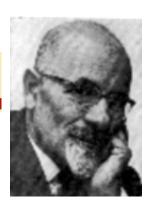


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Fourth Historical Materialism Annual Conference

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at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, WC1

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

The annual Historical Materialism conference is organised by the editorial board of *Historical Materialism* in association with the Deutscher Memorial Prize committee and the *Socialist Register*. The conference has become an important event on the Left, providing an annual forum to discuss recent developments on the agenda of historical-materialist research and has attracted an increasingly high attendance over the past three years. While there is no call for papers this year, the Editorial Board of Historical Materialism welcomes attendance and active engagement in discussion with panellists from new as well as prior participants with an interest in critical-Marxist thought.

One of the principle objectives of the conference has been to build bridges among the various Marxist communities, including the breaking down some of the linguistic and intellectual barriers which continue to hamper the circulation and expansion of critical-Marxist thought. The fourth annual Historical Materialism Conference promises to continue and take forward this objective.

The conference is organised around three plenary sessions (the *Deutscher* lecture, the launch of the *Socialist Register 2008*, and *Historical Materialism*'s plenaries) as well as workshops dedicated to specific themes. Some of the themes for the panels include: the labour process, neoliberalism and class, cinema (including film screenings), Gramsci, finance, utopia, Israel & Palestine, political economy, the 90th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, social movements, materialism & philosophy, world development, art & politics, slavery, Marx's *Grundrisse*, postcolonialism, Islam and the American Empire, value theory, Debord and the society of the spectacle.

Attendance is free. However, the conference is *entirely self-financed* and we will depend on voluntary donations by attendants and participants to support the event. The **suggested advanced online donation** is £30 for waged and £10 for unwaged < http://mercury.soas.ac.uk/hm/conference2007.htm>, and the **suggested donation on the door** is £40 for waged and £15 for unwaged.

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The Editorial Board of Historical Materialism

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SESSION ONE: 10am - 12noon

SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS L67	SOAS G2	Brunei 102
Contemporary Financial Crisis (Chair: Costas Lapavitsas) Riccardo Bellofiore and Joseph Halevi The Minsky Moment? The 2007 Financial Crisis and the 'New' Capitalism Jim Kincaid Marxist Perspectives on the Current Financial Crisis Fred Moseley The Subprime Mortgage Crisis in the US: How Bad Will It Be?	(Chair: Gonso Pozo) Mike Richards What the Resurgence of Public War Memories Tells Us About the Historiography of the Spanish Civil War Reiner Tosstorff The Debates on Soviet - Comintern Policy During the Spanish Civil War: The State of Affairs After the Opening of the Soviet	Sponsored by the Historical Materialism World Development Research Seminar (Chair: Kris Lasslett)		(Chair: Alberto Toscano) Slavoj Zizek Democracy and Dictatorship: What We Can Still Learn From Old Debates Discussants: tbc	Film, CGI and Capital (Chair: Paul Reynolds) Mark Bould and Sherryl Vint But Machines Did It: CGI, the Erasure of Labour and the Commodification of Social Knowledge in Contemporary Blockbuster Cinema Carl Freedman Noir, Science Fiction and Some Dialectics in Film Greg Tuck When More is Less: CGI, Spectacle and the Capitalist Sublime

LUNCH BREAK: 12 noon – 1.30pm

SESSION TWO: 1.30pm – 3.15pm

SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS L67	SOAS G3
Marxist Political Economy and the International Initiative for the Promotion of Political Economy (IIPPE) (Chair: tbc) Ben Fine IIPPE and the Imperative of Value Theory Dimitris Milonakis Marx and Interdiscipliniarity: The Role of the Historical in Marx's Capital Alfredo Saad Filho IIPPE and Neo-liberalism: A Research Agenda	Non-contemporaneity Peter Thomas Lenin as Biopolitician Alberto Toscano Dual Power Today	Movements (Chair: Paul Reynolds) Andreas Bieler Labour, New Social Movements and the	Working Class and Collective Action 2: A Debate on Mobilisation Theory (Chair: Simon Clarke) Maurizio Atzeni On Mobilisation Theory Gregor Gall The Uses, Abuses and Non-Uses of Mobilisation Theory in Understanding Organised Labour in Britain Anna Pollert From Individual to Collective Grievances: Evidence from Non-Unionised, Low-Paid Workers in 21st Century Britain. Discussants: Richard Hyman and John Kelly	
SOAS G2	Brunei 102	Brunei 111	Brunei 101	Brunei B103
	Russian Revolution: 90 th Anniversary (Chair: Sebastian Budgen)	Borders and the Political Economy of Development (Chair: Liam Campling) Jonathan Goodhand Drugs, War and Statehood in Afghanistan Paolo Novak Inequality at the Border Discussant: Alex Colas	Manuel Sacristan and Western Marxism 1: An Introduction Video clippings introduced by Eduard Rodriguez	Debord and the Society of the Spectacle: 40 Years On I (Chair: Alberto Toscano) Mikkel Bolt Rasmussen Playboys and playgirls on a higher level. J. V. Martin and the Situationist Internationale Tom Bunyard Debord, Dialectics and Strategy

COFFEE BREAK: 3.15pm – 3.45pm

SESSION THREE: 3.45pm - 5.30pm

SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS G3	
Development and Systems of	Understanding the International	Class Relations in the	Marx's Grundrisse	
Accumulation	(Chair: Sam Ashman)	Countryside	(Chair: Guido Starosta)	
IIPPE	Alex Callinicos Does Capitalism	Journal of Agrarian Change	Michael Krätke The MEGA Effect:	
(Chair: Ben Fine)	Need the State System?	(Chair: Terence J. Byres)	Rereading the Grundrisse and	
Jyoti Saraswati <i>The Indian Software Industry and Neo-Liberalism: The</i>	Neil Davidson Many States, Many Capitals: Logic, Contingency or	Henry Bernstein Reproduction of Rural Labour: Class Relations and	Capital Frieder Otto Wolf <i>Against the</i>	
Irony of a Mythology	Mediation?	Class Dynamics	Grundrisse Craze: Why We Should	
Hajime Sato Steel Industry in Asia: Political Economy and Industrial	Adam Morton Disputing the Geopolitics of Global Capitalism	Jens Lerche Changing Class Relations in Rural India	Not Draw Marx Back to Earlier Stages in his Research Process	
Policy		Carlos Oya Village labour markets in	Massimiliano Tomba Paradigm Shift	
Vanessa Ushie Peculiarities of Accumulation in Petro-States: The	umulation in Petro-States: The and dynamics		in the Philosophy of History: Between the Grundrisse and Capital	
Case of Nigeria				
Brunei 101	Brunei 102	Brunei 111	SOAS G2	
Althusser	Art and Politics	Finance and Capital in Turkey	Film Showing: The Films of Dziga Vertov	
(Chair: Peter Thomas)	(Chair: Paul Reynolds)	(Chair: Sam Knafo)		
Gal Kirn The Althusserian Rupture:	Gail Day Relationality and Materiality	Emre Altintas and Ufuk Tutan The	(Chair: Alberto Toscano)	
The Standpoint of Reproduction	Melanie Gilligan The Beggar's	Adverse Effects of Hot Money Inflows: Turkey 2001-2006	Screening and discussion of the films of Dziga Vertov, presented by	
Mikko Lahtinen <i>The Problem of Theoreticism in Althusser's Self-</i>	Pantomime: Performativity in Labour and Politics	Ulas Sener <i>Turkish Stability and</i>	Kino-Fist	
Criticism: A Gramscian Perspective	Sharon Kiyland <i>On Practice</i>	Monetary Policy in the Post-Liberal	Discussant: Jonathan Beller	
Janice Richardson Althusser's 'Discrepancies': Women, Class and the Relationship Between Self and Other in Althusser's Reading of Rousseau	Sharon Rivianu On Fractice	Era: A Case of Growth Through Debt?		

COFFEE BREAK: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

SESSION FOUR: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

The Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Memorial Prize Lecture: Problems Concerning the Economic Logic of the Feudal Mode

Chris Wickham

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre

(Chair: Alex Callinicos)

WINE RECEPTION: 8.30pm – Staff Common Room (1ST floor SOAS Building)

SESSION FIVE: 9.30am - 11.15am

Khalili Lecture Theatre	SOAS G52	SOAS G2	SOAS G3	SOAS G51	Brunei 102
Development and Finance (IIPPE)	Neoliberalism: Reactionary Reactions in Europe and the USA	Film Showing: The War on Democracy by John	Gramsci, International Relations and IPE	Slavery and the Political Economy of Reparations	Absolutism and the Bourgeois State
(Chair: Dimitris Milonakis) Ben Fine Privatisation and the World Bank: Rethinking a Rethink Paolo dos Santos Problems of Foreign Banks in Developing Countries Elisa van Waeyenberge After Structural Adjustment, Then What? The World Bank and the Emergence of a New Aid Regime	Socialist Register (Chair: Colin Leys) Kim Moody Soft Face, Hard Case: Neoliberalism in New York City Adrien Thomas Neoliberalism Reloaded: Sarkozy's Victory in the Presidential Election	Pilger Sponsored by Socialist Register Introduced by Atilio Boron and Alfredo Saad Filho (with discussion continuing in the next session)	(Chair: Alex Anievas) Andreas Bieler and Adam Morton The Deficits of Discourse in IPE: Turning Base Metal into Gold? Paul Cammack RIP IPE Peter Ives The Critical Bite of Gramsci's Linguistic Turn: Theorizing Language Politics in IR/IPE	(Chair: Liam Campling) Brian Alleyne [title tbc] Patrick Bond Reparations for apartheid, Odious Debt and ecological debt David Graeber Slavery, Service and Capitalism: A Very Long Term Perspective	(Chair: Sebastian Budgen) Neil Davidson Heide Gerstenberger Discussion of Gerstenberger's newly translated work Impersonal Power: History and Theory o the Bourgeois State
SOAS L67	Brunei 111	SOAS G50	Brunei 104	Brunei 101	Brunei 103
Russia and Poland: Issues in Political Economy (Chair: Gonso Pozo) Jane Hardy Taking on Neoliberalism: A New Agenda for Polish Trade Unions? Stuart Shields Plus Royalistes Que le Roi? Neo-Populism in Post- Communist Poland and the Reproduction/ Resistance of Neo-liberalism Tony Wood Who Rules Russia? Owen Worth Russia's Ceasarist Journey: Post- Communist Russia and its (Dis)integration into the Global Political Economy	1: Value, Money and Capital 1: Value, Money and Capital (Chair: Guido Starosta) Riccardo Bellofiore The Chrysalis and the Butterfly: Preliminary Considerations on How Marx Goes From Value to Capital through Money and Labour Michael Heinrich The Analysis of Value Form, Fetishism and Exchange Process: A Simultaneous Critique of Hegelian Philosophy and Political Economy Makoto Itoh The Evolution of the Concept of Value and its Historical Ground: From Marx's Dialogue with Aristotle	Film, Representation and East Germany (Chair: Mike Wayne) Gareth Dale Heimat, OStalgie and the Stasi: The GDR in German Cinema 1999-2006 Silke Panse Collective Subjectivity in The Children of Golzow vs. Alienation in 'Western' Interview Documentary	The Labour Process and Neo-liberalism (Chair: Demet Dinler) Dae-oup Chang Real Subsumption and Working Class Subjectivity in East Asia Jamie Gough Business Cycles and the Labour Process Alessandra Mezzadri Female Labour Heterogeneity As a Modality of Labour Control: The Case of the Indian Garment Sector	Ideology and Utopia (Chair: Matteo Mandarini) Matthew Beaumont Utopia, Defamiliarisation and Anamorphosis Tim Dayton America in the First World War: Poetry and Ideology Mauro Farnesi Taking History to the Front: A Blochian Perspective on Political Historiography Giacomo Marramao Messianism Without Delay: Benjamin and Historical Materialism	Writing the Lives of Revolutionaries (Chair: Christian Hogsberg) lan Birchall Tony Cliff and Non-Defensive Trotskyism Bryan Palmer James P. Cannon and the Origins of US Communism: Suggestions for Our Times

COFFEE BREAK: 11.15am – 11.45am

SESSION SIX: 11.45am – 1.30pm

Khalili Lecture Theatre	SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS G2	SOAS G3
Blair, Africa and Dispossession	Contemporary Capitalism		Sciences Today	Possibilities in Latin	Manuel Sacristan 2: Sacristan and Western
Review of African Political Economy (Chair: Liam Campling) Ray Bush Graham Harrison Tunde Zack Williams [all titles tbc]	(Chair: Ben Fine) Sedat Aybar The Integration of Central Asia in the World Economy	Educational Theory Unplugged Mike Neary Student as Producer: Reinventing the Undergraduate Curriculum	Michele Filippini The Discourse of Social Sciences and Gramscian Thought Peter Ives The Ignored Linguistics in Gramsci's	comments on John Pilger's film 'The War on Democracy', screened in session 5) Sponsored by Socialist Register	Marxism – Critical Engagements (Chair: Gonso Pozo) Antoni Domenech Albert Domingo [all titles tbc]
SOAS L67	Brunei 111	Brunei 102	Brunei 104	Brunei 101	Brunei 103
Marxist Method: Moving from the Abstract to the Concrete (Chair: Ben Selwyn) Gavin Capps Lenin in the Field? The Challenges of Researching Class and 'Taking Sides' in the BaFokeng Tribal Authority Area, South Africa Carlos Oya Methodological challenges in field-based empirical work on agrarian change, rural class formation and labour relations in Africa Discussant: Barbara Harriss-White	(Chair: Sam Ashman) Diego Guerrero Values and Prices: Transforming the Transformation Problem Simon Mohun Values and Prices - Deep Issues or Radly Posed Ouestions	London Socialist Historians' Book Launch Anne Alexander <i>Nasser,</i> Suez and 1956	Colonialism (Chair: Alex Colas) John Chalcraft Syrian Migrations to Lebanon Mark Laffey The Limits of	(Chair: Esther Leslie) Helena Sheehan Marxism and Science Studies: The Historical Drama, the Contemporary Conjuncture Viren Swami The	Marxism, Pashukanis and Law (Chair: Paul Reynolds) Bill Bowring International Law, Lenin and Self-Determination Andreas Harms Commodity Form and Legal Form Robert Knox [title tbc]

LUNCH BREAK: 1.30pm – 3pm ['MEET THE EDITORS' – If you would like to discuss editorial matters related to Historical Materialism please

come to Room G50 during the lunch break]

SESSION SEVEN: 3pm - 4. 45pm

Historical Materialism Plenary: Neo-liberalism and Neo-imperialism

Robert Brenner, Alex Callinicos, David McNally

Khalili Lecture Theatre (Chair: Sebastian Budgen)

COFFEE BREAK: 4.45pm - 5.00pm

SESSION EIGHT: 5. 00pm - 6. 45pm

Socialist Register Plenary: Islam and the American Empire

Bashir Abu-Manneh, Gilbert Achcar, Aijaz Ahmad, Sabah Alnasseri, Asef Bayat

Khalili Lecture Theatre (Chair: Colin Leys)

CONFERENCE DINNER: 8pm: Tas Restaurant, 22 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1

SESSION NINE: 10am - 11.45am

SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS G2	
The Current Imperial Conjuncture and	Marxism and Geopolitics	State, Class Politics and Labour	Marxism and Film	
the recovery of Classical Marxism	(Chair: Gonso Pozo)	(Chair: Demet Dinler)	(Chair: Matteo Mandarini)	
(Chair: Sam Ashman)	Peter Gowan [title tbc]	Ana Cecilia Bergene Class Politics,	Giorgio Barrata <i>Gramsci, New York and</i>	
Radhika Desai <i>The New 'New</i>	Kees van der Pijl <i>Global Political</i>	Hegemony and the Ideology of Social	the Mystery of Naples	
Imperialism': Putting the Nation-State Back In	Economy and Historical Materialism		Paola Bonifazio Another "Passive	
Alan Freeman <i>Under Development:</i>	Tony Smith National Systems of	Maria Kyriakidou State, Gender and the Definition of Labour	Revolution": Marshall Plan Films, the Italian Information Services, and the Christian Democratic Road to Hegemony	
Towards a Theory of the Economics of Modern Imperialism	Innovation and the World Market	Jane Wills Class Without Class? The London Living Wage Campaign		
John Smith North-South is Still With Us: The Globalisation of Capitalist Production and the North-South Divide			Mike Wayne <i>British cinema/Hollywood</i> colony	
SOAS L67	SOAS G3	Brunei 102	Brunei 111	
The History of Materialism	Citizenship in a Neo-liberal Age	Marxism, Art and Institutions	Political Struggles Today	
(Chair: Paul Reynolds)	(Chair: David McNally)	(Chair: Esther Leslie)	(Chair: Peter Thomas)	
Andrew Brown Spinozism, Materialism	Colin Mooers Imperial Subjects: From	Leigh French Marketing Culture	Rodrigo Nunes Breeding Mutants:	
and Dialetics	Social Citizenship to Social Capital	Steve Edwards Commodities and	Subjectivism, Post-Subjective Politics and Organisation in Post-Operaismo	
Nina Power Feuerbach and Political	Rick Kuhn Citizenship, Race and Class in Australia	copyright, property and pictures		
Subjectivity		Owen Hatheney Towards a	Massimo de Angelis and David Harvie Finance, Discipline and Global Value	
Ted Winslow The Role of 'Individuality' and its Development in Marx's Historical Materialism		Revolutionary Functionalism	Struggles	

COFFEE BREAK: 11.45am - 12 noon

SESSION TEN: 12 noon – 1.45pm

Khalili Lecture Theatre	SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS G2	SOAS G3
Economics Imperialism IIPPE	Isaac Deutscher and the New Left		Grundrisse and the Development of Marx's		Problems Within Reproduction Theory
(Chair: Alfredo Saad Filho)	(Chair: Gonso Pozo) Robin Blackburn [title tbc] Rick Kuhn [title tbc]	(Chair: Gareth Dale) Adrian Budd Historicism, Hegemony and 'the International' – the Neo- Gramscian Reading of Gramsci Bob Jessop Further Development of Gramsci's Concept of the Integral	Critique of Political Economy (Chair: Jim Kincaid) Michael Heinrich From the Critical use of Ricardian Economics to the Critique of Political Economy	(Chair: Mike Wayne) Benjamin Noys Marx and Freud in the Same Incandescent Light: Marcuse's Return to Freud Fabio Vighi Desire, Drive, Violence: On Film and Liberation	(Chair: Guido Starosta) Urs Lindner and Jana Tschurenev For a Critical Theory of Reproduction
•	Brunei 102	Brunei 111	Brunei 103	Brunei 104	Brunei 101
	Debord and the Society of the Spectacle: 40 Years On II (Chair: Alberto Toscano) Jonathan Beller The America(n) Effect: Abstract Expressionism Meets the School of the Americas	On Paul Willis Learning To Labour: 30 th Anniversary Paul Willis Learning to Labour 30 Years On Why Do We Still Need Learning to Labour? Discussant: Beverley Skeggs Discussant: Paul Reynolds	Materialism and Philosophy (Chair: Gareth Dale) Stefan Gandler The Philosophy of Praxis in Mexico: Adolfo Sanchez Vazquez and Bolivar Echeverria William Lewis Towards an	Africa and Resistance (Chair: Gavin Capps) Peter Dwyer and Miles Larmer Southern African Social Movements, Anti- capitalism and the World Social Forum David Seddon and Leo Zeilig An Epoch of	Pre-capitalist Modes of Production (Chair: Sam Knafo) Owen Miller The Tributary Mode of Production and Korea Spyros Sakellaropoulos Origins of Greek- Turkey Conflict and the Asiatic Mode of Production

LUNCH BREAK: 1.45pm – 2.45pm

SESSION ELEVEN: 2.45pm – 4.30pm

Khalili Lecture Theatre	SOAS G2	
World Economy: Is the Long Downturn Over?	Israel-Palestine	
(Chair: Alfredo Saad Filho)	(Chair: Gilbert Achcar)	
Roundtable discussion:	Bashir Abu-Manneh Problems of Palestinian Liberation	
Robert Brenner	Ilan Pappe The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine	
Chris Harman	Eyal Weizman and Eyal Sivan Lesser Evils	
Makoto Itoh		