

# WELCOME TO HISTORICAL MATERIALISM NYC 2011

Founded in 1997, the quarterly Historical Materialism (HM) journal is one of the foremost publications of critical Marxist theory in the world, known for both its breadth and its intellectual rigor. Following successful conferences in London and Toronto, the New York City conference enters its second year, this year at The New School for Social Research (NSSR). Going forward, North American HM conferences will be held biennially in Toronto and New York City on alternating years—providing a lively space for scholars and activists to critically engage theoretical, historical, and practical issues of crucial importance to the movement for a world beyond capitalism.

The conference consists of three plenary sessions on Saturday evening and one concluding Sunday plenary. Saturday and Sunday will host six sessions of seven concurrent panels dedicated to specific themes and debates. The panels have been broadly arranged into “threads” that span the conference, allowing attendants and participants to pursue a continuous trajectory of discussion beyond individual sessions (although moving between threads is also encouraged).

These threads have been assigned to specific rooms for the duration of the conference: “Economy” to room 1009, “Social reproduction” to room 901, “Exploitation Beyond the Wage” to room 1001, “Working Class Struggle” to room 1108, “Philosophy” to room 1008, “Capital Across Time and Space” to room 1106, and “Beyond Capitalism?” to room 1102.

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– HM 2011 NYC Organizing Collective

## schedule at - a - glance...

\*unless otherwise designated, all events held at 16 E 16th st.

### Friday

7:30pm-9:30pm: Collective  
Book Launch, Food and Drink,  
Talk Amongst Yourselves

### Saturday

9:15am-10am: Coffee and Bagels

10am-12pm: Panel Session 1

12-1pm: lunch break

1pm-3pm: Panel Session 2

3pm-3:30pm: break

3:30pm-5:30pm: Panel Session 3

5:30pm-7pm: dinner break

7pm-9pm: Plenaries

9pm-1am: Party at Verso Loft

### Sunday

9:15am-10am: Coffee and Bagels

10am-12pm: Panel Session 4

12-1pm: Lunch

1pm-3pm: Panel Session 5

3pm-3:30pm: break

3:30pm-5:30pm: Panel Session 6

5:30pm-6pm: snack break

6pm-8pm: Closing Plenary

Free coffee, bagels, and snacks available in the room 1103 where a range of excellent booksellers will also be stationed throughout the conference.



# friday may 6: collective book launch

7:30 - 9:30

Room 1103

wine & snacks will be served

Join us in celebrating the launch of these wonderful texts:

- **Feminism Seduced: How Global Elites Use Women's Labor and Ideas to Exploit the World / Hester Eisenstein**
- **Combined and Uneven Apocalypse: Luciferian Marxism / Evan Calder Williams**
- **From Rebellion to Reform in Bolivia / Jeff Webber**
- **Fanaticism: On the Uses of an Idea / Alberto Toscano**
- **The Gramscian Moment / Peter Thomas**
- **Reflections of Crisis: The Great Depression and the Twenty-First Century / Quincy Saul**
- **The Myth of the Clash of Civilisations / Chiara Bottici and Benoit Challand**
- **Capitalism For & Against: A Feminist Debate / Ann Cudd and Nancy Holmstrom**
- **The American Road to Capitalism / Charles Post**
- **Crediting God: Sovereignty and Religion in the Age of Global Capitalism / Miguel Vatter, ed.**
- **Modern antisemitism and the emergence of sociology / Marcel Stoetzler**
- **War, Resistance and Counter-Resistance in Modern Times / Francis Feeley, ed.**
- **Social Movements, Mobilization, and Contestation in the Middle East and North Africa / Joel Beinin and Frédéric Vairel, eds.**
- **Strati di tempo. Karl Marx materialista storico / Massimiliano Tomba**
- **Envisioning Real Utopias / Erik Olin Wright**
- **American Society: how it really works / Erik Olin Wright with Joel Rogers**
- **The Birth of Capitalism: A Twentieth Century Perspective / Henry Heller**
- **Marx at the Margins / Kevin Anderson**
- **Bonfire of Illusions / Alex Callinicos**
- **Signs of Change / Dara Greenwald and Josh Macphee**
- **Marx for Today / Marcello Musto, ed.**
- **Pedagogy of the Poor / Jan Rehmann and Willie Baptist**
- **No Room to Move: Radical Art and the Regenerate City / Josie Berry Slater and Anthony Iles**

free breakfast and coffee 9:15-10am, room 1104



# session 1, saturday may 7th: 10am - 12pm

Economy	Social Reproduction	Exploitation Beyond the Wage	Working Class Struggle	Philosophy	Capital Across Time and Space	Beyond Capitalism?	
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## Financial Crisis in the US

Financialization: The Appropriations of Finance and the Restructuring of American Capitalism in Our time  
/ **William Tabb**

Housing Provision and Financialization  
/ **Mary Robertson**

Recentring the Political Economy of the Subprime Crisis: The Past and Future of US Racial Inequality  
/ **Gary Dymski**

Chair / **Francesca Manning**

## Queering Marxist Gender Theory

On The Woman Question  
/ **Emma Heaney**

Queer Nations in the Imperialist Heartland  
/ **Alan Sears**

Gender Performativity and Capital Performativity  
/ **Cinzia Arruzza**

Discussant / **Kevin Floyd**

Chair / **Cathy Borck**

## Book Panel: The American Road to Capitalism

**Charles Post**

**Sven Beckert**

**Vivek Chibber**

Chair / **John Clegg**

## Perspectives on Struggle

Marxism, Anarchism and Strategy  
/ **Paul Blackledge**

Paint it Pink! On the Encounter between anarchism and Marxism in a feminist perspective  
/ **Chiara Bottici and Laura Corradi**

Capital and Its Discontents  
/ **Andrej Grubic**

Chair / **David McNally**

## Notes on Temporality

Reification and temporality: What does is mean to have class consciousness today?  
/ **Miguel Vatter**

Walter Benjamin's "real state of emergency"  
/ **Massimiliano Tomba**

Enlightened Catastrophism? Crises, Catastrophes and Political Life  
/ **Antonio Y. Vazquez-Arroyo**

Chair / **Maddie Ritz**

## Management & Dispossession of the Human Surplus

Accumulation, Excess, and Childhood: Towards a Countertopography of Risk and Waste  
/ **Cindi Katz**

The Shifting Spatial Requirements of Indigenous Dispossession in Canada: Primitive Accumulation in the Political Economy of White Settler Colonialism  
/ **Shiri Pasternak**

Land Enclosure, Micro-finance and Witch-hunting in Africa and India today  
/ **Silvia Federici**

Discussant / **Werner Bonefeld**

Chair / **Jesse Goldstein**

## Envisioning Real Utopias

**Erik Olin Wright**

**David Harvey**

Discussant / **Maliha Safri**

Chair / **Asher Dupuy-Spencer**

12pm - 1pm:  
**lunch**  
see the back of this program for  
eats suggestions...



# session 2, saturday may 7th: 1pm - 3pm

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<p><b>Reflecting on the Crisis: New Theory and Evidence</b></p> <p>Historical trends and short-term fluctuations of profit rates prior to the current crisis / <b>Gerard Dumenil</b></p> <p>Notes Towards a Marxian Approach to the Monetary Circuit / <b>Paulo dos Santos</b></p> <p>Economics, Methodology and the Financial Crisis / <b>Andrew Brown</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Jonathan Cogliano</b></p>	<p><b>Gender and Race in Capitalism, as Capitalism</b></p> <p>Gender and Race as Interlocking Divisions of Labor / <b>Anastasia Gomes and Laura Renata Martin</b></p> <p>Towards a mode of social reproduction / <b>Sebastien Rioux</b></p> <p>Gender and Capital: The Self-Abolition of Women as Communism / <b>Maya Gonzalez</b></p> <p>Discussant / <b>Silvia Federici</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Laura Silverman</b></p>	<p><b>Exploitation and Appropriation beyond the Wage-Form</b></p> <p>Slavery in <i>Capital</i> / <b>Eric Lott</b></p> <p>The Wages of Slavery: a value-theoretic model of slave prices / <b>John Clegg</b></p> <p><b>Kevin Anderson</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Charles Post</b></p>	<p><b>The Meaning of Right Wing Populism in the US</b></p> <p>The Republican Proletariat: The Suburban Style in American Politics / <b>Chris Wright</b></p> <p>What's Wrong with How We Think about the Right / <b>Corey Robin</b></p> <p>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to a Tea Party / <b>Lauren Langman</b></p> <p>Discussant / <b>Victor Wallis</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Jesse Goldstein</b></p>	<p><b>Hegel and the future of social theory</b></p> <p>The Spiritual Animal Kingdom: On Gillian Rose's Hegelian Critique of Bourgeois Society / <b>Harrison Fluss</b></p> <p>Knowing How to Swim before Jumping into the Water: on Gillian Rose's Critique of Neo-Kantianism / <b>Sara Farris</b></p> <p>Discussants / <b>Patrick Murray and Jeanne Schuler</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Antonio Y. Vazquez-Arroyo</b></p>	<p><b>State Power</b></p> <p>Revolution and the Art of Writing: Strauss after Marx after Strauss / <b>William Clare Roberts</b></p> <p>Capitalist Crisis and Authoritarian Liberalism: on Ordoliberalism and the Strong State/<b>Werner Bonefeld</b></p> <p>What is Soviet Power? Direct Democracy and the State in Lenin's 1917 Writings / <b>Zhivka Valiavicharska</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Kristin Li</b></p>	<p><b>Roundtable: Discourses of the Alternative Economy</b></p> <p><b>Maliha Safri</b></p> <p><b>Marianna Pavlovskaya</b></p> <p><b>Craig Borowiak</b></p> <p><b>Stephen Healy</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>David Spataro</b></p>	<p><b>Development as Capitalist Class Struggle</b></p> <p>Marxist Studies and the dawn of a new capitalist era: The case of domestic capitalists in emerging markets / <b>Peterson Nnaji</b></p> <p>Theorising the Korean Developmental State: A Critique of the Fetishism of 'National' Development / <b>Hae-Yung Song</b></p> <p>Neoliberalism, Neoliberalism, and the Limits of Latin America's Resurgent Left / <b>Jeffrey R. Webber</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Arya Zahedi</b></p>

3pm - 3:30pm:  
**break**



# session 3, saturday may 7th: 3:30 - 5:30

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## World Money

World Money and the Dollar after Gold / **David McNally**

World Money, Public Deficits, and the Future of the Dollar / **Karl Beitel**

The Myth of Demonetization of Gold / **Jean-guy Loranger**

Discussant / **Doug Henwood**

Chair / **Jesse Goldstein**

## Periodizing, Subsumption, Negation

Programmatism, a History / **Maya Gonzalez and Aaron Benanav**

The Real Subsumption of Life Under Capital: Energy, Machines, and Everyday Life / **Matt Huber**

...the Revolution that will End Capitalism might fail to usher in communism, and what this means for our strategic priorities / **Marcel Stoetzler**

Chair / **John Boy**

## Marx and Colonialism

Marx on Colonialism and Race: A 21st Century View / **Kevin Anderson**

Discussants / **Alex Callinicos**

Discussant / **Nagesh Rao**

Chair / **Arya Zahedi**

## The Working Class and Social Struggles in the 1960s and 1970s

The Soldiers' Rebellion in the Late Vietnam-Era Military / **Derek Seidman**

Industrial Unrest in the 1960s and 1970s / **Aaron Brenner**

The Working Class and the Anti-Vietnam War Movement / **Penny Lewis**

Discussant / **Stanley Aronowitz**

Chair / **Charles Post**

## Capitalism and the Dialectic

To Reveal a Capitalism Hidden in Plain Sight: the Process of Abstraction in Marx's Dialectical Method / **Bertell Ollman**

**William Tabb**

**Francis Feeley**

Chair / **Asher Dupuy-Spencer**

## Uprisings in North Africa, East Asia

The Diverse Role, reaction and tactics of various Bedouin populations in the ongoing Pan-Arab revolts and revolutions / **Nader Hasan**

New Middle Eastern Uprisings: Gender, Class and Security Politics in Egypt and Iran / **Manijeh Nasrabadi**

Discussant / **Joel Beinin**

Chair / **Francesca Manning**

## The Transition to Ecosocialism

The ecological crisis and the future of capitalism / **Joel Kovel**

The transition to ecosocialism / **Quincy Saul**

Contours of an ecologically rational society / **Salvatore Engel-Di Mauro**

Chair / **Morgan Buck**

## Temporalities of Capital

Temporalities of Finance and the Crisis of Responsibilized Subjectivity / **Miranda Joseph**

The Time of Credit / **Joshua Clover**

Towards a value theory of media / **Atle Mikkola Kjoson**

Chair / **David Spataro**

5:30pm - 7pm:  
**dinner**  
see the back of this program for eats suggestions...



saturday may 7th  
concurrent plenaries  
7pm-9pm

**On the theory and  
practice of Historical  
Materialism**

RM 1009

Historical Materialism or  
Marxism?  
/ **Stanley Aronowitz**

Categories from Pre-Capitalism:  
Marx on Aristotle  
/ **Gopal Balakrishnan**

Healing Violent Abstraction with  
Just Enough Phenomenology  
/ **Jeanne Schuler &  
Patrick Murray**

Chair / **John Boy**

**Gender  
Race Class**

RM: Lang - 55 W. 13th Street, 2nd floor

**Lise Vogel** - Introductory  
Remarks

Capitalism AND Patriarchy  
/ **Nancy Holmstrom**

The Production of Labor-  
Power: Gender, the Family  
and a Missing Dimension of  
Marx's Capital  
/ **David McNally**

Capitalist crises and race  
critical materialist  
Black feminism  
/ **Rose Brewer**

Chair / **Cinzia Arruzza**

**Uprisings in Egypt,  
North Africa**

RM 906/913

The Egyptian Uprising of  
Jan-Feb '11 in Historical  
Perspective  
/ **Joel Beinin**

The social question in  
Egypt and Tunisia after  
the revolution  
/ **Mustapha Khayati**

Discussant / **Nada Matta**

Chair / **Kareem Rabie**

**Directions to party at Verso Loft:**

Take the F train to YORK ST station  
Exit the subway and turn RIGHT down JAY ST.  
Walk all the way down to 20 JAY ST.  
Enter Building  
Take elevators to 10th floor  
Follow Signage  
Party! party! party!

9pm to 1am:  
Party at the  
Verso Loft!



# session 4, sunday may 8th: 10am to 12pm

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<p><b>Keynesianism vs. Socialism/ Marxism</b></p> <p>Keynesian Economics and Socialism / <b>Gary Mongiovi</b></p> <p>Keynesian Economics: a Marxian Critique and Alternative / <b>Richard Wolff</b></p> <p>The US Treasury-federal Reserve and US imperialism: New configurations in response to the crisis / <b>Ramaa Vasudevan</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Jonathan Cogliano</b></p>	<p><b>Racialized, Gendered Working Class Struggle</b></p> <p>Gendered Obligations: The History of Activism Among Poor and Working Class Women in the 20th Century, USA / <b>Mimi Abramovitz</b></p> <p>Local Food: Marginalization, Social Reproduction and the Politics of Work / <b>Justin Myers</b></p> <p>Redeeming Some "Promissory Notes" / <b>George Caffentzis</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Anastasia Gomes</b></p>	<p><b>Left-Indigenous Struggle: Possibilities and Contradictions</b></p> <p>Indigenous rights and historical materialism / <b>Peter Kulchyski</b></p> <p>Does Antagonism exist in the process of primitive accumulation? The Miyako Island Peasantry Movement / <b>Wendy Matsumura</b></p> <p>From Red October to Evo Morales: Rebellion and Reform in Contemporary Bolivian Politics / <b>Jeffrey R. Webber</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Shiri Pasternak</b></p>	<p><b>Humanism, Liberation, and the Individual</b></p> <p>Socialism and the individual / <b>Paresh Chattopadhyay</b></p> <p>Sex in the Socialist City / <b>Alan Smart</b></p> <p>Liberation Reloaded: Whither Freudo-Marxism? / <b>Chris Chitty</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Kevin Floyd</b></p>	<p><b>Creative and/or Insurrectionary Practices</b></p> <p>Break the vicious circle: contemporary art between religion and politics / <b>Oxana Timofeeva</b></p> <p>The Creative-Destructive Character: Art and Labour in Terms of Communitisation / <b>Marina Vishmidt &amp; Anthony Iles</b></p> <p>How to Dance a Riot: On the Aesthetics of Struggle / <b>Olive McKeon</b></p> <p>Zones of Insurrection: The Subversive Hegemon, Transgression, Transcendence and the Public Space / <b>Stuart Smithers</b></p> <p>Chair &amp; Discussant / <b>Dara Greenwald and Lindsay Caplan</b></p>	<p><b>Thinking Against the Crisis: Conditions for Reconsidering the Left</b></p> <p><b>Annie McClanahan</b></p> <p><b>Stefano Harney</b></p> <p><b>Neferti Tadiar</b></p> <p><b>Rene Francisco Poitevin</b></p> <p><b>Randy Martin</b></p>	<p><b>Capitalism in China</b></p> <p>From Peasant to Consumer / <b>Alex Day</b></p> <p>China and the New Inter-imperial Rivalry / <b>Ho-fung Hung</b></p> <p>State Tolerance and the Informal Labor Market in China / <b>Sarah Swider</b></p> <p>Discussant / <b>Rebecca Karl</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Ilona Clara Nanay</b></p>

During the lunch break, members of the HM Editorial board invite conference participants to meet with them in room 1108 to discuss the journal and potential submissions.

12pm - 1pm:  
**lunch**  
see the back of this program for  
eats suggestions...

\*This panel may go 20mins over scheduled time.





# session 5, sunday may 8th: 1pm - 3pm

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## Dimensions of the Crisis and Labor

The Cry for Jobs: An Absurd and Brutal Affirmation of Labor's Subordination to Capital  
/ **Geoffrey McDonald**

The "Stagnant Pay" Myth and the Persistent Frailty of Capitalist Production  
/ **Andrew Kliman**

Chair / **Maya Gonzalez**

## Carceral Capitalism

The Gendered Relations of Carceral Capitalism  
/ **Genevieve LeBaron and Adrienne Roberts**

Revisiting State and Capital: The state as (the) Police  
/ **Guillermina Seri**

Waged Debt-Peonage: Mortgage Debt, Deproletarianization and the United States, 1970s through Today  
/ **Justin Myers**

Chair / **Kristin Li**

## Organic Intellectuals and Anti-Poverty Movements

**Jan Rehmann**  
**Willie Baptist**

Discussant / **Mimi Abramavitz**

Chair and Discussant / **Colleen Wessel-McCoy**

## New Materialisms

Materialism of the Encounter and the Political Spectacle  
/ **Banu Bargu**

Chance Encounters: A Political Reading of Bataille  
/ **Robyn Marasco**

Preemptive Strikes (of a philosophical variety): Spinoza and Marx  
/ **Jason Read**

Discussant / **Peter Stone**

Chair / **Laura Silverman**

## Informal India

Growth, Distribution and Maoist movement in contemporary India  
/ **Deepankar Basu**

Non/Capital and Class: The Informal Economy in India  
/ **Snehashish Bhattacharya**

Chair / **Francesca Manning**

## Strategy/Movement/Organisation

Militant Subjects and Organizational Form  
/ **Matteo Mandarini**

Is There Revolution Without Reform?: Of Transitional Programmes and Intransitive Politics  
/ **Alberto Toscano**

Die Organisationsfrage as regulative idea?  
/ **Peter Thomas**

Chair / **John Boy**

## Book panel: Ngo Van's In the Crossfire

**Helene Fluery**  
**Loren Goldner**

Trotskyism in the Global South: The Political Trajectory of Ngo Van  
/ **Greg Sharzer**

Chair / **John Clegg**

3pm - 3:30pm:  
**break**



# session 6, sunday may 8th: 3:30 - 5:30

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<p><b>Hegemony, Crisis, Revolution</b></p> <p>A Crisis of Hegemony / <b>Beverly Silver</b></p> <p>Patterns of Crisis, Patterns of Struggle / <b>Alex Callinicos</b></p> <p>Political and Economic Democracy / <b>Reid Kotlas</b></p> <p>Discussant / <b>Gopal Balakrishnan</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Morgan Buck</b></p>	<p><b>Film and Politics in Italy's Red Decade</b></p> <p>Films and Politics in Italy's Red Decade / <b>Evan Calder Williams &amp; Alberto Toscano</b></p> <p>Discussant / <b>Maya Gonzalez</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Molly Fair</b></p>	<p><b>Women, State, Violence</b></p> <p>Beyond Culturalism: the Political Economy of Femonationalism / <b>Sara Farris</b></p> <p>Women and Party Politics in Iran: Re-Mapping The Political Landscape / <b>Homa Hoodfar</b></p> <p>Anti-abortion terrorism: do women hold up half the sky or are we back to witch-burning? / <b>Hester Eisenstein</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Farah Khimji</b></p>	<p><b>Book Panel: Rebel Rank &amp; File: Labor Militancy and Revolt from Below During the Long 1970s</b></p> <p><b>Aaron Brenner</b></p> <p><b>Marjorie Murphy</b></p> <p><b>Steve Early</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Jack Norton</b></p>	<p><b>Capitalism, Communism: Ontology and Contradiction</b></p> <p>Jean-Luc Nancy, Politics, Communism / <b>Jason Smith</b></p> <p>Toward a caring mode of production / <b>Bruno Gulli</b></p> <p>Marxism, the value form, and the unsurpassable contradiction of capitalism / <b>Alan Milchman</b></p> <p>Discussant / <b>Sam Han</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Ryan Lee</b></p>	<p><b>Anti-Anti-Imperialism</b></p> <p>The Iranian Revolution and the Anti-Imperialist paradigm: fetters of the past, potential for the future / <b>Arya Zahedi</b></p> <p>Interwar Authoritarian and Fascist Sources of a Reactionary Ideology: The Cases of Turkish Kemalism and the Bolivian MNR / <b>Loren Goldner</b></p> <p>The Problem of Post Colonial Nationalism and Multiculturalism: Speculations on the Recuperation of the Islamic Right / <b>Biju Mathew</b></p> <p>Discussant / <b>Nagesh Rao</b></p>	<p><b>Apocalyptic Capitalism: Japan after the Tsunami</b></p> <p>"What is Happening in Japan?" -- From the Perspective of the Anti - Atomic-capitalist Struggle / <b>Sabu Kohso</b></p> <p><b>Wendy Matsumura</b></p> <p>An Invisible Warfare in Japan -- from Disaster Capitalism to Apocalyptic Capitalism / <b>Go Hirasawa</b></p> <p><b>Harry Harootunian</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>Jesse Goldstein</b></p>	<p><b>Israel, Zionism and the Colonial-industrial complex</b></p> <p>The 'Jewish Question': Reconsiderations of Race, Class and Colonialism / <b>Abigail Bakan</b></p> <p>State Power and the Jewish Question: A Study of Zionism / <b>Joel Kovel</b></p> <p>Israel's "Pacification Industry": Exporting Palestinian Dispossession / <b>Jimmy Johnson</b></p> <p>Chair / <b>David Spataro</b></p>



**sunday may 8th:**

**closing plenary**

**Lang Auditorium (55 W. 13th Street, 2nd floor)**

**6pm to 8pm**

## The Reproduction of Critique

**Beverly Silver**

**Gerard Dumenil**

**Maliha Safri**

**Alex Callinicos**

**Shiri Pasternak**

# upcoming historical materialism conferences:

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**June 25, 2011 Central Sydney, Australia**  
**'Capital' Against Capitalism**

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**August 17 - 19, 2011 Berlin, Germany**  
**Berliner Summer School 2011**  
**with Historical Materialism**  
**In collaboration with Selbstuniversität e.V., das about blank and**  
**the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS)**

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**Sept. 7-9, 2012 Berlin, Germany**  
**Historical Materialism Conference Berlin**

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**November 10–13th, 2011 Central London, UK**  
**Spaces of Capital, Moments of Struggle**  
**Eighth Annual Historical Materialism Conference**

The ongoing popular uprisings in the Arab world, alongside intimations of a resurgence in workers' struggles against 'austerity' in the North and myriad forms of resistance against exploitation and dispossession across the globe make it imperative for Marxists and leftists to reflect critically on the meaning of collective anti-capitalist action in the present.

Over the past decade, many Marxist concepts and debates have come in from the cold. The anti-capitalist movement generated a widely circulating critique of capitalist modes of international 'development'. More recently, the economic crisis that began in 2008 has led to mainstream-recognition of Marx as an analyst of capital. In philosophy and political theory, communism is no longer merely a term of condemnation. Likewise, artistic and cultural practices have also registered a notable upturn in the fortunes of activism, critical utopianism and the effort to capture aesthetically the workings of the capitalist system.

The eighth annual Historical Materialism conference will strive to take stock of these shifts in the intellectual landscape of the Left in the context of the social and political struggles of the present. Rather than resting content with the compartmentalization and specialization of various 'left turns' in theory and practice, we envisage the conference as a space for the collective, if necessary, agonistic but comradely, reconstitution of a strategic conception of the mediations between socio-economic transformations and emancipatory politics.

For such a critical theoretical, strategic and organizational reflection to have traction in the present, it must take stock of both the commonalities and the specificities of different struggles for emancipation, as they confront particular strategies of accumulation, political authorities and relations of force. Just as the crisis that began in 2008 is by no means a homogeneous affair, so we cannot simply posit a unity of purpose in contemporary revolutions, struggles around the commons and battles against austerity.

In consideration of the participation of David Harvey, winner of the Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Memorial Prize, at this year's conference, we would particularly wish to emphasize the historical and geographical dimensions of capital, class and struggle. We specifically encourage paper submissions and suggested panel-themes that tackle the global nature of capitalist accumulation, the significance of anti-capitalist resistance in the South, and questions of race, migration and ecology as key components of both the contemporary crisis and the struggle to move beyond capitalism.

There will also be a strong presence of workshops on the historiography of the early communist movement, particularly focusing on the first four congresses of the Communist International.

The conference will aim to combine rigorous and grounded investigations of socio-economic realities with focused theoretical reflections on what emancipation means today, and to explore – in light of cultural, historical and ideological analyses – the forms taken by current and coming struggles.

**Deadline for registration of abstracts extended till: 1 June 2011**



## JOLTS

### 1- The Coffee Shop

29 Union Sq West near 16th St

### 2- Telegraph Cafe

107 W 18th St at 6th Ave

### 3- Joe the Art of Coffee

9 E 13th St btw 5th Ave & University Pl

### 4- Newsbar

107 University Pl btw 12th & 13th

### 5- Tarallucci e Vino

15 E 18th St btw 5th Ave & Broadway



## EATS

### 6- Union Sq Farmers Market

Saturday 8am - 6pm, NW corner

### 7- L'Annam Vietnamese \$

121 University Pl at 13th St

### 8- Rainbow Falafel \$

26 E 17th St btw 5th Ave & Broadway

### 9- Chipotle \$

864 Broadway btw 17th & 18th

510 6th Ave btw 13th & 14th

### 10- Dosirak Restaurant (Korean) \$\$

30 E 13th St btw 5th Ave & University Pl

### 11- Saigon Grill \$\$

91 University Pl btw 11th & 12th

### 12- Chop't Creative Salad Co \$\$

24 E 17th St btw 5th Ave & Broadway

### 13- Chat 'N' Chew \$\$

10 E 16th St btw 5th Ave and Union Sq W

### 14- Spice (Thai) \$\$

39 E 13th St btw University Pl & Broadway

### 15- Habana Central \$\$

22 E 17th St btw 5th Ave & Broadway

### 16- Republic (Pan Asian) \$\$

37 Union Sq W btw 16th & 17th



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