

HISTORICAL MATERIALISM SYDNEY CONFERENCE 2018

Level 2, Abercrombie Business School (ABS) Building, The University of Sydney

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

Time	Session	ABS Seminar Room 2010	ABS Seminar Room 2020	ABS Seminar 2040	ABS Seminar Room 2050
0930-1000	Registration	Abercrombie Business School (ABS) Building Level 2 Foyer			
1000-1130	Keynote address	<p>Lisa Adkins - Social Reproduction in the Neoliberal Era: Payments, Leverage and the Minskian Household Chair: Elizabeth Humphrys Room: ABS Case Study Lecture Theatre 2080</p>			
1130-1145	Break				
1145-1315	Panels	<p>CONTESTING SOCIAL REPRODUCTION Amy Thomas - Self-determination, settler colonialism and 'Aboriginalisation' in the Northern Territory bilingual education program Janet Burstall - Households and meeting human needs: employers, the state and finance Caroline Norma - Keeping alive the myth of property in the person: Prostitution in today's capitalism Chair: Evan Smith</p>	<p>ROUNDTABLE ON HENRI LEFEBVRE, THE PRODUCTION OF SPACE Riki Scanlan, Natasha Heenan, Austin Smidt, Adam Morton</p>	<p>RETHINKING VALUE Claire Parfitt - Ethics, risk & value Benison Kilby - Artistic Labour Under Post-Fordism: A Critique of Hardt and Negri's Concept of Immaterial Labour Julian Murphet - Logistics and Value Chair: Andrew Milner</p>	<p>MATERIALISM & CONSCIOUSNESS Daniel Lopez - Lukács: Praxis and the Absolute Cat Moir - Ernst Bloch and Soviet Science Jesse Lambourn - God and the Grundrisse: Marx and Hegelian Theology Chair: Darren Roso</p>
1315-1430	Lunch break	University food outlets & local cafes			

1430-1600	Panels	<p>CRITICAL URBAN GEOGRAPHIES Craig Lyons - Transactional, carceral, and regional rent gaps: rethinking uneven development and gentrification in the era of post-politics Riki Scanlan - Is the planetary urban and/or is the urban planetary? A critique of the planetary urbanisation thesis Lauren Pikó - Wars on Brutalism: concrete modernism and imperialist heritage culture in Britain and Australia Chair: Gareth Bryant</p>	<p>LAUNCH OF <i>THESIS ELEVEN</i> SPECIAL ISSUE – ‘ON “HEROIC FURY”’: GRAMSCI & QUESTIONS OF METHOD’ Andreas Bieler, Adam Morton, Ihab Shalbak, Elizabeth Humphrys</p>	<p>AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY Thomas Greenwell - Organising Workers in the State: Reflections on Unionising Public Sector Workers in Central Agencies Pooya Karambakhsh - The Domestic and Global Powers of Australia’s Retail Workers Lindy Nolan - The tide is turning and Marcia Langton senses it Chair: Drew Cottle</p>	<p>CULTURAL POLITICS UNDER CHINESE STATE CAPITALISM Ying Qian – Building Reservoirs with Cinema: Media, Infrastructure and Sleepless Labor in Socialist China Wanning Sun – The Poet vs Transnational Capital: Documenting Subaltern Pains Johanna Hood - Vital Fluid: Evolving Social, Moral and Economic Values of Blood in China Chair: David Brophy</p>
1600-1615	Break				
1615-1745	Panels	<p>PLANNING, CALCULATION & THE STATE Aitor Jimenez - War of Positions in the Times of Big Data Tim Anderson - Re-regulating accumulation in socialist Cuba Harry Maher - The Enduring Myth of Laissez-Faire: Contesting the reverential historiography of the free market in Britain and the United States Chair: Joe Collins</p>	<p>COMMONS & COMMODIFICATION Mark Elliot-Ranken and Bernadette Smith - Monetization of the Commons: The Coming Privatisation of Council Recreation Assets Natasha Heenan - Social Reproduction, Anti-Tourism and the Right to the City Oliver Mispelhorn - Worker Cooperatives in Australia: A Structural Analysis Chair: Cat Moir</p>	<p>IMPERIALISM Phil Griffiths - The new cold war on China: has imperialism trumped globalisation? Drew Cottle and Thomas Costigan - The Global Financial Crisis and Global Power Shifts Rachel Evans - The feminist, Kurdish-led revolution on the north of the Syrian border is challenging capitalism Chair: Peter Green</p>	<p>CONTESTING CAPITALISM, THEN AND NOW: BOOK LAUNCH FOR <i>THE FAR LEFT IN AUSTRALIA SINCE 1945</i> Isabelle Barrett-Meyering, Jon Piccini, Evan Smith and Hannah Forsyth, Ana Stevenson</p>
1745-1800	Break				
1800-1930	Keynote address	<p>Melinda Cooper - Secular Stagnation: Keynesianism and the Demographic Theory of Crisis Chair: Gareth Bryant Room: ABS Case Study Lecture Theatre 2080</p>			
1930-	Social event	The Eveleigh Hotel, 158 Abercrombie St Redfern			

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

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0930-1000	Registration	Abercrombie Business School (ABS) Building Level 2 Foyer			
1000-1130	Panels	<p>INEQUALITY Frank Stilwell - Thinking about Economic Inequality Conal Thwaite - Inequality and efficiency Imelda Masni Juniaty Sianipar - Globalisation, neoliberalism and inequality in Indonesia Chair: Gareth Bryant</p>	<p>MARX(ISM) & LAW II: MARX, LAW & THE SHIFTING TERRAIN OF RIGHTS Charles Barbour - 'A People's Bible of Freedom': The Young Marx and the Constitutional Question Jon Piccini - Marxism and New Histories of Human Rights: The Australian Experience Jess Whyte – Human Rights, Revolution and the 'Good Society' Chair: Ntina Tzouvala</p>	<p>COMMUNISM: THEORY & PRACTICE Peter Green - Communism and Utopianism. Marx, Lenin, Derrida and Ranciere Darren Roso - Marx and the Critique of Politics Araz Aminnaseri – Utopian socialism and strategy Chair: Daniel Lopez</p>	<p>MARXIST ECOLOGY Alana West - Liberatory power or green capitalism? A material technofeminist exploration of renewable energy transitions Rebecca Pearse and Linda Connor - Ethnography on the coal commodity frontier Madelaine Moore - Re/productive Unrest? Austerity and the Irish Water Charges Protests Chair: Natasha Heenan</p>
1130-1145	Break				
1145-1315	Keynote address	<p>Andreas Bieler - Water Struggles in the Web of Life: Social Reproduction and Capital Accumulation Chair: Alison Pennington Room: ABS Case Study Lecture Theatre 2080</p>			
1315-1430	Lunch break	University food outlets & local cafes			

1430-1600	Panels	<p>CLASS, GENDER & POLITICS Lee Rhiannon - Is there common ground between identity politics and class struggle? Kate Phelan - Ideology as truth James Goodman – Questioning the production/reproduction dichotomy Chair: Adam Morton</p>	<p>MARX(ISM) & LAW II: THE STATE, THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER & THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARXIST LEGAL THOUGHT Daniel McLoughlin - Poulantzas, Authoritarian Statism, and Neoliberalism Rose Parfitt - International Legal Reproduction: A Modular History Ntina Tzouvala - The Standard of Civilisation in International Law: Mapping Imperial Contradictions Chair: Jess Whyte</p>	<p>ART, POETICS & FICTION Nicholas Tammens - Expropriation: the form and subject of labour in the art of Cameron Rowland Sayan Bhattacharyya - Archipelagic Poetics for Digital Text Andrew Milner - Guns under the Table: Kim Stanley Robinson and the Transition to (Utopian) Socialism Chair: Cat Moir</p>	<p>VALUE & RENT Joe Collins - Red armbands, Australian iconography and landed property in capital accumulation Bill Dunn - Unproductive labour: everywhere but in the growth statistics Simon Mohun - A Celebration of the Labour Theory of Value Chair: Aitor Jimenez</p>
1600-1615	Break				
1615-1745	Book launch and end of conference drinks		<p>BOOK LAUNCH: HOW LABOUR BUILT NEOLIBERALISM Elizabeth Humphrys, Andreas Bieler and Lee Rhiannon Chair: Jess Whyte</p>		
1745-	Social event	The Eveleigh Hotel, 158 Abercrombie St Redfern			