

Sixth *Historical Materialism* Annual Conference

Another World is Necessary: Crisis, Struggle and Political Alternatives

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The annual *Historical Materialism* conference brings together hundreds of participants for a weekend of critical and comradely discussions of Marxist thought and its role in the analysis and transformation of the present. It has become an important event on the Left, providing an international forum to discuss recent developments on the agenda of critical Marxist research and attracting an increasingly high attendance over the past four years.

One of the principal 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 that continue to hamper the circulation and expansion of historical materialist perspectives. The sixth annual *Historical Materialism* aims to take forward this objective of the journal. This year's meeting seeks in particular to foster critical analyses of current capitalist crises and discussions of intellectual traditions, conceptual tools and political experiences that could play a part in the revival of a Marxist Left.

The conference is organised around three plenary sessions (the Deutscher lecture by Kees Van Der Pijl, the launch of the *Socialist Register 2010*, and *Historical Materialism's* plenary, with Fredric Jameson and discussants) and panels in parallel sessions dedicated to specific themes and debates.

The conference is largely self-funded and we will depend on voluntary donations by attendants and participants to support the organisation and running of the event. The **suggested advanced online donation** is £40 for waged and £15 for unwaged <<http://mercury.soas.ac.uk/hm/conference2009.htm>>, and the **suggested donation on the door** is £50 for waged and £20 for unwaged.

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REGISTRATION: 9–9.45am Birkbeck Malet street basement

SESSION ONE: 9.45–11.30am

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INTERPRETATIONS OF THE CRISIS 1 Chair: Sebastian Budgen Moishe Postone – Crisis and Value Verity Burgmann – The Global Financial Crisis and the ideas of Antonio Negri John Weeks – Marx's Theory of Value and the Global Financial Crisis	PHILOSOPHY AND COMMUNISM IN THE EARLY MARX Chair: Peter Thomas Marco Vanzulli – Marx's Philosophical Position Starting Again from the Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844 James Furner – The Sketch of Communist Society in <i>The German Ideology</i> Luca Basso – Singularity and communism in <i>The German Ideology</i>	AGENCY, CLASS, SUBJECTIVITY Chair: Alberto Toscano Robert Jackson – Subjectivity in Marx's Capital Sheila Cohen - Left Agency and Class Action: The Paradox of Workplace Radicalism Alexander Zevin – 1968: Workers, Students, Lessons	THE CRISIS OF THE NATION-STATE AND THE LIMITS OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM Chair: Gonzalo Pozo Halil Berkta – Absolute Anti-Imperialism: A Senile Disorder Jaime Pastor – The Global Crisis, the Crisis of the Nation-State and the Left Nicos Trimikliniotis – Cypriot Communism: Facing the Crisis of Anti-imperialism and the Challenges of Rapprochement in Resolving a National Question	LINEAGES OF NEOLIBERALISM Chair: Rob Knox Kevin Doogan – Left Wing Harmonies in the Neoliberal Chorus? Mike Geddes – Contesting the Neoliberal State in Latin America	EXTENDING THE MINERALS-ENERGY-COMPLEX (IIPPE) Chair: Dimitris Milonakis Lotta Takala-Greenish – The MEC and policy space Sam Ashman and Susan Newman – State Intervention in South Africa: The Evolution of the Minerals Energy Complex Since 1994 Nicolas Pons-Vignon – The Forestry Sector in South Africa: A Case of MEC-itis	CAPITALISM, CITIZENSHIP AND CRISIS Chair: Paul Reynolds Neil Davidson – Neoliberalism, Citizen-Consumers and the Persistence of the Nation-State Colin Mooers – Citizenship, Fetishism and the Financial Crisis Kathryn Dean – Post-capitalist Citizenship and the Cognitive Division of Labour: An Aristotelian-Marxian Approach	CUBAN REVOLUTION, CUBAN SOCIETY Chair: Alex Colas Steve Cushion – The Working Class in the Cuban Revolution Elizabeth Dore – Talking Politics: Life Histories in the Cuban Revolution Carrie Hamilton – Sex, Work and Housing in Contemporary Cuba: Towards an Integrated Historical Analysis

SESSION TWO: 11.45-1.30pm

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INTERPRETATIONS OF THE CRISIS 2 Chair: Sebastian Budgen Joseph Choonara – Marxist Accounts of the Current Crisis Jonathan Neale – Economic Crisis, Climate Crisis, Ecosocialism and Marxism Peter Hudis – Legacy of Rosa Luxemburg in Light of Today's Economic Crisis	THE CRITIQUE OF RELIGION AND THE CRITIQUE OF CAPITALISM Chair: Alberto Toscano Wendy Brown – Religious Capitalism: Re-reading Marx Gilbert Achcar (discussant)	UNION STRUGGLES Chair: Rob Knox Gregory C Flemming – Onitsha? It's always like that in Onitsha - CUPE 3903 on Strike Monica Clua Losada – Ménage à trois: The ITF, the TGWU and the Liverpool Dockers Ellen Rosen – Wal-Mart Joins the Union	CRISIS AND POLITICS IN ARGENTINA Chair: Jeffery Webber Jean Baptiste Thomas – The Cordobazo: A Debate Within the Argentinean Left Forty Years Later Mariano Feliz – Neo-Developmentalism: Beyond Neoliberalism? Capitalist Crisis and Argentina's Development Since the 1990s Steffen Fischer – Development and Crisis: The Argentine Case	PLANNING, LOCALISM AND THE LEFT Chair: Liam Campling Greg Sharzer – The Political Economy of Localism Aram Eisenschitz – Town Planning, Planning Theory and Social Reform Jamie Gough – How Can the Class-Struggle Left Use the Local Scale at the Present Time?	ART AGAINST CAPITALISM Chair: Antigoni Memou Tim Dayton – Love and Arms and Song : Romantic Anticapitalism in the Poetry of Alan Seeger Rob Heynen – “We Are the Eyes of Our Class!”: Class, Gender and Revolutionary Politics in Weimar Photography Maria Elisa Cevalasco – Art against Barbarism	ON THE OBJECTS OF COMMUNISM: A HACKING PANEL Chair: Matteo Mandarini Johan Soderberg – Hackers and the Left: Bridging the Gap Toni Prug – The Objects of Communism: State-Form Hacks	RESEARCH ON MARX Chair: James Furner Xiaoping Wei – The Recognition of Theory in Historical Materialism Michael Wood – Hal Draper on Karl Marx's Theory of Revolution John Clegg – On the Obsolescence of the Critique of Ideology

LUNCH BREAK: 1.30–2.30pm (IIPPE meeting, room TBA)

SESSION THREE: 2.30-4.15pm

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AGRARIAN CHANGE IN CONTEMPORARY CAPITALISM: TECHNICAL DYNAMICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRAJECTORIES (JOURNAL OF AGRARIAN CHANGE) Chair: Henry Bernstein Les Levidow – Global Agrofuel Crops as Dispossession Peter P. Mollinga – Political Economy Meets Political Ecology: Some Issues of Theory and Method with Reference to Water Use for Agriculture in India Jason W. Moore – The End of the Road? Agricultural Revolutions in the Capitalist World-Ecology, 1450-2015. Phil Woodhouse – Productivity and Sustainability: What is the Effect of Farm Scale?	INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE CRISIS Chair: Alex Anievas Fuat Ercan – Looking at the Crisis from the Periphery: Insights from the Turkish Case Pinar Bedirhanoglu and Galip Yalman – Coping with the Crisis in the South: With or Without the IMF Maria Ivanova – Consumerism and the Crisis: Wither the ‘American Dream’?	LABOUR IN THE CRISIS Chair: Alex Colas Kim Moody – Crisis Upon Crisis: US Labour in a New Period Melda Ozturk and Nuray Ergunes – From 2001 Financial Crisis to Global Crisis: The impact of Capitalist Restructuring on Female Labour Power in Turkey	SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA: THE PRESENT CONJUNCTURE Chair: Jeffery Webber Thomas Purcell – Ground-rent and chavismo: a critique of the Bolivarian Revolution Andreia Galvao and Jose Marcos Novelli – Is Neo-Liberalism Under Attack In Brazil? Lula's Response to the Economic Crisis Leandro Vergara-Camus – The MST and the EZLN: The Meaning of Autonomy	POLITICS IN THE BUSINESS SCHOOL? (EPHEMERA) Chair: Stephen Dunne The <i>Ephemera</i> collective – Theory and Politics in the Business School Armin Beverungen – Capital and the Business School: Collusion or Collision Stefano Harney – Extreme Neo-Liberalism
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COERCION, POLITICS AND THE ECONOMY Chair: Gonzalo Pozo-Martin Sébastien Rioux – The Separation of the Economic and the Political in Capitalism: A Critique of Neo-Smithian Marxism Funda Hülagü – In Search of a Historical Materialist Approach to the Issue of Physical State Coercion and Coercive Apparatuses of the State	EPISTEMOLOGY, DIALECTICS AND LANGUAGE IN HISTORICAL MATERIALISM Chair: Rob Knox Zaira Rodrigues Vieira – Epistemology and Practice: Marxist Dialectic According to Della Volpe and Althusser Knox Peden – Recuperating Science, Attenuating Philosophy: The Spinozism of Louis Althusser Jonathan Martineau – The Linguistic Turn: A Historical Materialist Perspective	THE POLITICAL AESTHETICS OF REALISM Chair: Steve Edwards Kerstin Stakemeier – On Realism in Art Daniel Fairfax – Towards a Political Aesthetics of the Cinema Gene Ray – Dialectical Realism: On Brecht, Adorno and the Problem of Representing Contemporary Capitalism	LEARNING FROM PAST CRISES Chair: Giorgos Galanis Keith Flett – Marx and the British Banking Crisis of the 1840s and 1850s Hillel Ticktin – The Downturn as a Depression, Leaving Capital without a Strategy Ebru Deniz Ozan – Class Struggle and the Capitalist Response to the Crisis in Turkey, 1977-1980	ALTERGLOBALISATION MOVEMENTS AND KOREA Chair: Jamie Allinson Seongjin Jeong – The Ideas of Alterglobalisation Movements and Marxism Sang-Hwan Jang – European Radical Left Parties in the Alterglobalisation Movements Eui-Dong Kim – The Achievements and Limitations of Attac in the Alterglobalisation Movements Gilbert Achcar (discussant)

SESSION FOUR: 4.30–6.15pm

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POSTNEOLIBERALISM (ROSA LUXEMBURG FOUNDATION) Chair: Benjamin Opratko Birgit Sauer – What About Gender Relations? The Slow Transformation of Gender Inequality Gregory Albo – The Crisis of Neoliberalism and the Impasse of the Union Movement Ulrich Brand – The Ambiguous Postneoliberalising of Nature: The Case of Agrofuels	CAPITALISM AND BEYOND Chair: Matteo Mandarini Riccardo Bellofiore – The Grundrisse after Capital, or how to re-read Marx backwards Massimiliano Tomba – Interpretations of the 'Fragment on Machines' John Holloway – Crack Capitalism Peter Thomas (discussant)	LISTEN TO VENEZUELA SCREENING AND DISCUSSION Chair: Jeffery Webber Mike Wayne Deirdre O'Neill John Foran (discussant)	CLASS AND POLITICS IN THE 'GLOBAL SOUTH' Chair: Liam Campling Ravi Raman – From Victimhood to Agency: Social Democratic Regimes in India Seongjin Jeong – Korean Progressives' Debates on Alternatives to Neoliberalism Noaman Ali – Imperialism, class and class struggle in Mozambique: 1975-2008	ECOLOGIES AND GEOGRAPHIES OF CAPITALISM Chair: Rob Knox Andriana Vlachou – Green Capitalist Development and Wind Energy Romain Felli – Climate Change, International Law, and Capitalist Accumulation Ayesha Hameed – Vectors of the Global Border
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UTOPIAS, DYSTOPIAS AND SOCIALIST BIOPOLITICS Chair: Steve Edwards Caroline Arscott - William Morris, ornament and the coordinates of the body Sheila Rowbotham – Edward Carpenter: Body and Soul Matthew Beaumont (discussant)	BOOK LAUNCH: KARL MARX AND CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY, ED. BY A. CHITTY and M. MCIVOR Chair: Martin McIvor Andrew Chitty Meade McCloughan Nick Gray	IN MEMORY OF PETER GOWAN Chair: Alex Colas Adrian Budd Gilbert Achcar Vassillis Fouskas Mike Newman	EASTERN CENTRAL EUROPE FROM TRANSITION TO EU ENLARGEMENT: CHANGE AND CONTINUITY IN THE GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY Chair: Jamie Allinson Stuart Shields – Populism, Regressive Nationalism and Labour in the 'New' Europe Hugo Radice – Marxism in Eastern Europe Adam Fabry – Reflecting Unevenness: Hungary, the World Economy, and the Current Economic Crisis Vlad Mykhnenko and Adam Swain – Ukraine's Diverging Space Economy	HISTORICAL MATERIALISM AND SOCIAL RESEARCH Chair: Alex Anievas William Lewis – What Makes Social Theory Critical: A Defense of Historical Materialist Assumptions in Social Scientific Research Alexander Gallas – Neo-Poulantzasianism: A New Type of Marxist Political Analysis? Michalis Skomvoulis – La Pensée Mai 68 and the Marxist Theory of Ideology: Debord, Baudrillard, Castoriadis

DEUTSCHER COMMITTEE WINE RECEPTION: 6.15-6.45pm – Outside Khalili Lecture Theatre

SESSION FIVE: 6.45–8.30pm

Khalili Lecture Theater

ISAAC AND TAMARA DEUTSCHER PRIZE LECTURE

Kees Van Der Pijl – Modes Of Foreign Relations: Historicising The International

SESSION SIX: 9.30–11.15am

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RED PLANETS: MARXISM AND SCIENCE FICTION Chair: China Miéville Mark Bould – Science Fiction, Globalisation and the Logic of Capital Carl Freedman – General Reflections on Marxism and Science Fiction Matthew Beaumont – Anamorphosis, Ideology and Science Fiction	MARXISM AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS: A DISCUSSION Chair: Laurence Cox Jeff Goodwin Liz Humphries Colin Barker	HISTORICAL MATERIALISM AND LATE CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT Chair: Sam Ashman Ben Selwyn – Trotsky, Gerschenkron and the Political Economy of Late Capitalist Development Mike Haynes – Rationality, Gerschenkron and the Soviet Model John Glenn – Developmental Space in Historical and Geo-Political Perspective Dae-oup Chang (discussant)	MONEY Chair: Bue Hansen Jean-Guy Loranger – The market value of the US dollar and the Financial Instability Crisis Iren Levina – Interest-Bearing Capital, Loanable Capital, and the Dialectic of the Circuit of the Money-Form of Capital	THE RIGHT: RACE, NATION, IDENTITY Chair: Gonzalo Pozo-Martin Juan Grigera – Right-Wing Social Movements? The Argentinean 'Development Model' in Question Juliane Edler – <i>Volk</i> as 'Race': German Unification, Cultural Reservoir and the Law
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GRAMSCI RELOADED Chair: Peter Thomas Derek Boothman and Adam Morton – The 1926 Agrarian and International Theses of the Italian Communist Party: Gramsci's Input Dhruv Jain – Gramsci Rediscovered: Rethinking 'The Modern Prince'	MARXISM AND TIME Chair: Benjamin Noys Sami Khatib – Karl Marx, Walter Benjamin and the Spectre of the Messianic: Is There a Materialist Theory of Time? Blair Ogden – Cycles, Lines and Exceptions: Elucidating the Ideology of Progress in 'On the Concept of History' Amedeo Policante – Between History and Myth: The Insurrectionary Experience of Time in Furio Jesi's <i>Spartakus</i>	KNOWLEDGE, NATURE, PROPERTY Chair: Liam Campling Ozgur Narin – From the <i>Origin of Species</i> to the Genome Project, or, the Capitalist Book of the 'Inventory of Genes': The Capitalist Appropriation of Species and Genes Christian Zeller – Knowledge and Nature as Fields of Valorisation of (Financial) Capital	ART AND CRITIQUE IN GERMANY BETWEEN THE WARS Chair: Esther Leslie Giorgos Papafragkou – Weimar Marxism: Between Critique and Utopia Christopher Chitty – Reading Symptoms and Crises: The Politics of Art and Utopia Owen Hatherley – 'No Rococo Palace for Buster Keaton': Americanism and Weimar Architecture	REGISTERING THE CRISIS: A SOCIALIST REGISTER ROUNDTABLE IS NEOLIBERALISM OVER? CAN FINANCE CAPITAL'S HEGEMONY BE RE-ESTABLISHED? IS THE ECONOMIC CRISIS A CRISIS OF AMERICAN EMPIRE? WHERE ARE WORKING CLASSES RESPONDING WITH NEW CHALLENGES TO CAPITAL? PART I Chair: Vivek Chibber Greg Albo; Leo Panitch; Alfredo Saad Filho; Ben Fine; Hugo Radice; Dick Bryan

SESSION SEVEN: 11.45am–1.30pm

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THE POLITICS OF THE WILL Chair: Alberto Toscano Frank Ruda – The Will and its Double: Hegel, Marx, Badiou. Peter Hallward – Dialectical Voluntarism, a Defence	GLOBAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS: MARXIST REFLECTIONS Chair: China Miéville Bill Bowring – How can a political account of human rights avoid eurocentrism? Akbar Rasulov – For Hale and Althusser: an Outline of a Marxist Theory of Global Law Rob Knox (discussant)	ECOLOGICAL CRISIS (ROSA LUXEMBURG FOUNDATION) Chair: Ulrich Brand Erik Swyngedouw – Ecology as the New Opium of the People Tadzio Müller – Green New Deal and New Fields of Capital Accumulation Eva Charkiewicz – TBA	BOOK LAUNCH: ALEX CALLINICOS'S IMPERIALISM AND GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY Chair: Sebastian Budgen Alex Callinicos David McNally Lucia Pradella	CLASS, CRISIS, DISTRIBUTION Chair: Sam Ashman Engelbert Stockhammer – Income distribution and the causes of the present crisis Simon Mohun – What is the Current Crisis a Crisis of? Serdal Bahçe and Ahmet Hasim Kose – Class Composition Within and Between the Class Distribution of Income in Turkey, 2002-2006: Who is <i>Primus Inter Non Pares</i>?
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WORKERS AND STRUGGLE TODAY Chair: Alex Colas Demet Dinler – The Ontological Problem of the Worker Sara Motta – We are the Ones we have been Waiting For': The Feminisation of Resistance in Venezuela Alan Sears – Rebuilding the Infrastructure of Dissent	PRESENTATION OF THE JOURNAL <i>CHTO DELAT/WHAT IS TO BE DONE?</i> Chair: Steve Edwards Alexei Penzin Dmitry Vilensky David Mabb (discussant) John Timberlake (discussant)	STUDENT MOVEMENTS AND YOUTH REVOLTS Chair: Toni Prug Stipe Curkovic – A Different Notion of Democracy? Primož Krasovec – All Anti-Communists are Paper Tigers: Student Uprisings in Croatia in the Light of Struggle Against Revisionism Clare Solomon – UK University Occupations Panagiotis Sotiris – The December 2008 Greek Youth Rebellion	LABOUR BEYOND THE FACTORY Chair: Giorgos Galanis Emily van der Meulen – Reframing Sex Work as Sexual and Emotional Labour Mislav Žitko – The University and the Class Structure: A Reexamination	REGISTERING THE CRISIS: A SOCIALIST REGISTER ROUNDTABLE PART II Chair: Vivek Chibber Greg Albo; Leo Panitch; Alfredo Saad Filho; Ben Fine; Hugo Radice; Dick Bryan

LUNCH: 1.30–2.45pm (meeting with the editors of HM and the HM Book Series on ideas and proposals, room TBA)

SESSION EIGHT: 2.45–4.30pm

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APOCALYPSE MARXISM Chair: Alberto Toscano Benjamin Noys – Apocalyptic Tones and Accelerating Crisis Evan Calder Williams – Combined and Uneven Apocalypse Mark Fisher – Post-Apocalypse Now	DIMENSIONS OF THE GLOBAL CRISIS Chair: Sam Ashman Bonn Juego and Johannes Dragsbaek Schmidt – Unpacking the Global Crisis: Neo-liberalism, Financial Crises and Authoritarian Liberalism Ozlem Onaran – From the Crisis of Distribution to the Distribution of the Costs of the Crisis John Smith – Outsourcing and the Crisis	COMMODIFYING HEALTH CARE IN THE UK (SOCIALIST REGISTER) Chair: Ursula Huws Sally Ruane – The Destruction of the NHS Jonathon Tomlinson – The impact of Marketisation on General Practice in England Colin Leys – How Capital has Subverted the NHS in England	HM BOOK SERIES LAUNCH: MIKKO LAHTINEN'S POLITICS AND PHILOSOPHY: NICCOLÒ MACHIAVELLI AND LOUIS ALTHUSSER'S ALEATORY MATERIALISM Chair: Peter Thomas Mikko Lahtinen Banu Bargu Panagiotis Sotiris Gal Kirn	POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VIOLENCE Chair: Sebastian Budgen Conor Kostick – The Fall of Jerusalem, 15 July 1099 Jeff Goodwin – Is There a Marxist Theory of Terrorism? Gareth Dale – At the Brink of a Great Transformation? Karl Polyani's Great Transformation Today
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FINANCE, POLITICS AND THE STATE Chair: Giorgos Galanis Costas Lapavitsas – Financialisation: What It Is and How to Analyse It Randy Martin – Beyond Risk and Remorse: Politics After Financialisation Anush Kapadia – Monetary Materialism: Value, Credit, and the State	THE ARTS AND CAPITALIST CRISIS: THE NEW DEAL EXPERIENCE (SPONSORED BY MARXISM IN CULTURE SEMINAR) Chair: Andrew Hemingway Warren Carter – The Artist as Worker: Radical Responses to the New Deal Federal Art Projects Jody Patterson – Revolution on the Walls: Modernism and the Left During the New Deal Period Barnaby Harran – The Machines that Broke America: Conflicts of Interests in Pare Lorentz's Documentary Films	UNOISM, ECOLOGY AND CRISIS Chair: Rob Knox John Bell – Anti-Authoritarian Eco-Communism from Marx to Sekine Thomas Sekine – An Unoist View on the Current Economic Crisis	ENERGY, WASTE AND CAPITALISM Chair: Liam Campling Tim Cooper – Waste and the Political Ecology of Victorian Capital Jesse Goldstein – Human Waste Management and the Survival of Capitalism Daniel Tanuro – Marxism, Energy and Ecology: the Moment of Truth	POSTNEOLIBERALISM II – A LEFT PROJECT: TRANSFORMING THE STATE? (ROSA LUXEMBURG FOUNDATION) Chair: Birgit Sauer Bob Jessop Hilary Wainwright Ed Rooksby – Towards a 'Revolutionary Reformist' Strategy Within and Against the State

SESSION NINE: 5.00–6.45pm

MORBID SYMPTOMS: HEALTH UNDER CAPITALISM – THE *SOCIALIST REGISTER* 2010

Chair: Leo Panitch

Colin Leys – Capitalism, Health, and Health Care

Julian Tudor Hart – Mental Health In a Sick Society: What are People for?

Robert Albritton – Between Obesity and Hunger: The Capitalist Food Industry

Meri Koivusalo – Shaping Global Health Policy: From the WHO to the Gates Foundation

CONFERENCE DINNER: 8pm

Tas Restaurant, 22 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1

SESSION TEN: 10–11.45am

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CAPITALISM, CULTURE AND THE RECUPERATION OF DISSENT Chair: Esther Leslie Julian Stallabrass – The Fracturing of Globalisation Peter Fleming – Trotsky at Saatchi's: Designer Resistance and Mapping the Limits of the Corporation Nicola Livingstone – Beyond a Heterotopia: The Spectacle of Charity-Retailing under British Capitalism	ALTHUSSER AND PHILOSOPHY Chair: Peter Thomas Thomas Carmichael – Thinking Crisis Through Aleatory Materialism: The Becoming Necessary of Contingency in the late Althusser Panagiotis Sotiris – Can We Really Oppose the Dialectic of the Conjuncture and the Dialectic of the Structure in Althusser's Work? Ozren Pupovac – <i>It is Necessary to Change It: Althusser Without the Subject?</i>		LATIN AMERICAN WORKING CLASSES Chair: Jeffery Webber Susan Spronk – Neoliberal Class Formation(s): The Informal Proletariat and 'New' Workers' Organisations in Latin America Ricardo Antunes – The Challenges of Leftist Trade Unions and Socialist Movements in Brazil Today: The Eternal Restart Lesley Gill – The Limits of Solidarity: Labour and Transnational Organising against Coca-Cola	THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF WORK (IIPPE) Chair: Dave Spencer Gary Slater – The Political Economy of Work in Modern Britain Bruno Tinel – The Positive Contribution of Braverman on the Labour Process to Understanding Today's Capitalism. Andreas Malm – Class struggle in the Air: Revisiting the Origins of Global Warming in Early Capitalist Development	
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A DEBATE ON ZIONISM, ANTISEMITISM AND THE LEFT Chair: Sebastian Budgen John Rose Robert Fine Shlomo Sand	CLASS AND CONFLICT IN ANCIENT GREECE Chair: Alberto Toscano Frantz Gheller – War in Ancient Greece Tobias Reichardt – Social Domination in Greek Philosophy Jairus Banaji (respondent)	THE POLITICS OF VALUE Chair: Giorgos Galanis Andy Higginbottom – The Third Form of Surplus Value Increase Colin Barker – Force and Value: A Preliminary Contribution to Marxist State Theory Christina Rousseau – Reframing Surplus Value: Unwaged Labour and the Reproduction of Capital	MIGRATION Chair: Sara Farris Jane Hardy – State, Labour and Capital: Migration in an Enlarged Europe Ilker Atac – Discussing Migration in the Light of the Economic Crisis: Beyond The Victimisation and Economisation of Migrants Ferruccio Gambino – Migration and Labour Turnover		NEW TRAJECTORIES OF CAPITALISM (ROSA LUXEMBURG FOUNDATION) Chair: Tadzio Müller Steffen Lehndorff Dorothee Bohle Stefan Schmalz and Mathias Ebenau

SESSION ELEVEN: 12–1.45pm

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DIMENSIONS OF THE FOOD CRISIS Chair: Alex Colas Patricia Howard – Can We Govern the Ungovernable? Meat, Biofuels and Land Use Change with Peak Oil Robert Albritton – Let Them Eat Junk: How Capitalism Creates Hunger and Obesity Les Levidow (discussant)	DEVELOPMENTALISM, THE STATE AND CLASS FORMATION Chair: Rob Knox Subir Sinha – State, Developmentalism and the Transnational Tom Barnes – Development and class formation in neo-liberal India Aaron Benanav – Structures of Superfluity: A Critique of Mike Davis's <i>Planet of Slums</i>	FEMINISM AND SOCIALIST STRATEGY Chair: Nina Power Maria Kyriakidou – Another World is Possible as Long as it is Feminist Too: Leftist Feminists as Dissidents in the Anti-Globalization Struggle Hester Eisenstein – Strategies for Socialist Feminists in the Age of Obama Lindsey German – Women, War and Modern Feminism	ABSTRACTION AND PHILOSOPHY Chair: Giorgos Galanis Giacomo Borbone – Marxian Abstraction as Idealization in Leszek Nowak's view Bue Hansen – Capital as Power and Abstraction Alex Levant – Towards a History of 'Creative' Soviet Marxist Theory	MARXISM BETWEEN ETHICS AND UTOPIA Chair: Paul Reynolds Christoph Henning – Karl Marx: Perfectionist? The Ethics of Flourishing in Marxian Theory Paul Blackledge – Concrete and Abstract Utopias: Marxism's Ethical Alternative to Capitalism Mauro Farnesi Camellone – The Science of Hope: Ernst Bloch's Marxism
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LABOUR AND THE ECONOMIC SUBJECT IN CONTEMPORARY ART Chair: Antigoni Memou John Roberts – Art After Deskillling Angela Dimitrakaki – Reflections on the 'Labour Turn' in Contemporary Art Marina Vishmidt – Art and Labour as Anti-Matter: Why and Why Not	HM BOOK SERIES LAUNCH: PETER THOMAS'S <i>THE GRAMSCIAN MOMENT</i> Chair: Matteo Mandarini Peter Thomas Alex Callinicos Alberto Toscano David McNally	ENERGY AND GEOPOLITICS Chair: Sam Ashman Alex Colas and Gonzalo Pozo-Martin – Spaces of Accumulation, Cartographies of Conflict: Marxism and the Geopolitics of Energy Simon Pirani – Russia's Natural Resources: Curse? Weapon? Both?	SLAVERY AND CAPITALISM IN THE US SOUTH Chair: Liam Campling John Ashworth – Slavery, Capitalism and Politics in the Antebellum Republic Charles Post – Class Conflict, the Development of Capitalism and the Origins of the US Civil War Brian Kelly – Slave Emancipation and the Limits of Bourgeois Democracy in the US South, 1860-1880	EMPIRE AND IMPERIALISM Chair: Sebastian Budgen Lucia Pradella – Empire, State and Accumulation on a World Scale in Marx's <i>Capital</i> John Rees – Patterns of Imperial Economy Radhika Desai – The Short American Century

LUNCH BREAK: 1.45–2.45pm (IIPPE meeting, room TBA)

SESSION TWELVE: 2.45–4.30pm

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<p>COGNITIVE MAPPING, TOTALITY AND THE REALIST TURN</p> <p>Chair: Steve Edwards</p> <p>Alberto Toscano – The Poetics of Containerisation</p> <p>Jeff Kinkle – Mapping Conspiracy: Parapolitics and Totality</p> <p>Gail Day – Critical Realisms of Contemporary Art</p>	<p>URBAN POLITICS, FINANCE AND THE HOUSING QUESTION</p> <p>Chair: Rob Knox</p> <p>Fletcher Baragar – Profits from Production and Profits from Exchange: Financialisation, Household Debt and Profitability in Twenty-First Century Capitalism</p> <p>Maya Gonzalez – The Housing Question... Once Again</p> <p>Michael Romandel – The Urban Problematic, State Theory and the Bolivarian Revolution</p>	<p><i>TURBULENCE: IDEAS FOR MOVEMENT</i> NEW ISSUE LAUNCH</p> <p>Chair: Matteo Mandarin</p> <p>Ben Trott</p> <p>David Harvie</p> <p>Tadzio Müller</p> <p>Keir Milburn</p> <p>Angela McRobbie (discussant)</p> <p>John Holloway (discussant)</p>	<p>IN MEMORY OF CHRIS HARMAN</p> <p>Chair: Alex Callinicos</p> <p>Colin Barker</p> <p>Joseph Choonara</p> <p>David McNally</p>	
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SESSION THIRTEEN: 4.45–6.30pm

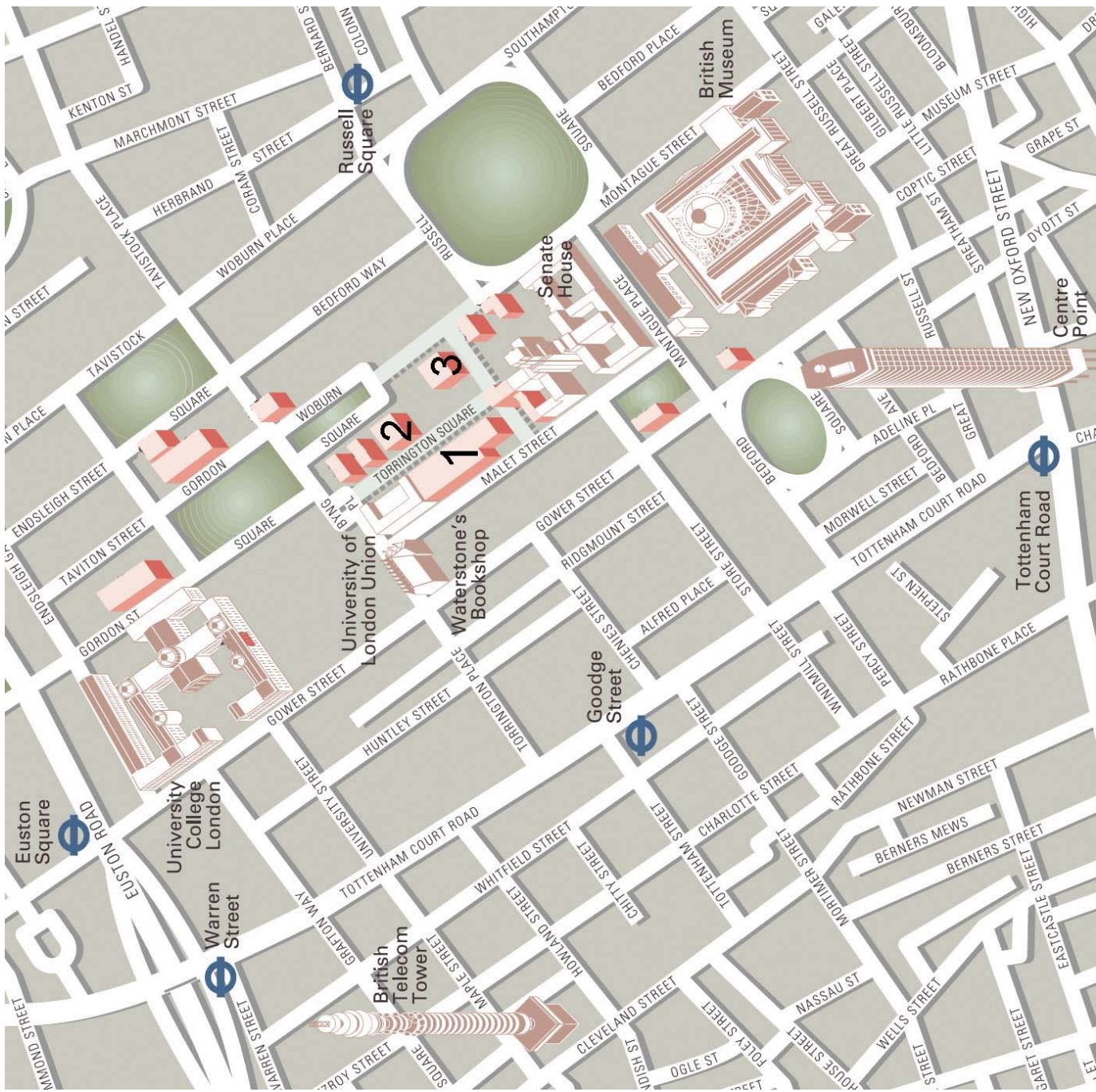
Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre

HISTORICAL MATERIALISM PLENARY

Fredric Jameson – Representing Capital: A New Reading Hypothesis About Volume 1 of Marx's *Capital*

Discussants: Peter Thomas, Maria Elisa Cevalco, Peter Osborne

Map for Conference Venue, Cafes and Local Restaurants



1 = Birkbeck

2 = Clore School of Management

3 = School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS) [Conference Venue]

COFFEE, SANDWICHES, SNACKS (♦ = open on Sunday)

Store Street: *Café Deco* (on the left hand side when you enter from Malet street)

SOAS: Snack Bar in Junior Common Room (very cheap coffee, sandwiches, snacks)

Malet Street: *RADA* opposite Birkbeck (coffee, sandwiches). University of London Union or (ULU) café and snack shop next to Birkbeck. And *Costa Café ♦* in Waterstone's Bookshop (coffee, sandwiches, snacks, but relatively expensive).

Woburn Place: *Café Toscana* on (coffee, salad, sandwiches)

Bar Centrale Bertrand Street next to Russell Square station (coffee, breakfast, soup, sandwiches)

Birkbeck café (Friday only, 5th floor)

Two well-recommended coffee shops on **Torrington Place** (past the Marlborough Arms pub).

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

These have been selected to assist those who might not know London so well. All locations (bar China Town) are covered in the above map and represent a wide-range of tastes, budgets and environments.

Store Street: *Pizza Paradiso* (functional Italian); *Busaba Eathai* (trendy Thai); across Tottenham Court Road into **Windmill Street** is the more modest and affordable *Thai Village*. Store Street has various sandwich and coffee places. One posh version is *Apostrophe*, off Store Street into **Albert Place**.

Torrington Place: *Planet Organic* for vegetarian and vegan food.

Charlotte Street (south end): various bland chains selling homogenised versions of this and that (*Pizza Express*, *Zizzi*, *Dim T*, *Chez Gerard*, etc). *Rasa* is a southern Indian fish restaurant which is pricey but good.

Goodge Street: *Salt Yard* (trendy tapas joint). Next door is a more laid-back and good-value Lebanese cafe called *Adonis*. Also assorted 'pan-Asian' all-you-can-eat places and a fairly decent Japanese restaurant on the junction of Goodge Street and Charlotte Street.

Coptic Street: Affordable Greek-Cypriot place called *Konakis*. *Pizza Express* opposite and *Wagamama* (Japanese noodle chain) round the corner.

Museum Street: *Bim Bam* (Korean) offers good value set-meals.

Southampton Row: *New Cultural Revolution* (Chinese) also offers good value set-meals.

China Town (not covered in the above map. Directions: walk past Centre Point and down Charing Cross Road, turn right into Shaftsbury Avenue and it is on your right): **Gerrard Street** and **Lisle Street** are the hub. *Harbour City* on Gerard St does good dim-sum; *Mr Kong's* on Lisle Street has an excellent dinner menu. *Chinese experience* on Shaftsbury Ave does both and offers 50 per cent discount at lunchtimes.