

'TOWARDS A COSMOPOLITAN MARXISM'

Historical Materialism Annual Conference 2005, 4-6 November

In association with *Socialist Register* and the Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Memorial Prize Committee

University of London Union, and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, WCI

The Editorial Board of *Historical Materialism:* Research in Critical Marxist Theory, in collaboration with the Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Memorial Prize Committee, the Editorial Board of the *Socialist Register*, and the Faculty of Law & Social Sciences and the Department of Development Studies at SOAS is pleased to announce its annual conference, 'Towards a Cosmopolitan Marxism', 4-6 November 2005.

Since its inception, *Historical Materialism* has been firmly committed to the project of creating a space of dialogue and debate which extends across disciplinary, linguistic and cultural borders, and promotes the circulation, cross-fertilisation and expansion of critical Marxist thought. For the 2005 conference we have invited a wide range of leading figures in European Marxist thought to discuss the terrain of a future 'cosmopolitan Marxism'. This will be an exciting weekend of comradely exchange, which the Editorial Board of *Historical Materialism* hopes will grow into an important annual international event.

The conference will be organised with three plenary sessions (Deutscher Memorial Prize Lecture, *Socialist Register* and *Historical Materialism* plenary sessions) and workshops dedicated to specific themes. **Workshop themes** include: the philosophy of Nietzsche, the critique of Liberalism, Gramsci, Althusser, the young Marx, the break-up of Yugoslavia, the interpretation of *Capital*, Marxism and intellectuals, Marxism and philosophy, 'mutations' in the mode of production, visions of socialism, Deleuze and Marx, imperialism, Venezuela, the *Historical-Critical Dictionary of Marxism*, thinking the political, and combined and uneven development.

The **Deutscher Memorial Prize Lecture**, 'The Politics of Assumption, the Assumption of Politics', will be delivered by Michael Lebowitz on Friday evening, 4 November.

The **Socialist Register Plenary Sessions**, to launch the 2005 edition of the *Register*, edited by Colin Leys and Leo Panitch, 'Telling the Truth about Class' and 'The State of the Third Way', will be held on Saturday evening, 5 November.

The *Historical Materialism* Plenary Session, 'War and Capitalism', will conclude the conference on Sunday afternoon, 6 November.

The language of the conference will be English with consecutive translation provided for a limited number of sessions, where necessary.

Attendance is free. However, the conference is entirely self-funding and we will depend on voluntary donations by attendants and participants to support the event. The **suggested donation** is £20 waged and £10 for unwaged for the full event, and £10 and £5 for one-day attendance.

Please register in advance by email to help us to guarantee sufficient seating: <historicalmaterialism@soas.ac.uk>

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Friday 4 th – UNIVERSITY OF LONDON UNION (ULU)	
2.30-3.00pm	Room 3D– Registration
2.30-3.00pm	Room 3D– Opening Presentation – Editorial Boards of <i>Historical Materialism, Socialist Register,</i> and the Deutscher Memorial Prize Lecture Committee
3.00-4.45pm	SESSION I
Workshop I.I – Room 3C – Lineages of Contemporary Imperialism	<i>Chair</i> : Jim Kincaid Tobias ten Brink & Oliver Nachtwey, 'Lost in transition - theories of imperialism and the German world market debate in the 1970s' Alan Freeman, 'Bolivar to Bolshevism: what can the writers of history learn from its makers?'
Workshop I.2 – Room 3D – "It is difficult to be a Marxist in philosophy"	<i>Chair</i> : Esther Leslie Frieder Otto Wolf, 'Finite Marxism– some problems involved in re-reading <i>Capital</i> ' Peter Osborne, 'Marx and the philosophy of time', Nicolas Vieillescazes, 'Keep it real: Jameson as a storyteller'
Workshop I.3 – Room 3B – Combined and Uneven Development	<i>Chair:</i> Paul Blackledge Neil Davidson, 'From uneven to combined development: between the Enlightenment and the Third International', Colin Barker, 'Some reflections on uneven and combined development'
Break	
7.00-9.00pm – Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Memorial Prize Lecture – School of Oriental and African Studies – Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre	<i>Chair</i> : Chris Arthur Michael Lebowitz, 'The politics of assumption, the assumption of politics?'
	Conference social – Venue to be announced

Saturday 5 th – SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES (SOAS)	
10.00-11.45am	SESSION 2
Workshop 2.1 – Room B102– Capital	<i>Chair</i> : Jim Kincaid Wolfgang Fritz Haug, 'Marx's learning process – against "correcting Marx with Hegel" (Engels, <i>Anti-Dühring</i>)' Chris Arthur, 'Capital as an object for theory', <i>Respondent</i> : Michael Lebowitz
Workshop 2.2 – Room BIII – Althusser	<i>Chair</i> : Peter Thomas Gregory Elliott, 'Althusser in his limits' Vittorio Morfino, 'The primacy of the encounter over form' Mikko Lahtinen, 'Conjunctures – Althusser's aleatory interpretation of Machiavelli'
Workshop 2.3 – Room B104 – Yugoslavia	<i>Chair</i> : Alberto Toscano Rastko Mocnik, 'Yugoslavia in the world-system' Ozren Pupovac, 'Project Yugoslavia: the singular and the plural'
12.00-1.00pm Lunch	
1.00-2.45pm	SESSION 3
Workshop 3.1 – Room B102 – Capital	Chair: Alfredo Saad-Filho Geert Reuten, 'On the quantitative homology between circulating capital and capital value; the problem of Marx's and the Marxian notion of "variable capital"" Riccardo Bellofiore, 'A ghost turning into a vampire: the concept of capital and living labour', Roberto Fineschi, 'The four levels of abstraction of Marx's concept of capital' <i>Respondent</i> : Alan Freeman
Workshop 3.2 – BIII – The Critique of Liberalism	<i>Chair</i> : Alberto Toscano Domenico Losurdo, 'A counterhistory of liberalism' <i>Respondents</i> : Alex Callinicos, G.M. Tamas
Workshop 3.3 – Room B104 – Selections from Das historisch- kritische Wörterbuch des Marxismus (Historical-Critical Dictionary of Marxism)	<i>Chair</i> : Peter Thomas Juha Koivisto & Mikko Lahtinen, 'Conjuncture' Thomas Barfuss, 'Conformism' Jan Rehmann, 'Ideology-critique'

2.45-3.00pm – Coffee break	
3.00-4.45pm	SESSION 4
Workshop 4.1 – Room B102 – Capital	<i>Chair</i> : Sam Knafo Andrew Kliman, 'Reclaiming Marx's <i>Capital</i> from the myth of inconsistency: notes on a new book' Mino Carchedi, 'Marx and the business cycle' Alan Freeman, 'Bortkiewicz, Sweezy, Sraffa and the sacrifice of scientific integrity to academic respectability: why the theory of history requires the theory of value' <i>Respondent</i> : Riccardo Bellofiore
Workshop 4.2 – Room BIII– Gramsci	<i>Chair</i> : Paul Reynolds Giorgio Baratta, 'Gramsci among us: Hall and Said' Rocco Lacorte, "'Language" and "translation", "praxis" and "culture" in Antonio Gramsci's <i>Prison Notebooks</i> ' Fabio Frosini, 'Immanence and historical materialism in Gramsci's <i>Prison Notebooks</i> ' Derek Boothman, 'The multiple sources of Gramsci's concept of Hegemony'
Workshop 4.3 – Room B104 – Venezuela	<i>Chair</i> : Alex Colas Marta Harnecker, 'Venezuela: a revolution <i>sui generis</i> ' Michael Lebowitz, 'What path is Venezuela constructing?' Chris Harman, 'Venezuela: important steps to come'
4.45-5.00pm – Coffee break	
5.00-6.30pm – Socialist Register PLENARY, Khalili Lecture Theatre (SOAS Main Building) – Telling the Truth about Class	<i>Chair</i> : Colin Leys G.M. Tamas, 'The truth about class' <i>Discussants</i> : Alex Callinicos, Simon Clarke
6.30-8.00pm – Socialist Register PLENARY, Khalili Lecture Theatre (SOAS Main Building) – The State of the Third Way	Chair: Alfredo Saad-Filho Colin Leys, 'The cynical state: the corruption of policy- making in Blair's Britain' David Miller, 'Propaganda-managed democracy: lies and the Iraq war' Michael Kustow, 'Playing with the truth: the political role of the theatre today' Elisa Van Waeyenberge, 'Stiglitz's "Third Way"? The truth about the "post-Washington consensus"
8.30pm – Conference Dinner	Tas Restaurant, 22 Bloomsbury Street, WCIB

Sunday 6 th – SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES (SOAS)	
10.00am-11.45am	SESSION 5
Workshop 5.1 – Room B102 – Nietzsche's philosophy and the postmodernist "hermeneutics of innocence"	<i>Chair</i> : Peter Thomas Domenico Losurdo, 'Nietzsche, the aristocratic rebel' Jan Rehmann, 'Towards a deconstruction of postmodernist neo-Nietzscheanism' Respondent: David McNally
Workshop 5.2 – Room BIII – Visions of Socialism	<i>Chair</i> : Paul Reynolds Paresh Chattopadhyay, 'Worlds apart: socialism in Marx and in early Bolshevism' Martin Thomas, 'Three traditions? Marxism and the USSR'
12.00-1.00pm– Lunch	
I.00-2.45pm	SESSION 6
Workshop 6.1- Room BIII – The Young Marx	<i>Chair</i> : Matteo Mandarini Roberto Finelli, 'A failed parricide' <i>Respondents</i> : Sean Sayers, David McNally, Peter Thomas
Workshop 6.2- Room B104 – Thinking the Political	<i>Chair</i> : Giuseppe Tassone Massimiliano Tomba, 'Another kind of <i>Gewalt</i> : the possibility of the impossible' Alberto Toscano, 'Scattering the ashes: truth and violence in Badiou's Marxism'
Workshop 6.3 – Room B102 – Marxism and Intellectuals	<i>Chair</i> : Esther Leslie Alex Demirovic, 'Intellectuals, epistemological terrains and formative stages of critical-materialist theory' Thomas Barfuss, 'Active subjects, passive revolution: agility, cleverness, irony' Paul Reynolds, 'History, subject and dialectics: deconstructing the Marxist intellectual'
2.45-3.00pm – Coffee break	
3.00-4.45pm	SESSION 7
Workshop 7.1 – Room BIII– "Mutations" in the mode of production	<i>Chair</i> : Alberto Toscano Mario Candeias, 'Hightech, <i>Hartz</i> and hegemony' Carlo Vercellone, 'The hypothesis of cognitive capitalism' Bob Jessop, 'The future of the capitalist state revisited'

Workshop 7.2 – Room B104 – Deleuze and Marx	<i>Chair</i> : Matteo Mandarini Nick Thoburn, "'Marxism in general has never existed": Deleuze and Guattari's Marx' Jason Read, 'The age of cynicism: Deleuze and Guattari on the production of subjectivity in capitalism'
Workshop 7.3 – Room B102– Iraq	<i>Chair</i> : Paul Blackledge Loukas Christodoulou, 'The corporate occupation of Iraq and worker resistance' Ali Kadri, 'Iraq: then and now' Subir Sinha, 'Solidarity after Iraq'
4.45-5.00pm – Coffee break	
5.00-7.00pm –Historical Materialism PLENARY – War and Capitalism – Room B102	<i>Chair</i> : Sebastian Budgen Michael Krätke, 'The political economy of war' Alex Colas, 'Civility and violence' Peter Gowan, 'Capitalism and war' Conference social – Venue to be announced

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DIRECTIONS FOR THE RUSSELL SQUARE CAMPUS (SOAS)

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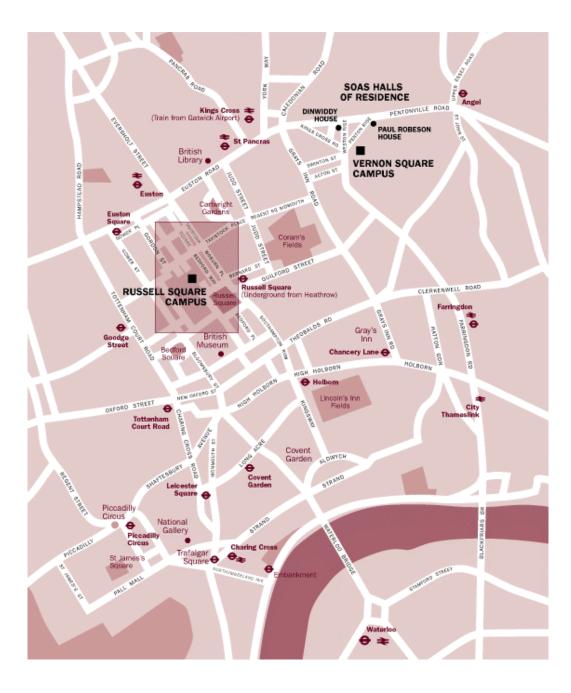
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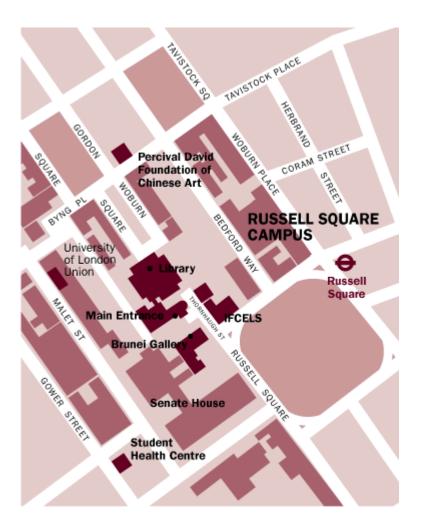
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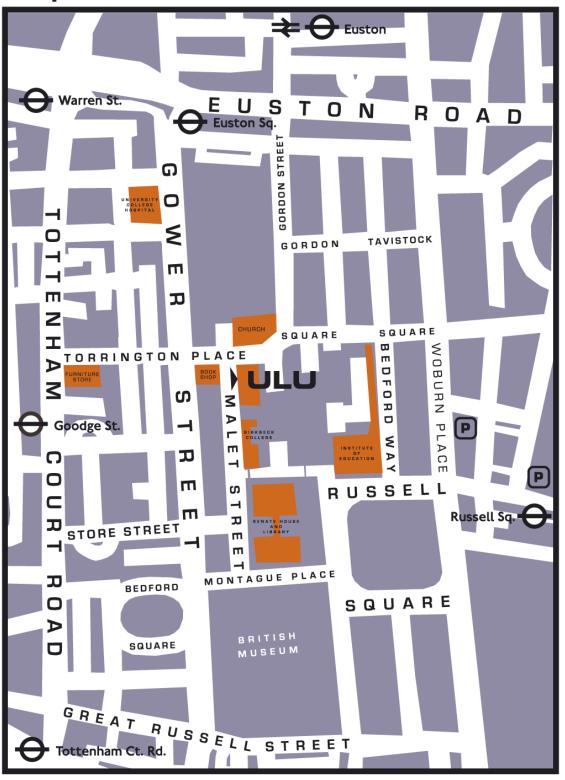
General Map of the area around Russell Square



Map of Russell Square Campus, SOAS



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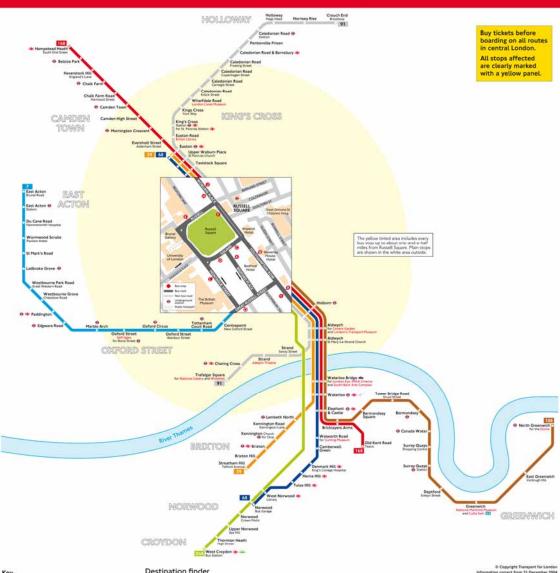


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