

Peter Hallward – Guy Lardreau and Political Will

Stephen Hastings-King – Socialisme ou Barbarie and the Contemporary Project of Autonomy

Jonas Liston – Lenin for our times: A Critical Engagement with Daniel Bensaïd

V122

Culture, domination and counterhegemony 2

Chair: **Esther Leslie**

Nicola Clewer – How capitalism survives: The neoliberal monument?

Jordy Cummings – Forces of Chaos and Anarchy: Popular Music, the New Left and Social Movements, 1966-1972

Herbert Pimlott – 1979 or Thatcherism Revisited: Rethinking the Crisis of the Conjuncture through Cultural Materialism

V201

On Capital-Nation-State: Kojin Karatani's The Structure of World History

Chair: **Alberto Toscano**

Kanishka Goonewardena – Theory and Politics in Kojin Karatani's The Structure of World History

Ken Kawashima – On "Economy as an Autonomous Superstructure": Going beyond the Crisis of the Base-Superstructure Paradigm
Gavin Walker – Capital's Supplements: Community, History, Politics

V211

Class and Politics in Developing Countries: Socialist Register Launch 2014

Greg Albo, Alfredo Saad-Filho (orgs)

Chair: **Alfredo Saad-Filho**

Sam Ashman – NUMSA and the Class Struggle in South Africa

Sebnem Oguz and Fuat Ercan – Class and Politics in Turkey

Ricardo Antunes – The New Morphology of the Working Class in Contemporary Brazil

V221

Class struggles in Latin America

Chair: **Juan Grigera**

Ruth Felder – From the pink tide to new developmentalism: recreating the conditions for capital accumulation in South America

Murillo van der Laan and Mariana Shinohara

Roncato – The June Days in Brazil and the challenges of the left

Izadora Xavier do Monte and Mayra Cotta – Consumer bodies: queer and class in Brazil's "rolezinhos"

V223

Social Reproduction in Contemporary Art, History and Theory

Chair: **Angela Dimitrakaki**

Larne Abse Gogarty – Social Practice/Social Reproduction

Vicky Horne – New Materialisms? Social Reproduction and Contemporary Art History

Marina Vishmidt – The Paradoxes of Social Reproduction in Art

V225

Capitalist world-system and (inter) dependency: critical engagements 21

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Katja Daniels – Protecting Capitalism from Political Protest? The 'Full Protection and Security' Standard in International Investment Treaties

Patrick Neveling – The flexibility of accumulation before "flexible accumulation": cornerstones for a post-fictional historical anthropology of the twentieth century capitalist world-system;

Kenneth Surin – Dependency Theory's reanimation in the era of financial capital

V325

Gramsci, state and hegemony

Chair:

Tobias Boos – From Que se vayan todos! to a binarising state perspective

Juan Dal Maso – Gramsci, Trotsky and the struggle for proletarian hegemony

Diana O'Dwyer and Eileen Connolly – Internationalising Gramsci's Concept of the Integral State in a Neoliberal Capitalist Era: NGOs and Outsourcing the State

V326

Race and Imperialism

Chair: **Lucia Pradella**

Richard Drayton – 'Ultraimperialism' and the White International: Transnational Racial Formations in the global capitalist regime, c. 1850 to the present

Jessica Evans – Understanding white nationalism and racialized class formation in the settler-colonies: A theoretical proposal

Alistair Holmes – Race, Class & Empire in Britain: 1837-1914

V328

Towards an ecological Marxism

Chair: **Andreas Malm**

Heather Brown – Transcending Dualisms: Marx's Philosophy of Nature and Labour

Sophie Lewis – Eco-Marxisms: beyond the "unproduced" nature

Camilla Royle – The production of nature and the new materialist turn

VG01

Marx's Category of Labour
 Chair: **Steve Edwards**
Laurent Baronian – Marx and living labour
Baris Mucen – Constructing the Object of Analysis through the Category of Labour
Bruce Robinson – Marx's Categories of Labour, Value Production and Digital Work

VG03

Working Class Politics in the German Revolution: On Ralf Hoffrogge's Richard Müller, the Revolutionary Shop Stewards and the Origins of the Council Movement
 Chair: **David Broder**
Ralf Hoffrogge
Ben Fowkes
Norman LaPorte

VG06

How the Commodity Form Dies
 Chair: **Grant Mandarin**
Nick Lawrence – Uneven and Combined Development: Commodity Survival and the Colonized Everyday in Postwar Critical Theory
Alexander Locascio – Why the Commodity Form Doesn't Die: An Introduction to the work of Wolfgang Pohrt
Elmar Flatschart – Does the commodity form really die? A Comparison of Robert Kurz's and Michael Heinrich's answers to questions of crisis theory.

V111

Policing the People Militarization, Pre-emption and Criminalization
 Chair: **Feyzi Ismail**
Cristina Flesher Fominaya – The State Strikes Back: The Criminalization of Protest after Spain's 15-M
Cathy Schneider – Police Power and Riots
Lesley Wood – Crisis and Control: The Militarization of Protest Policing
Christian Scholl – TBC

V121

Gender, patriarchy and unequal reproduction
 Chair:
Nancy Lindisfarne – Gendered Inequality, Intimacy, Class and Historical Change
Roja Ghahari – Women under the Iranian Welfare System: Charity and Control
Ece Kocabicak – How capitalism survives without women workers in Turkey

V122

Primitive accumulation and accumulation by dispossession 2
 Chair: **Dae-oup Chang**
Prithish Behuria – Balancing Violence and Ideas: Historical Strategies of Elite Capital Accumulation in Rwanda;

V201

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We Make Our Own History: Marxism and Social Movements in the Twilight of Neoliberalism
Colin Barker, Subir Sinha, Lesley Wood, Alf Gunvald Nilsen, Laurence Cox

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Left Strategy and the US and European Working Classes: Socialist Register 2015 Launch
 Chair: **Greg Albo** (org)
Jane McAlevey – Wall to Wall Organizing: Health and Education Workers
Kim Moody and Charles Post – The Politics of US Labour: Paralysis and Possibilities
 Discussant: **Sam Gindin**

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Critique of Brazilian capitalist development
 Chair: **Jamie Allinson**
Ludmila Costhek Abílio – Emerging on two wheels: Brazilian economic development and labour exploitation;
Silvia L. López – Brazil: Development as Counter insurgency in the New World Order
Carlos Zamora and Antonio Carlos da Silva – The paradox of modernization: the alleged territorial hegemony of the Brazilian state against capital's structural crisis

V223

Marxism, science and social theory
 Chair:
Mark Blum – Max Adler's social theory: a foundation for more effective interpersonal cooperation
Matt Vidal – Sociology and the seven theses of Marxism -Or, sociological marxism without apologies

V225

BOOK LAUNCH
 Stavros Tombazos's, *Time in Marx. The Categories of Time in Marx's Capital*
 Chair: **Adam Hanieh**
 Discussants:
Bob Jessop, Stathis Kouvelakis
 Respondent:
Stavros Tombazos

V325

Gramsci and Marxism
 Chair: **Peter Thomas**
Derek Boothman – The communist movement in Turin: an extended essay by Gramsci
Benjamin Opratko – Gramscis Relevance reconsidered. Theorising Hegemony, analysing Racism
Alen Suceska – Dead Weight of Times Long Past: The Temporality of "Common Sense"

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BOOK LAUNCH
 Satnam Virdee's *Racism, Class and the Racialized Outsider*
 Chair:
 Discussants: **David McNally, Gareth Dale, Sian Moore**
 Respondent: **Satnam Virdee**

V328

From energy extraction to Pachamama
 Chair: **Andreas Malm**
Iain Bruce – Climate Change, Pachamama and Socialism in the 21st Century
Trish Kahle – The Graveyard Shift: Energy Industry Reorganization and Rank and File Rebellion in the United Mine Workers of America, 1963-1973;
Sourayan Mookerjee – Intersections of domination and exploitation: Tar sand mega-development, accumulated violence and the crises of social reproduction in the Athabaskan forest;

VG01

Sexual politics and reproduction of capitalist domination
 Chair: **Paul Reynolds**
Gianfranco Rebutini – Thinking the Far-right's Hegemonic Project as a Sexual Project: a Critique of Norm-Centered Sexual Politics
Nat Raha – Queer Marxism and the task of contemporary queer social critique
Clément Paradis – From the hotel to the brothel: Proust's capitalist ballet

VG03

BOOK LAUNCH
 Jacob Zumoff's The Communist International and US Communism, 1919.1929
 Chair: **Sebastian Budgen**
Discussants:
Mike Goldfield,
Scott McLemee
 Respondent: **Jacob Zumoff**

VG06

Sohn-Rethel and the Neue Marx-Lektüre
 Chair:
Pertti Honkanen – Marx, Mathematics and New Capital-Readings
David Black – Sohn-Rethel's Neo-Kantian Marxism: A Critique
Paula Rauhala – The New Marx Reading in the East

V111

Marxist-Feminist challenges to neoliberalism
 Chair: **Genevieve LeBaron**
Hester Eisenstein – Holding up half the sky? Hegemonic feminism in the service of neoliberalism
Catherine Rottenberg – Neoliberal feminist manifestos and the entrenchment of an imperialist logic
Estelle Cooch – Blurred lines and Trojan horses

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Marxism and the Body
 Chair:
Danielle Child – From Labia to Labour: an alternative to the performed body in mid-1970s feminist art
Sinead Kennedy – Disciplining the Precarious Body: Biopolitical regulation in an era of chronic crisis
Barbara Neukirchinger – Critical Theory, Poststructuralism and the intersection of gender and disability

V122

An Obscure Disaster: Aftermaths of the disaster - institutions
 Chair: **Wiktor Marzec**
Ana Podvršic – Putting comrades on the test: toward a critical analytical framework for considering the peripherisation of Central-Eastern Europe
Krystian Szadkowski – Political and economic consequences of the first capitalist transformation of the Polish higher education; system (1990-2008)
Jana Tsoneva and Georgi Medarov – Representative democracy and its discontents: the rise of the rhizomatic party form

V201

Debates in Marxist political economy 2
 Chair: **Juan Grigera**
Jim Kincaid – Worries about the rate of profit;
Abelardo Marina Flores and S. Camara – Profitability and Accumulation Trends in Mexico, 1939-2013
Marcelo Milan – Demographic changes, Pension Reforms and Absolute Surplus Value: Intertemporal Exploitation in Contemporary Capitalism

V211

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Transforming Classes
 Chair: **Leo Panitch**
Lin Chun – The Language of Class in China
Hugo Radice – Class Theory and Class Politics Today
Sue Ferguson and David McNally – Precarious Migrants: Gender, Race and the Social Reproduction of a Global Working Class

V223

Marxism, film and literature:
 Chair:
Carl Freedman – Capitalist Realism and Three Recent Science-Fiction Films
Toby Manning – Classlessness and Wilsonism in John le Carré's The Spy Who Came in from the Cold
Julia Podziewska – Lost Property: Political Economy and Inheritance;

V225

Currents in German Marxism
 Chair: **Sami Khatib**
Christoph Jünke – Leo Kofler's Marxism and the New Left in postwar Germany: Mentor and persona non grata at the same time
Sean Larson – Representing Capitalism: Jamesonian Totality or Brechtian Bullets?
Grant Mandarino – One of the very few true originals of our time: Reviving Eduard Fuchs

V325

Gramscian analyses of contemporary capitalism:
 Chair: **Alex Levant**
Brecht De Smet – Gramsci, Caesarism, and (Counter-) Revolution in Egypt
Riya Mary Al'Sanah – The struggle for democracy in the Tunisian revolution
Sara Salem – The 2011 Egyptian Uprising: Passive revolution and continued neoliberalism

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Race, Imperialism and Resistance
 Chair: **Anandi Ramamurthy (org.)**
 Chair: **Adam Hanieh**
Anandi Ramamurthy – The Asian Youth Movements in Britain: from independence to state sponsorship
Kalpana Wilson – Race, capital and neoliberal appropriations of feminism
Feyzi Ismail – NGOs and radical politics in Nepal: Incorporation, reinvention, critique?

V328

Ecology and Marxism
 Chair: **Andreas Malm**
Divya Sharma – Metabolic Rift and Resistance: Political Ecology in colonial and post-colonial Punjab, India;
Zehra Tasdemir Yasin – Capital, Nation-State and Ecology: Production Of Mosul As An Oil Field, 1914-1958;
Alan Thornett – The biodiversity crisis: the sixth great extinction

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Contemporary Politics in the Middle East

Rafeef Ziadah – Palestine after Gaza: Solidarity and the International Left
Jamie Allinson – Contours of the Arab Counter-revolutions
Nimer Sultany – Tensions between Law and Revolution
Adam Hanieh – Rethinking State and Class in the Arab World

VG03

Reclaiming Classical Marxism

Chair: **Paul Reynolds**

Paul Blackledge – Engels and the Problem of Working-Class Reformism

August Nimtz – The Bolsheviks Come to Power: A New Interpretation

Tom Twiss – Trotsky, Bureaucracy, and Capitalist Restoration

VG06

Value-Form Marxisms

Chair:

Vincent Chanson – Politicizing Theory: Philosophy and Praxis in critical Marxism from Korsch to Krahll

Atle Mikkola Kjosén – Anticipating Realization: Value's Logic of Movement and Amazon's Anticipatory Shipping

Fredric Monferrand – Value-Form Theory as Critical Social Ontology

Tommaso Redolfi Riva – Critique and Presentation: Bailey and Ricardo in Marx's Dialectic of the Form of Value

V120

Private property and housing questions

Chair: **Mary Robertso**

Ismail Karatepe – Housing, the state and intervention:

Placing Turkey in an international context

Mary Robertson – Castles made of credit: the contradictions of the British housing system

Amy Wendling – A Brief History of Property: How Duties to Objects and Community were transformed into Possessive Individualism

V121

Marxism, Feminism and Intersections of domination and exploitation

Chair:

Holly Lewis – The Problem of Experience in Marxist and Feminist Epistemologies

Claire Blencowe – Feminist Investments in Biopolitical Life: Racism, Progress & Methods of Critique

Timothy Joubert – Gendering the Social Factory: Marxism, Social Reproduction, and Women's Oppression

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New Explorations in Marx's Manuscripts

Chair: **Nick Gray**

Fred Moseley – Introduction to the English translation of Marx's Manuscript of 1864-65 (Book III of Capital)

Eduardo da Motta e Albuquerque, João Antonio de Paula, Hugo Eduardo da Gama Cerqueira, Leonardo Gomes de Deus, and Carlos Eduardo Suprinyak – "If we have not touched the bottom, how far are we from it?": Marx's unpublished manuscripts on the 1866 crisis

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BOOK LAUNCH

Polarising Development: Alternatives to Neoliberalism and the Crisis, edited by Lucia Pradella and Thomas Marois (two sessions)

Chair:

Alfredo Saad-Filho – The Rise of the South

John Smith – The Globalisation of Production and the Struggle for Workers' Unity: Lessons from Bangladesh

Abelardo Mariña-Flores – Beyond Neoliberalism and New Developmentalism in Latin America: Towards an Anti-capitalist Agenda

Jeff Webber – Crisis and Class, Advance and Retreat: The Political Economy of the New Latin American Left

Tim Pringle – Labour as an agent of change: The case of China

Adam Hanieh – Challenging Neoliberalism in the Arab World

Thomas Marois – Banking on Alternatives to Neoliberal Development

Lucia Pradella – Beyond Impoverishment: Western Europe in the World Economy

V223

Many faces of neoliberalism: Turkey and Korea

Chair:

Cagri Carikci – Neoliberal Transformation of the State, Class Struggle and Capital: Lessons from Privatisation of Turkey's Mining Sector

Hyung-suk Oh and Seungwook Baek – Transformation of Korean capitalism in the 1990s: focused on the Hanbo bankruptcy case;

Galip Yalman – Different Forms of Reproduction of Labour as Victims of Privatization

V326

The Politics of Ecosocialism: Transforming Welfare

Chair:

Rikard Warlenius – A renewable transition: Capitalist barriers and Socialist enticements

Teppo Eskeläinen – Possibilities and limits of green Keynesianism

Tero Toivanen – Commons Against Capitalism

Andreas Malm – Socialism or Barbeque?

War communism or geoengineering: Some thoughts on choices in a time of emergency

VG01

BOOK LAUNCH
Alex Anievas's *Capital, the State, and War: Class Conflict and Geopolitics in the Thirty Years' Crisis, 1914-1945*

Chair:
Alex Anievas
Neil Davidson
Kamran Martin
Benno Teschke

VG03

Rethinking the Debate on Japanese Capitalism

Chair:
Gavin Walker – The Debate on Japanese Capitalism: Theory, History, Memory
Yutaka Nagahara – The Emperor-System as an Apparatus of Capture
Katsuya Hirano – Settler Colonialism and Primitive Accumulation: The Case of Japans Hokkaido

VG06

Commodity-Form Matters:

Chair:
Devi Dumbadze – Commodity and unregimented experience
Siobhan Watters – Capital's Means of Subsistence

V120

Marxist Analysis of capitalism in Spain

Chair: **Adam Hanieh**
Greig Charnock and Ramon Ribera-Fumaz – The Limits to Capital in Spain
Danny Evans – Class against class in the Spanish Second Republic;
Javier Moreno Zacarés – Tracing the Transition to Capitalism in Spain

V121

Marxism, Feminism and Reproduction

Chair:
Abigail Bakan – Marxism, Intersectionality and Indigenous Feminism
Anindya Bhattacharyya – Abstract oppression and the social reproduction;
Simona De Simoni, Ilaria Bertazzi – The survival of capitalism and the problem of social reproduction;
Tobin LeBlanc Haley – Pathologizing Mad Women: A feminist political economy analysis of the role of biopsychiatry in the neoliberal age

V122

Thinking through the State

Chair:
Asefeh Esfahlani – State and Crisis of Overproduction: the Case of Film Industry in 1970s Iran
Daniel Jakopovich – The Class Functions of British Militarism
Pedro Mendes Loureiro – Open-ended, agential and growingly (too?) complex: comments on Bob Jessop's approaches to the relationship between state power and capital

V201

Class struggles: diversity, unity, past and present 1:

Chair: **Jamie Allinson**
Toby Boraman – Polynesian involvement in the New Zealand strike wave from the late 1960s to the mid-1980s;
Riccardo Cavallo – The Commons Revolution: the Italian Case
Graciela Romero – The peasants' struggle for food sovereignty

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Polarising Development: Alternatives to Neoliberalism and the Crisis, edited by Lucia Pradella and Thomas Marois

V221

Marxism and Latin America: the past and present of a mis-understanding. Session 3: key debates: time, subsumption and the experience of dependency

John Kraniauskas, Felipe Lagos, Cesar Perez (orgs.)
Chair: **Cesar Perez**
Felipe Lagos – Latin Americas Temporality: the Mariategui/Haya de la Torre Debate Revisited
Andres Saenz – Contributions to the Concept of Subsumption in Latin American Marxism
John Kraniauskas – The Marxism of Ernesto Laclau

V223

Tragedy and Farce: Combined Modes Of Modernization

Chair: **Steve Edwards**
Jorge Grespan – The present economic crisis and the failure of measures
Luiz Renato Martins – The era of the genocides
Discussant: Juan Grigera Pinar Bedirhanoglu – Indebtedness As A Form of Extreme Violence (WL)

V326

Space and Capital

Chair:
Ertan Erol – Re-scaling the peripheral capitalist spatiality and resistance: Autogestional momentum within the counter-hegemonic socio-spatial movements in Mexico
Athanasios Lazarou – The Event in Architecture: Space as Concrete Abstraction in Eurozone.crisis Athens
Xavier Wrona – Turning Architectural Thought Processes Against Capital

V327

Financialisation, Neoliberalism, Neopatrimonialism

Chair: **Mary Robertson**
Samuel Knafo – The Imperialism of Financialisation: Marxism and the Uneven History of Global Finance
Ilya Matveev – Neoliberalism, Neopatrimonialism, and The Nature of The Political Regime in Russia
Lutz Luithlen – Marx and crises in capitalism

V328

Politics of Climate change

Chair: **Andreas Malm**
Beatriz Alves Leandro, Nora Räthzel, David Uzzell, Ragnar Lündstrom, Patricia Vieira Tropa, Piya Chakraborty, Nilanjan Pande – Moments of danger, moments of opportunity: Trade unions and climate change
Nora Rathzel and David Uzzell – Trade Unions, Climate Change and Global Unequal Power Relations
Lars Henriksson – Auto Workers Can Save the World

VG01

Economic Growth and Primitive Accumulation

Chair:

Gareth Dale – Economic growth as ideology: A seventeenth-century invention?**Giorgos Kalampokas** – Violence, history, encounter: Political, philosophical and historical implications of Marx's theory of primitive accumulation**Samo Tomsic** – Primitive Accumulation between Scientific and Capitalist Modernity

VG03

Race and capitalism

Chair:

Matthew Cooper – We are not all multiculturalists now: the recasting of multiculturalism as state policy in Britain since 2001**Lukáš Matoška and Ondřej Lanský** – The Romani people and racist oppression in Central Europe**Kevin Ovenden** – The Jewish and Muslim Questions -the political moment in the social reproduction of race

V111

On forms of revolutionary organisation and the struggle for hegemony

Chair: **Jamie Allinson****Rodrigo Guimaraes Nunes** – Between Clastres and Lenin: leadership and strategy in networked movements**Despina Koutsoumba and Panagiotis Sotiris** – Creating laboratories of hope: rethinking the question of organization today**Félix Boggio and Stella Magliani-Belkacem** – The 'democratic question' today and the struggle for hegemony

V121

Sexuality, race and reproduction of capitalism

Chair: **Paul Reynolds****Lindberg Campos Filho** – The fight against Brazilian capitalist patriarchy and racism: exploitation, rape culture and urban lynchings**Jen Roesch** – Mechanisms of Dependency, Control and Appropriation: The State and Sexual Violence in the US**Colin Wilson** – Intersectionality in early capitalism: race and sexuality in Enlightenment France

V122

Lukacs and Williams

Chair: **Grant Mandarino****Andrew Feenberg** – The Philosophy of Praxis: Marx, Lukacs and the Frankfurt School**Ugo Urbano Casares Rivetti** – Critique and Modernity: Raymond Williams' Marxism**Dan Swain** – The Actuality of Revolution as Guide to Action

V201

Class struggles: diversity, unity, past and present 2

Chair: **Dae-oup Chang****Rossana Cillo** – The struggles of immigrant workers in the logistics and freight transport sectors in Italy**Simon Mohun** – Class and Class Struggle in the US economy 1918-2011**Matthew Myers** – Cars, Crisis, Conflict: British car workers in the 1970s and the unmaking of the British working class

V221

BOOK LAUNCH
Frances Stracey's
*Constructed Situations:
A New History of
the Situationist
International*Chair: **Esther Leslie****Speakers: Gail Day,
Anthony Iles and John
Roberts**

V223

Marxism and literature

Chair:

Bridget Fowler – Re-evaluating Lucien Goldmann, sociologist of literature and Marxist theorist**Owen Holland** – Orwell's Windows**Chana Morgenstern** – Committed Literature in a Partitioned Land: The al-Jadid Communist Journal and the Making of a Palestinian and Arab-Jewish Literary Culture in 1950s Israel/Palestine

V326

Marxism and Feminism via Needs, Desires, Madness and Poetics

Chair:

Bue Rübner Hansen – Organising need and desire**Daniel Hartley** – For a Marxist-Feminist Poetics of the Anthropocene

V327

Dwelling in the Anthropocene

Nicholas Beuret (org)Chair: **Esther Leslie****Nicholas Beuret & Gareth Brown** – The survivor and salvage in the ruins of Modernity**David Harvie, Keir Milburn & Ben Trott** – Designing for the Anthropocene: Why a Global Planned Economy is Impossible, yet Essential?**Sophie Lewis** – Labouring flesh and working nature in the bio-capitalocene

V328

BOOK LAUNCH
Colin Mooers's
*Imperial Subjects:
Citizenship in an Age
of Crisis and Empire*Chair: **Genevieve LeBaron**Discussants: **Adam Hanieh, Maia Pal,****Jeffery R. Webber**Respondent: **Colin Mooers**

Closing Plenary

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