

# **Society for Socialist Studies**

## **Socialism Here and Now!**

**Ryerson University, Toronto, ON**

**May 30 - June 2, 2017**

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**1967 - 2017**

### **Final Programme**

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## Guide to the Programme

This programme includes panels, roundtables and special events of the Society for Socialist Studies at Ryerson 2017, as well as those cross-listed with other societies and scheduled by them.

The programme identifies virtually all events using a simple scheduling code. Here is how it works:

### Sample panel:

#### **Panel I.A.1 – Location: TRSM 2-147**

#### **ROJAVA REVOLUTION IN SYRIA: DECOLONIZATION, NATIONAL LIBERATION AND DEMOCRATIC SELF-RULE**

**Panel I** – The first element of the code identifies the day of the panel. The conference runs from May 30 to June 2. Each day of the conference is assigned a Roman numeral (I, II, III, IV).

**Panel I.A** – The second element identifies the time slot. Each day has four regular slots, two in the morning (A, B) and two in the afternoon (C, D). Times for each slot show at the start of each slot (that is, before the details for the first panel in that slot). Day III has the two morning panels only, with the plenary and AGM in the afternoon. A few sessions have special times, which are noted in the programme.

**Panel I.A.1** – The final element is a unique panel identifier for the slot, ranging from 1 to 6.

**Panel 1.A.X** – Beyond SSS events, some slots have a number of cross-listed (“X”) events that our partner associations scheduled (X.1, X.2, etc.). Note that some have special slot times.

**Location information:** We provide location information for each panel or roundtable, if SSS sponsored the event, or if our cross-listing partners shared the location fixed for a cross-listed event before we went to print. This year, our room allocations change from day to day, so be alert to location information. The room numbers use Ryerson’s location codes. Consult Congress maps to identify unfamiliar codes and our partner organizations’ programmes for missing information on cross-listed events.

# Society for Socialist Studies: Socialism Here and Now!

## Programme at a Glance

### May 29 – Early Session

May 29 – Day 0, Period B – 10:30-12:00

0.B.X. - KHE 127

But We Do Theorize! Indigenous Scholarship and Sociology

### May 30 – Day I

**Greeting Table Location: outside TRSM 2-149**

**May 30 - Day I, Period A - 8:45-10:15**

I.A.1 - TRSM 2-147

Rojava Revolution in Syria

I.A.2 - SID-Interior  
Design 318

Whose Nation? The Unfulfilled Promise of Canada's Social Programs

I.A.3 - POD 484

Overviews of Left Organizing

I.A.4 - POD 358

GERG: Canadian Imperialism Today

I.A.X.1 - TRSM 3-149  
(\*8:30-10:00\*)

Interdisciplinary Feminist Sessions (1 of 3; see I.B.4, II.A.X.2): Feminist

Interdisciplinarity: Women's Experiences in and Resistance against

Hostile Work Environments

**May 30 – Day I, Period B - 10:30-12:00**

I.B.X.0 - TRS 1-077  
10:15-12:45

Writing Canada's 'Ethnic' Left

I.B.1 - TRSM 2-147

Unpacking the US Election

I.B.2 - TRSM 2-149

Imperialisms in Syria: A Roundtable

I.B.3 - SID-Interior  
Design 318

150 Years of Canada and *Capital*: Volume 1

I.B.4 - POD 358

Interdisciplinary Feminist Sessions (2 of 3; see I.A.X.1, II.A.X.2): Feminist

Interdisciplinarity: Resistance Against Hostile Academic Environments

**May 30 – Day I, Lunch Break**

**Special Event - Location: SID-Interior Design 315**

***Studies in Political Economy* Book Prize: Glen Coulthard, *Red Skin, White Masks***

**Greetings: Leanne Betasamosake Simpson**

**May 30 – Day I, Period C – 13:45-15:15**

I.C.1 - TRSM 2-147

New Canadian Political Economy and Socialism

I.C.2 - TRSM 2-149

Space, Land, Environment

I.C.3 - SID-Interior  
Design 318

*Star Trek* Left: Class Analysis of Imaginative Work in Film or Literature

I.C.4 - POD 484

Film + Discussion: *Contract Faculty: Injustice in the University*

I.C.5 - POD 358

Regulatory Capture, Peak Minerals and Post-Boom Markets / BC, Brazil

I.C.6 - SID-Interior  
Design 315

Figures of Descent: Monopoly Finance Capital, Imperialism and  
Patriarch(ies)

**May 30 – Day I, Period D - 15:30-17:00**

I.D.1 - TRSM 2-147

Socialist Studies Journal / New Scholars

I.D.2 - TRSM 2-149

Rethinking Revolution

I.D.3 - SID-Interior  
Design 318

Mexican Crises and North America / NAFTA and Trump Era

I.D.4 - POD 484

Palestine, Multiculturalism and the Bounds of Canadian Liberalism

I.D.5 - POD 358

Mining Companies Fighting their Greatest Risk: "Resource Nationalism"

I.D.6 – SID-Interior

Struggles over Canadian and Maritimes Social Conditions

**17:00-19:00 - KHW-Kerr West 273 – Gym**  
**SSS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception and Book Prize Award**

**May 31 – Day II**

**Greeting Table Location: outside KHE 127**

**May 31 – Day II, Period A - 8:45-10:15**

II.A.1 - KHE Kerr East 127	Reclaiming Alternative and Grassroot Histories
II.A.2 - KHE-Kerr East 321C	Legacy of Rosa Luxemburg
II.A.3 - KHE Kerr East 323	Liberation: Globally and Particularly
II.A.4 - POD 156	Corporate Power, Fossil Capital, Climate Crisis (1 of 4; see II.B.3, II.C.4, II.D.4) Part I: Fossil Capitalism at the Climate Crossroads
II.A.5 - TSRM 1-129 – Catherine Lund Room	Cities on Indigenous Lands: Settler Colonialism, Dispossession and Resistance
II.A.X.1 - VIC 106	Roundtable - Blood of Extraction: Canadian Imperialism in Latin America
II.A.X.2 - ENG LG14 (*8:30-10:00*)	Interdisciplinary Feminist Sessions (3 of 3; see I.A.X.1, I.B.4): Interdisciplinarity: Challenging Barriers To Feminist Teaching and Research

**May 31 – Day II, Period B - 10:30-12:00**

II.B.X.1 - TRSM 1-147 (*10:00-12:00*)	Opening Plenary for Canadian Association of Work and Labour Studies (CAWLS)
II.B.1 - KHE Kerr East 321C	Book Launch: <i>One Dimensional Man 50 Years On: The Struggle Continues</i>
II.B.2 - KHE Kerr East 127	Black Lives Matter
II.B.3 - POD 156	Corporate Power, Fossil Capital, Climate Crisis / Corporate Mapping Project (2 of 4; see II.A.4, II.C.4, II.D.4) Part II: Digging Deep on Big Oil
II.B.4 - TSRM 1-129 Catherine Lund Room	Décoloniser la production scientifique en sciences sociales: perspectives féministes-intersectionnelles/Decolonising Knowledge Production in the Social Sciences: Intersectional Feminist Perspectives
II.B.5 - TSRM 1-129	Subjectivity and Identity in Settler Colonial Canada (Part 1 of 2: see II.D.3)
II.B.X.1 - VIC 103	Micro-Papers - Political Economy, Labour and the State / Leo Panitch I (1 of 2; see II.C.X.1)
II.B.X.2 - TRSM 1-0003	Strategies to Resist Corporatization in Canada's Universities

**May 31 – Day II, Lunch Break**

iMA-307	Play: <i>Life on the Line: Women Strike At Eaton's 1984-85</i> (Open Event)
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**May 31 – Day II, Period C – 13:45-15:15**

II.C.1 - KHE-Kerr East 127	Organizing and Precarity / <i>Life on the Line</i> (See Lunch Break, above)
II.C.2 - KHE-Kerr East 321C	Culture, Politics and Liberation (1 of 2; see II.D.2)
II.C.3 - KHE East 323	North American Movement in Support of Southern African Liberation
II.C.4 - POD 156	Corporate Power, Fossil Capital, Climate Crisis / Corporate Mapping Project (3 of 4; see II.A.4, II.B.3, II.D.4) Part III: The Fossil Fuel Industry's Battle for Hearts & Minds

II.C.5 TSRM 1-129 Catherine Lund Room (\*14:15-15:30\*)  
 II.C.X.1 – VIC 609 (\*14:00-15:30\*)  
 II.C.X.2 - Room #200, Pitman Hall, 160 Mutual

Voices for a Just and Sustainable Prosperity: The Next 150 Years of Growth-Environment Relationship

Micro-Papers - Globalization, Socialism and American Empire/ Leo Panitch II (14:00-15:30) (2 of 2; see II.B.X.1)  
 Ryerson School of Social Work Multiple Book Launch, including Donna Baines, *Doing Anti-Oppressive Practice*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.

**May 31 – Day II, Period D - 15:30-17:00**

II.D.1 - KHE Kerr East 127  
 II.D.2 - KHE Kerr East 321C  
 II.D.3 - KHE Kerr East 323  
 II.D.4 - POD 156  
 II.D.X.1 - TRSM 2-129  
 II.D.X.2 - SLC 515

Institutional Ethnography: Understanding the Work of Collective Liberation  
 Culture, Politics and Liberation (2 of 2; see II.C.6)  
 Subjectivity and Identity in Settler Colonial Canada (2 of 2; see II.B.5)  
 Corporate Power, Fossil Capital, Climate Crisis / Corporate Mapping Project (4 of 4; see II.A.4, II.B.3, II.C.4) Part IV: Mapping the Fossil Fuel Industry's Web of Influence  
 Challenges to the Integrity of Academic Hiring Practices / Corporate University  
 Book Launch: *Apartheid in Palestine*

**18:00 to 21:00+**

**Society Banquet at Lula Lounge**  
 1585 Dundas Street West

**June 1 – Day III**

**Greeting Table Location: outside TRSM 2-149**

**June 1 – Day III, Period A - 8:45-10:15**

III.A.1 - TRSM 2-149  
 III.A.2 - TRSM 2-129  
 III.A.3 - TRSM 3-129  
 III.A.4 - TRSM 3-147  
 III.A.5 - TRSM 2-109  
 III.A.X.1 - VIC 305

History of the Jewish Labour Movement (1 of 2; III.B.1) Part I: Before the Second World War  
 Electronic Rule, Surveillance and Resistance  
 Augmenting the Left: New Capital Formations / Rise of the Right (1 of 2; see III.B.3) Panel 1 : Theorizing the Present Terrain  
 From Balfour To Boycott: Palestine, 1917-2017  
 Legacies of Ellen Meiksins Wood (1942-2016) (1 of 2; see IV.B.2)  
 The New Populist Right (1 of 2; see III.B.X.1)

**June 1 – Day III, Period B - 10:30-12:00**

III.B.1 - TRSM 2-149  
 III.B.2 - TRSM 2-129  
 III.B.3 - TRSM 3-129  
 III.B.4 - TRSM 3-147  
 III.B.5 - TRSM 2-109  
 III.B.X.1 - VIC 305  
 III.B.X.2 - EPH 216  
 III.B.X.3 – VIC 206

History of the Jewish Labour Movement (2 of 2; see III.A.1) Part II: After the Second World War  
 History of the Society of Socialist Studies  
 Augmenting the Left: New Capital Formations / Rise of the Right (2 of 2; see III.A.3) Panel 2 : Theorizing Left Responses  
 Book Launch: *Reading Capital Today*  
 Women in Revolution (1 of 2; see IV.B.5)  
 New Populist Right (2 of 2; see III.A.X.1)  
 Doing Anti-Oppressive Practice  
 Elements of the Employment Standards Enforcement Gap in Ontario

**June 1 – Day III, Lunch Break 12:00-13:30**

III.LUNCH – TRSM 2- Sex/Gender Liberation and Socialism: Key Debates (1 of 2; see IV.C.3)

**June 1 – Day III, Plenary – 13:45-15:15**  
**IMA-Image Arts 307 - Lecture and Screening Room**  
**SOCIALIST STUDIES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLENARY: SOCIALISM HISTORICALLY AND TODAY**  
 (See detailed programme for participants)

**June 1 – Day III, AGM – 15:30-17:00**  
**IMA-Image Arts 307 - Lecture and Screening Room**  
**Annual General Meeting of the Society of Socialist Studies**

- III.D.X.1 - KHE 121      Social and Economic Policy for Gender Justice: Imagining the Next Fifty Years
- III.D.X.2 - VIC 306      Austerity and its Alternatives: Micro-Paper Roundtable  
 (\*15:15-16:45\*)

## June 2 – Day IV

**Greeting Table Location: outside TRSM 2-129**

**June 2 – Day IV, Period A - 8:45-10:15**

- IV.A.2 - TRSM 2-109      Reformism and Parliamentarism in the West
- IV.A.3 - TRSM 2-119      Genocide and Mass Deaths: Intimate Expressions (1 of 2; see IV.B.3)
- IV.A.4 - TRSM 2-129      Self-Emancipation, Social Movements and Democracy / Russian Revolution (1 of 2; see IV.C.6)
- IV.A.5 - TRSM 3-099      Book Launch: *Neoliberal Legality*
- IV.A.6 - TRSM 2-164      War on Liberation: Police Power, Racism and Pacification (1 of 2; see IV.B.6)

**June 2 – Day IV, Period B - 10:30-12:00**

- IV.B.1 - TRSM 2-099      Rise of Fascism? Crises in Liberal Democracy
- IV.B.2 - TRSM 2-109      Legacies of Ellen Meiksins Wood (1942-2016) (2 of 2; see III.A.5)
- IV.B.3 - TRSM 2-119      Genocide and Mass Deaths: Intimate Expressions (2 of 2; see IV.A.3)
- IV.B.4 - TRSM 3-099      Going Public: Emerging Alternatives to Privatization in Canada (1 of 2; see IV.C.4)
- IV.B.5 - TRSM 2-129      Women in Revolution (2 of 2; see III.B.5)
- IV.B.6 - TRSM 2-164      War on Liberation: Police Power, Racism and Pacification (2 of 2; see IV.A.6)

**June 2 – Day IV, Lunch Break 12:00 to 13:30**

**June 2 – Day IV, Period C - 13.45-15:15**

- IV.C.1 - TRSM 2-099      Revolution and Learning in/with Marx: A Book Launch Trilogy
- IV.C.2 - TRSM 2-109      Sex/Gender Liberation and Socialism: Key Debates (2 of 2; see III.Lunch)
- IV.C.4 - TRSM 3-099      Going Public: Emerging Alternatives to Privatization In Canada (2 of 2; see IV.B.4)
- IV.C.5 - TRSM 2-164      Challenges and Possibilities of Building a New Anti-Capitalist Political Organization
- IV.C.6 - TRSM 2-129      Self-Emancipation, Social Movements and Democracy / Russian Revolution (2 of 2; see IV.A.4)

**June 2 – Day IV, Period D - 15:30-17:00**

- IV.D.1 - TRSM 2-109      Oppression and Left Fragmentation in Latin America
- IV.D.2 - TRSM 2-119      Ideas of Truth, Ideas of the Social and Social Strategy (Darwinism, Havel, Contagion)

# Detailed Programme

**MAY 29 – DAY 0**

## Period 0.B – 10:30-12:00

**Panel 0.B.X – Location: KHE 127**

### **BUT WE DO THEORIZE! INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP AND SOCIOLOGY**

Cross-listed with Canadian Sociological Association

Organizer and Chair: **Elaine Coburn**, Glendon/York University, [ecoburn@yorku.ca](mailto:ecoburn@yorku.ca)

“Of course, there are conflicting theories among us, but we do theorize. But it appears that we may still be considered more as storytelling peoples or cultural or victim/trauma informants, not contemporary theorists and intellectuals” - Emma LaRocque, *When the Other is Me* (2010), p 165.

Here, LaRocque insists on a place for Indigenous persons as scholarly theorists. Of course, diverse Indigenous peoples across lands claimed by Canada have always made their own place as theorists, making sense of the world and their own and others' place in it. But historical and contemporary colonial relationships, institutions and politics have deliberately suppressed these insights, not least in the university. Although Indigenous persons have been in the academy since the 1960s, Indigenous theorizing continues to be marginalized, including because of institutional divisions of intellectual labour. This is a loss for sociology. Moreover, excluding Indigenous theorizing has political repercussions, reproducing the Indigenous person as the 'object' of colonial research rather than as knowledgeable actor capable of theorizing her own experiences and relationship with the world. This session invites contributions that critically interrogate the relationships and mechanisms that thwart serious, critical engagement by the discipline of sociology with Indigenous theorizing; and contributions that offer ways forward to sociology's critical engagement with Indigenous scholarship, in its diversity and richness.

Discussant:

**Eve Tuck**, OISE/University of Toronto

Speakers:

**Hayden King**, Carleton University

**Julie Tomiak**, Ryerson University

**Vanessa Watts**, McMaster University

**MAY 30 – DAY I**

**Greeting Table: outside TRSM 2-149**

## Period I.A – 8:45-10:15

**Panel I.A.1 – Location: TRSM 2-147**

### **ROJAVA REVOLUTION IN SYRIA: DECOLONIZATION, NATIONAL LIBERATION AND DEMOCRATIC SELF-RULE**

Organizers: **Behnam Amini**, York University, behnamamini60@gmail.com; **Gulay Kilicaslan**, York University, kilicaslangulay@gmail.com; **Sardar Saadi**, University of Toronto, sardarsaadi@gmail.com

Since the 2011 uprisings in the Middle East, the majority Kurdish populated areas of northern Syria, i.e. Rojava have been experiencing enormous social and political transformations often referred to as 'Rojava revolution.' Struck by a long history of colonization and imperialist interventions as well as authoritarianism of secular and religious modern states, people in Rojava have been developing a democratic alternative to the oppressive and exclusive modern nation-state system. The idea of 'democratic confederalism,' developed by Abdullah Ocalan, has been central to Rojava revolution. It rejects the creation of a new nation-state as a solution to the plights of oppressed and colonized nations and advocates the formation of confederate structures of democratic self-rule through people's assemblies and communes which challenge the rule of capital and patriarchy and celebrate the co-existence of ethnicities, religions and languages. This Panel intends to reflect upon various aspects of the Rojava revolution in Syria.

Chair: **Maxime Lévy-Tessier**, York University, mlevy018@yahoo.ca

Speakers:

**Behnam Amini**, York University, behnamamini60@gmail.com

"Understanding the Implications of Transcending Nationalism: Democratic Confederalism and the Question of Separatism"

**Gulay Kilicaslan**, York University, kilicaslangulay@gmail.com

"Rojava Revolution in the Context of International Solidarity Politics"

**Sardar Saadi**, University of Toronto, sardarsaadi@gmail.com

"Kurdish Democratic Autonomy and the Quest for an Anti-capitalist Economy in Rojava and Bakur"

**Elif Genc**, New School for Social Research, elifgenc2284@gmail.com

"Gender, State and Resistance: The Kurdish Women's Armed Struggle for Liberation"

**Antranig Bedrossian**, Nakhijevan Institute of Canada, antranig1@videotron.ca

"The idea of 'democratic confederalism', in theory and practice, the case of 'Rojava'"

## **Panel I.A.2 – Location: SID-Interior Design 318**

### **WHOSE NATION? THE UNFULFILLED PROMISE OF CANADA'S SOCIAL PROGRAMS**

Organizer: **Stephanie Baker Collins**, McMaster University, sbcollins@mcmaster.ca

As argued by Sunera Thobani, Canada's nation-building project has spun the narrative of generous social and economic rights that have strengthened the bonds of citizenship. Behind this self-congratulatory story are the deeply embedded inequalities built into the design and coverage of social programs which require particular self-improvement activities so as to become a citizen worthy of inclusion and which exclude those who are not yet citizens. This Panel will provide a critical exploration of the ways in which Canada's social programs and services foster oppression and exclusion, stressing conformity to the obligations of citizenship, without necessarily extending the rights and benefits thereof. Specific social programs and policies will be interrogated including a punitive income security regime which requires jobless work and social programs that are unevenly extended to newcomers.

Chairs and Speakers:

**Sarah Pennisi**, Brock University spennisi@brocku.ca



“Welfare under Ontario Works: Making Sense of Jobless Work”

**Tracy Smith-Carrier**, King’s University College at Western University tsmithca@uwo.ca

“Interrogating Assumptions of Universality”

**Stephanie Baker Collins**, McMaster University, sbcollins@mcmaster.ca; **Ann Fudge**

**Schormans**, McMaster University, fschorm@mcmaster.ca; **Lisa Watt**, McMaster University,

wattlh@mcmaster.ca; **Becky Idems**, McMaster University, idemsri@mcmaster.ca; **Tina Wilson**,

McMaster University, wilsonte@mcmaster.ca

“Getting Lost in the Gaps: Youth Homelessness and Disability”

### **Panel I.A.3 – Location: POD-Podium 484**

#### **OVERVIEWS OF LEFT ORGANIZING**

Organizer: Society for Socialist Studies

This panel examines the forms that left organizing has taken both within Canada and in the wider world. Its purpose is to survey and map what currently exists with an eye to evaluating strategic capabilities, potentialities and weaknesses and to advocate for new networks linking together different organizational forms.

Chair: TBA

Presenters:

**Andrea Levy**, alevy@videotron.ca; **Corvin Russell**

“Landscapes of the Left in Canada and Québec”

**Chokchai Suttawet**, suttawet@gmail.com

“The Cooperation of the Labour and Cooperative Movements: A Historical Analysis and the Future Options for Sustainable Development”

**Adrian Murray**, University of Ottawa, amurr061@uottawa.ca

“A Decent House, a Decent Job, a Decent Life: Social Reproduction Theory and Working Class Organizing”

### **Panel I.A.4 – Location: POD-Podium 358**

#### **THE GERG PANEL: CANADIAN IMPERIALISM TODAY**

Organizers: **Alan Freeman**, Geopolitical Economy Research Group, afreeman@iwgvt.org;

**Radhika Desai**, University of Manitoba, Radhika.Desai@ad.umanitoba.ca

Canadian Political Economy has come a long way in the last half century, from left nationalism to an understanding of Canada as a more ‘ordinary’ western power. This shift has put an entirely salutary momentum behind the understanding of Canadian imperialism both as internal colonialism and in relation to the Third World. A growing body of work has thrown new light on this in relation to the evolution of Canada’s own capitalism and its position within western imperial structures and how it has evolved. This Panel showcases some of the best of this scholarship with a view to promoting greater dialogue within it and between it and the critical audiences to whom this will be helpful.

Speakers:

**Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, pkellogg@uathabasca.ca

**Greg Albo**, York University, albo@yorku.ca

**Radhika Desai**, University of Manitoba, Radhika.Desai@umanitoba.ca

Jamie Lawson, University of Victoria, lawsonj@uvic.ca

**Panel I.A.X.1 – Location: TRSM 3-149**

**(Note Special Time: 8:30-10:00)**

**INTERDISCIPLINARY FEMINIST SESSIONS AT CONGRESS 2017 / SESSIONS**

**FÉMINISTES INTERDISCIPLINAIRES AU CONGRÈS 2017**

SESSION 1 of 3 (see I.B.4, II.A.X.2)

***Feminist Interdisciplinarity: Women's Experiences in and Resistance against Hostile Work Environments***

Hosted by the Canadian Sociological Association

Co-sponsored by the following Associations: Canadian Association for Social Work Education, Canadian Association for the Study of Women and Education, Canadian Committee for Women's History, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, Canadian Political Science Association, Canadian Sociological Association, Society for Socialist Studies, Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes

Organizers: **Kathryn Adams-Sloan**, King's College, Western University; **Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes**, University of Calgary; **Linda Christiansen-Ruffman**, Saint Mary's University; **Ann Denis**, University of Ottawa; **Patrizia Gentile**, Carleton University; **Liza Lorenzetti**, University of Calgary; **Marie Lovrod**, University of Saskatchewan; **Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa; **Lynn Thomas**, University of Sherbrooke; **Erin Tolley**, University of Toronto

Papers analyze different hostile work environments for women. Nichols analyzes Toronto labour market challenges for unemployed immigrant mothers. Joseph interviews Saudi Arabia's domestic foreign workers from India, examining relationships including their isolation. Braundy analyzes projects promoting women's work throughout Canada over decades, in the male dominated trades and technical workforce. Together these papers display how such contemporary systems as patriarchy and neo-liberalism create precarity for women seeking jobs and exclude women from good jobs. All papers directly address policy, including its implementation and absences (e.g. child-care and labour laws). After decades, Braundy notices recent, slight positive changes for women.

Co-Chairs: **Linda Christiansen-Ruffman**, Saint Mary's University; **Ann Denis**, University of Ottawa

Speakers:

**Leslie Nichols**, Ryerson University

"Motherhood and Unemployment: Immigrant Women's Experiences from Toronto"

**Jolin Joseph**, York University

"Engulfed: A Feminist's Field Notes from Ethnographic Labour Research in Saudi Arabia"

**Marcia Braundy**, University of British Columbia

"Increasing women's success in apprenticeships & skilled trades: Canadian case studies"

**Period I.B – 10:30-12:00**

**Panel I.B.X.0 – Location: TRS 1-077**

**(Note Special Time: 10:15-12:45)**

**WRITING CANADA'S 'ETHNIC' LEFT**

Cross-listed with Canadian Historical Association

Organizer: **Rhonda Lynn Hintherr**, Brandon University, hinherr@brandonu.ca

Fundamental to shaping Canada's political history has been the so-called 'ethnic' left. Ethnic hall socialists played critical roles in social justice and labour activism, often paying a heavy price for doing so. Among the most active have been Jews, Finns and Ukrainians who, together, made up the Communist Party's largest base of support, an organization with which they enjoyed an often-contentious relationship. To celebrate three new books each respectively exploring these communities' histories, this roundtable will highlight ethnic hall socialists' activism, particularly noting the ways in which they merged the cultural with the political.

Chair: **Franca Iacovetta**, University of Toronto, f.iacovetta@utoronto.ca

Speakers:

**Michel S. Beaulieu**, Lakehead University, michel.beaulieu@lakeheadu.ca

"The Finnish-Canadian Left"

**Rhonda L. Hintherr**, Brandon University, hinherr@brandonu.ca

"Canada's Ukrainian Left"

**Ester Reiter**, York University, ereiter@yorku.ca

"The Jewish Left in Canada"

#### **Panel I.B.1 – Location: TRSM 2-147**

#### **UNPACKING THE US ELECTION: CLASS, CRISIS AND STRUGGLE**

Participants:

**Thom Workman**, University of New Brunswick, wworkman@unb.ca

"What the Frankfurt School does and doesn't tell us about the 2016 US election"

**Charlie Post**, Borough of Manhattan Community College and the Graduate Center-CUNY, charlespost@nyc.rr.com

"The Social Origins of Trumpism"

#### **Panel I.B.2 – Location: TRSM 2-149**

#### **IMPERIALISMS IN SYRIA: A ROUNDTABLE**

Organisers: **Sedef Arat-Koc**, Ryerson University, saratkoc@politics.ryerson.ca; **Abigail Bakan**,

OISE/University of Toronto, abigail.bakan@utoronto.ca; **Radhika Desai**, University of

Manitoba, Radhika.Desai@umanitoba.ca

The most recent US actions in Syria have raised international tensions to an unprecedented level. Canada's complicity raises challenges for socialists and anti-war activists about how to advance a coherent, unified response. This roundtable seeks to initiate a conversation, inviting multiple and varied perspectives on the question of western interventions, Canada's role in them, their justification and critique and the understandings of imperialisms on which they are based. We aim, in this initial effort, merely to open the door to meaningful dialogue and mutual understanding on these questions.

Chair: **Himani Bannerji**, York University himanib@yorku.ca

Speakers:

**Behnam Amini**, York University, behnamamini60@gmail.com

**Sedef Arat-Koç**, Ryerson University, saratkoc@politics.ryerson.ca

**Radhika Desai**, University of Manitoba, Radhika.Desai@umanitoba.ca

**Amir Hassanpour**, University of Toronto, amir.hassanpour68@gmail.com

**Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, pkellogg@uathabasca.ca

### **Panel I.B.3 – Location: SID-Interior Design 318**

#### **150 YEARS OF CANADA AND CAPITAL: VOLUME 1**

Chair and Organizer: **Adam Belton**, University of Alberta, belton1@ualberta.ca

This year not only marks Canada's 150 years of confederation, but also marks the 150th anniversary of the first publication of Marx's *Capital: Volume 1*. Within this monumental work, we benefit from the masterful interconnection of his formative concepts – including commodities, labour-power, surplus-value and capitalist accumulation – into a socio-historically grounded developmental theory. This session invites submissions relating to concepts, themes and ideas crystallized in this ground-breaking volume of Marx's magnum opus. Of particular interest are contributions that connect *Capital* to Canadian society to illustrate how Marx "got this right, but got that wrong," and celebrate the 150 years of discussion about the critique amassed in *Capital: Volume 1*.

Speakers:

**Ian Angus**, Simon Fraser University, iangus@sfu.ca

"Three Remarks on *Capital, Vol. 1* Pertinent to the Role of Marxism in Contemporary Politics"

**Susan Brophy**, St. Jerome's University at the University of Waterloo, s3brophy@uwaterloo.ca

"A Legacy of Dispossession: Indigenous Labour and the Fur Trade (1763-1804)"

**Wilfred Lynch**, University of Toronto, lynch@chass.utoronto.ca

"Grave-diggers and Red Spectres: Applying Marx's *Capital* to Recent Developments within the Canadian Capitalist Class and the Socio-Economic Crisis"

**Kaveh Boveiri**, Université de Montréal, kaveh.boveiri@umontreal.ca

"The Methodological characteristics of the French Edition of *Capital* Revised by Marx"

### **Panel I.B.4 – Location: POD-Podium 358**

#### **INTERDISCIPLINARY FEMINIST SESSIONS AT CONGRESS 2017 / SESSIONS**

#### **FÉMINISTES INTERDISCIPLINAIRES AU CONGRÈS 2017**

SESSION 2 of 3 (see I.A.X.1, II.A.X.2)

#### ***Feminist Interdisciplinarity: Resistance Against Hostile Academic Environments***

Hosted by the Society for Socialist Studies

Co-sponsored by Canadian Association for Social Work Education, Canadian Association for the Study of Women and Education, Canadian Committee for Women's History, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, Canadian Political Science Association, Canadian Sociological Association, Society for Socialist Studies, Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches

Organizers: **Kathryn Adams-Sloan**, King's College, Western University; **Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes**, University of Calgary; **Linda Christiansen-Ruffman**, Saint Mary's University; **Ann Denis**, University of Ottawa; **Patrizia Gentile**, Carleton University; **Liza Lorenzetti**, University of Calgary; **Marie Lovrod**, University of Saskatchewan; **Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa; **Lynn Thomas**, University of Sherbrooke; **Erin Tolley**, University of Toronto

This panel seeks to challenge the heteronormativity and misogyny that characterize the disciplines that we teach and the university institutions that pay us our salaries. While many of us aim to push the boundaries of our disciplines and institutions, these forces push back. Panelists will discuss creative solutions based upon their personal experiences of how they have carved out spaces for liberation as part of a larger global struggle, with the aim of reclaiming the University as an institution of higher learning and repository of public knowledge(s).

Chair: **Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa, Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca

Speakers:

**Nicole Bernhardt**, York University, nsb@yorku.ca; **Laura Pin**, York University

“‘Real’ Politics and ‘Identity’ Politics: Resisting the Reprivatizing of Feminist ‘Identities’ in Political Science”

**Elaine Coburn**, Glendon/York University, ecoburn@glendon.yorku.ca

“The How of Feminist Resistance in Academia: Challenges and Contradictions in Everyday Practices”

**Chamindra Weerawardhana**, Queen’s University Belfast, fremancourt@gmail.com

“Managing hostilities: A trans woman in the academy?”

## Lunch Break – 12:00 to 13:30

Tuesday, May 30, 12:00-13:30

Special SPE/SSS Event – Location: SID-Interior Design 315

**STUDIES IN POLITICAL ECONOMY BOOK PRIZE:**

**Glen Coulthard for *Red Skin, White Masks***

Organizer: **Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa, Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca

Greetings: **Leanne Betasamosake Simpson**

Coulthard will speak on issues arising from his celebrated recent work and from subsequent developments in academe, activism and the links between the two.

## Period I.C – 13:45-15:15

Panel I.C.1 – Location: TRSM 2-147

**THE NEW CANADIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY AND SOCIALISM: HISTORIES, CONFLICTS AND POSSIBILITIES**

Organizers: **Chris Hurl**, Concordia University, chris.hurl@concordia.ca; **Elaine Coburn**, Glendon/York University, ecoburn@glendon.yorku.ca; **Benjamin Christensen**, benchrist@yahoo.com

This Panel continues the recent conversation begun in *Studies in Political Economy*, around a co-authored work by Chris Hurl and Benjamin Christensen and a response by Elaine Coburn, regarding the histories, boundaries and limits of the new Canadian political economy (NCPE). There, in part, the question was about how we construct intellectual histories, inevitably partial and incomplete, in order to honour past struggles for social(ist) justice while signaling important problematics that inform current understandings of political economy and struggles for justice across lands claimed by Canada. Here, we continue that conversation, but specifically ask, "How can we understand the conversation across the NCPE and socialism from the 1970s to the present?" Our aim is to de-stabilize any 'canonical' narrative, instead recognizing that there are multiple stories, both intellectual and activist, that intersect in ways shaped by broader relations of power -- and by intellectual and activist challenges to those relations. In particular, we invite contributions that consider how feminist, gay liberation and Indigenous perspectives and struggles, among others, cross-cut and inform both socialist and NCPE traditions, although in ways that may be contradictory as much as complementary.

Speakers:

**David Austin (tentative)**, John Abbott College, ldkaustin@gmail.com

**Marjorie Griffin Cohen**, Simon Fraser University, mcohen@sfu.ca

**Pat Armstrong**, York University, patarmst@yorku.ca

**Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, pkellogg@athabascau.ca

**Meg Luxton**, York University, mluxton@yorku.ca

**Gary Kinsman**, Laurentian University, gkinsman@laurentian.ca

**Elaine Coburn**, Glendon/York University, ecoburn@glendon.yorku.ca

**Chris Hurl**, Concordia University, chris.hurl@concordia.ca

### **Panel I.C.2 – Location: TRSM 2-149**

#### **SPACE, LAND, ENVIRONMENT: BRINGING NEOLIBERALISM TO GROUND**

Organizer: Society for Socialist Studies

Chair: **Jamie Lawson**, University of Victoria, lawsonj@uvic.ca

Speakers:

**Sinem Kavak**, Boğaziçi University, snmkavak@gmail.com

"Rethinking the Political Economy of Contemporary Water Struggles in Turkey: Space, Structures and Agency from a Comparative Perspective"

**Alexandra Fox**, York University, alexandra.n.fox@gmail.com

"When Saving the World Isn't Your Day Job: Preliminary Findings from a Study of Intersectional Environmental Activism and Madness"

### **Panel I.C.3 – Location: SID-Interior Design 318**

#### **STAR TREK LEFT: CLASS ANALYSIS OF IMAGINATIVE WORK IN FILM OR LITERATURE**

Organizer: **Mervyn Nicholson**, Thompson Rivers University, mnicholson@tru.ca

Can socialists learn from *Star Trek*? The Socialist Studies Society is not the only thing turning 50. *Star Trek* began appearing in 1966 and became an entertainment and cultural phenomenon following that appearance, continuing to unfold in new forms and series over the years and never losing its popularity. What does class analysis tell us about this incredibly

popular and influential TV show (and movie series)? What does class analysis reveal about other works of imagination in film or in written texts?

Speakers:

**Omri Evron**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, omrievron@gmail.com

"Marxism, distributive justice and *Star Trek's* post-scarcity socialism"

**Mervyn Nicholson**, Thompson Rivers University, mnicholson@tru.ca

"If Your Head Is in the *Star Trek* Clouds, Watch out for Class Aggression!"

**Alice Bartels**, Independent Scholar, abartels@rogers.com; **Dennis Bartels**, Next Generation Energy Alternatives, dbartels4@gmail.com

"Bricks in the Foundation: Isaac Asimov's Foundation Series"

#### **Panel I.C.4 – Location: POD-Podium 484**

#### **FILM AND DISCUSSION - CONTRACT FACULTY: INJUSTICE IN THE UNIVERSITY**

Co-sponsored with Canadian Sociological Association

Organizer: **Garry Potter**, Wilfrid Laurier University, gpotter@wlu.ca

This 40-minute film explores the situation of Canadian contract academic faculty, with a section examining the even worse conditions American contract faculty face. The film attempts to cover all aspects of the contract academic staff situation but has a decided focus upon its injustices on the one hand and how it is bad for higher education on the other. The "story" is told primarily through the words of contract faculty themselves. Where there is extreme injustice there is not only tragedy but often dark humour as well and the film presents both of these things.

Speakers:

**Garry Potter**, Wilfrid Laurier University, gpotter@wlu.ca

**Stephen Svenson**, Wilfrid Laurier University, ssvenson@wlu.ca

#### **Panel I.C.5 – Location: POD-Podium 358**

#### **REGULATORY CAPTURE, PEAK MINERALS AND POST-BOOM MARKETS: TAILINGS DAM COLLAPSES FROM MT. POLLEY, B.C. TO MARIANA, BRAZIL**

Organizer: **Judith Maureen Marshall**, York University, judithmarshall9@outlook.com

In August 2014, a dam holding toxic waste collapsed in Mount Polley, B.C., creating Canada's largest tailings dam disaster. The gold and copper mine owned by Imperial Metals spilled more than 24 million cubic meters of metals-laden water. In November 2015, an even larger reservoir of mine waste ruptured at an iron mine in Brazil jointly owned by Vale and BHP-Billiton. The more than 60 million cubic meters of tailings created a toxic tsunami that ran the course of the now dead 800 km Sweet River basin before reaching the Atlantic. This was the largest mining disaster in Latin American, whether measured in quantity spilled, geographic reach or cost estimated for reparations and reconstruction. The mining companies initially characterized these as "accidents" and one-off incidents. Long-time observers of mining saw them as predictable, given the combined logics of regulatory capture, peak minerals and post-boom commodity markets. This Panel will explore whether in this age of extractivism and behind the carefully honed image of mining as purveyor of good jobs and sustainable economic growth, mining companies are routinely putting workers, communities

and, indeed, the earth in harm's way. In their aggressive quest for profits, they are simultaneously intensifying production and cutting costs, meaning dumping mine waste in over-filled and under-inspected tailings dams, while cutting back on security measures for workers, communities and the environment. In these circumstances, more tailings-dam catastrophes are inevitable.

Chair: **Liisa North**, York University, lnorth@yorku.ca

Speakers:

**Judith Maureen Marshall**, York University, Judithmarshall9@outlook.com

"Mt. Polley and Mariana: Chronicles of Disasters Foretold"

**Ugo Lapointe**, MiningWatch Canada, ugo@miningwatch.ca

**Joan Kuyek**, MiningWatch Canada, joankuyek@sympatico.ca

"Toxic Mining Waste: Risking the Future"

**Richard Holmes**, Fishing Biologist, careenvir@wake.com

"Mining Disasters: Who Takes Ownership?"

**Bruno Milanez**, Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil, Bruno.milanez@ufjf.edu.br

"Mariana 'Environmental Crime': Corporate Impunity in Brazil"

### **Panel I.C.6 – Location: SID-Interior Design 315**

#### **FIGURES OF DESCENT: MONOPOLY FINANCE CAPITAL, IMPERIALISM AND PATRIARCH(IES)**

Organizer: **Shahzad Mojab**, University of Toronto, shahzad.mojab@utoronto.ca

This Roundtable takes as its starting point the theoretical stand that contemporary global political economy is dominated by monopoly finance capital. It explores the linkages between its dominance and the increasing turn towards patriarchal, authoritarian and ethnically majoritarian forms of governance. These are states that Bannerji terms 'demographic states,' i.e. governments whose legitimacy derives from majority defined ethnic notions of 'nation' and 'citizenship,' rather than the formal equality of liberal capitalism. The dominance of monopoly finance capital has been accompanied by ever-more brutal forms of imperialism and primary accumulation, in which violence against women often plays a major role. This Panel seeks to elucidate the inner relations between violence, especially, violence against women, imperialism, primary accumulation and monopoly finance capital. It also seeks to explore the co-constitutionality of gender, 'race' and class, as these subjectivities are being reshaped by imperialism and by multiple patriarchies in the continuing reproduction of capitalist relations on a global scale.

Speakers:

**Himani Bannerji**, York University, himanib@yorkU.ca

**Judith Whitehead**, Simon Fraser University, jawhiteh@sfu.ca

**Shahzad Mojab**, University of Toronto, shahzad.mojab@utoronto.ca

**Ken Collier**, Athabasca University, kcollier@shaw.ca

## **Period I.D – 15:30-17:00**

**Panel I.D.1 – Location: TRSM 2-147**

### **SOCIALIST STUDIES JOURNAL ROUNDTABLE WITH NEW SCHOLARS**



Organizer: **Sandra Rein**, University of Alberta, srein@ualberta.ca

New scholars (and all others) who are interested in publishing with *Socialist Studies* are invited to a roundtable to discuss the Journal and academic publishing with Sandra Rein, the journal's editor.

### **Panel I.D.2 – Location: TRSM 2-149**

#### **RETHINKING REVOLUTION**

Organizer and Chair: **Greg Albo**, York University, albo@yorku.ca

The meaning of revolution in the 21st century is a critical question. Coming to terms with the legacy of 1917 is obviously one aspect of this. 'October' was a unique event which provided inspiration for millions of oppressed people but which also became an inevitable point of reference for socialist politics in the 20th century. The 21st century left needs to both understand and transcend this legacy through a critical reappraisal of its broad effects – both positive and negative – on political, intellectual and cultural life everywhere as well as on the other revolutions that took place over the last century. There is a need, in this context, for the left to maintain an openness to and patience with, the quite varied experiments in social alternatives to neoliberalism as they emerge in the current period. It is anything but clear where new space for projects of structural reform might open up, or more profound ruptures suddenly burst onto the political scene.

Speakers:

**Leo Panitch**, York University, lpanitch@yorku.ca

**Sam Gindin**, York University, sgindin@yorku.ca

**Joan Sangster**, Trent University, jsangster@trentu.ca

**Bryan Palmer**, Trent University, bpalmer@trentu.ca

**Pierre Beaudet**, University of Ottawa, Pierre.Beaudet@uottawa.ca

### **Panel I.D.3 – Location: SID-Interior Design 318**

#### **THE MEXICAN CRISES AND NORTH AMERICA IN THE NAFTA AND TRUMP ERA**

Organizer and Chair: **Richard Roman**, University of Toronto, droman@rogers.com

This Panel will explore the deepening crises of Mexico and of Mexican workers in the United States where racism towards Mexicans and the threat of mass deportation of immigrants has become the battle cry of the incoming Trump government. The interplay between Mexico's multiple crises and the Trump attack on Mexico and Mexicans creates a volatile situation.

Speakers:

**Stuart Schussler**, York University, sschussler@gmail.com

"The Zapatistas and the Capitalist Hydra: Theorizing and Responding to Mexico's Crisis"

**Alejandro Álvarez Béjar**, National Autonomous University of Mexico, aberjar48@hotmail.com

"The Trump Era: Neoliberal Decomposition in the U.S. and Mexico"

**Tania Hernandez-Cervantes**, York University, tania.hdez.cervantes@gmail.com

"Land, water, food: the *nature* of the Mexico-US battle in the post-NAFTA period"

### **Panel I.D.4 – Location: POD-Podium 484**

#### **PALESTINE, MULTICULTURALISM AND THE BOUNDS OF CANADIAN LIBERALISM**

Organizers: **Rafeef Ziadah**, SOAS, University of London, rafeef@rocketmail.com; **Daniel Freeman-Maloy**, University of Exeter, dfm@riseup.net

Conventional wisdom concerning racism in Canada – to the extent that a racialized politics of power is acknowledged as part of the country’s heritage – holds that the Canadian state transcended its exclusionary past through the policy of official multiculturalism. Liberal Canadian memory is weighed down with contradictions; for example, Canada’s “golden age” of internationalism is said to have taken place before the multiculturalist transformation, when overt racial discrimination was still government policy. As against established liberal myths, this Panel looks at the re-articulation of a politics of structural racism within the framework of official multiculturalism. It focuses on Canadian engagement with Palestine, examining cases of silencing the Arab Canadian community and Palestine advocacy efforts. It explores how one of the world’s defining anti-colonial struggles, that of the Palestinians, has faced attacks from Canadian liberalism’s approach to diversity, tolerance and representation.

Speakers:

**Rafeef Ziadah**, SOAS, University of London, rafeef@rocketmail.com

“Disciplining Dissent: Multicultural Policy and Silencing Palestinian Narratives”

**Dan Freeman-Maloy**, University of Exeter, dfm@riseup.net

"Revisiting the (First) Trudeau Era: The Question of Palestinian Representation in Canada and Québec"

**Mary-Jo Nadeau**, Faculty for Palestine, maryjo.nadeau@gmail.com

"Institutionalizing complicity in the Canadian academy: Rebranding Israeli apartheid as inclusivity, diversity and equity"

### **Panel I.D.5 – Location: POD-Podium 358**

#### **MINING COMPANIES FIGHTING THEIR GREATEST RISK: “RESOURCE NATIONALISM”**

Organizer: **Judith Maureen Marshall**, York University, judithmarshall9@outlook.com

Ernst & Young carries out an annual assessment of “Business Risks Facing Mining and Metals.” In both 2011 and 2012, they ranked “resource nationalism” as a mining company’s greatest risk. Their short definition of “resource nationalism” included nationalization, royalty/tax regimes, import-export regulations and mining codes. Other financial companies gave even broader definitions, including demands for local jobs, local suppliers and beneficiation. Those of us concerned about Indigenous dispossession, extractivism and protection of the earth, our common home, see these not as risks but as instruments of good public policy. We use our capacities in social movements, NGOs and academia to lobby parties and governments to adopt them. The extractive industry, however, views them as threats and takes active measures, both legally and illegally, to thwart them. These include trade agreements, bribes, investment protection treaties and continued machinations of the settler state to block Indigenous assertions of nationhood. The round-table will explore these questions from a multiplicity of perspectives and sites of struggle.

Speakers:

**Richard Saunders**, York University, rsaunder@yorku.ca

“African Mining Vision vs. Indigenization in Zimbabwe”

**Pam Palmater**, Ryerson University, ppalmater@politics.ryerson.ca

"Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and First Nation Consent"

**David Szablowski**, York University, [davidsz@yorku.ca](mailto:davidsz@yorku.ca)

"Producing Extractive Territories by Enclosing Local Justice Spaces"

**Bruno Milanez**, Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil, [brunomilanez@ufjf.edu.br](mailto:brunomilanez@ufjf.edu.br)

"Corporate strategies in Brazil: Bargaining concessions, building consensus, denying opposition"

**Matthew Corbeil**, York University, [matthew.corbeil@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.corbeil@gmail.com)

"Ontario Government Policies, Mining Company Practices and the Ring of Fire Project"

### **Panel I.D.6 – Location: SID-Interior Design-315**

#### **STRUGGLES OVER CANADIAN AND MARITIMES SOCIAL CONDITIONS**

Organizer: Society for Socialist Studies

This Panel collects insights from several studies of social suffering and exploitation, notably centred on the failings of Canadian social provision.

Chair: **Jamie Lawson**, University of Victoria, [lawsonj@uvic.ca](mailto:lawsonj@uvic.ca)

Presenters:

**Larry Haiven**, Saint Mary's University, [Larry.Haiven@smu.ca](mailto:Larry.Haiven@smu.ca)

"Teachers Collective Bargaining in an Age of Austerity: The Case of Nova Scotia"

**Stephanie Mackinnon**, OISE/University of Toronto, [stephanie.mackinnon@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:stephanie.mackinnon@mail.utoronto.ca)

"Understanding Migration as Dispossession: Opportunities to Foster Critical Consciousness in Nova Scotia"

**Richard Lohead**, Carleton University, [rlohead@sympatico.ca](mailto:rlohead@sympatico.ca)

"Failing the Future: The missing issues in the CPP Expansion debate 2009-2016"

### **Special Event - 17:00-19:00**

Tuesday, May 30, 17:00-19:00

Location: KHW-Kerr West 273 - Gym

**SOCIETY FOR SOCIALIST STUDIES**

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION AND BOOK PRIZE PRESENTATION**

## **MAY 31 – DAY II**

**Greeting Table: outside KHE 127**

### **Period II.A – 8:45-10:15**

**Panel II.A.1 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 127**

**RECLAIMING ALTERNATIVE AND GRASSROOT HISTORIES**

Organizers: **Kirsten Kozolanka**, Carleton University, kobra@web.net; **Ulli Diemer**, Connexions, diemer@sources.com

This Panel focuses on alternative and grassroots media and other non-mainstream perspectives and artefacts that are missing or incomplete in our history, as well as the importance of reclaiming our radical past through archiving and through film and other modes of communication as an agent of change. The state of archiving and recovering such past experiences through different media and artefacts is examined, as well as its complexity and its future: where is our radical history and what lessons could and must it teach us?

Speakers:

**Kirsten Kozolanka**, Carleton University, kobra@web.net

"Archiving Missing Voices and Fostering Social Inclusion"

**Ulli Diemer**, Connexions, diemer@sources.com

"Preservation as Subversion: Grassroots Archives as Agents of Change"

**Zachary Williams**, Simon Fraser University, zwilliam@sfu.ca

"Racialized Exploitation at the End of the Boom: Finally Got the News and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers' Experience"

### **Panel II.A.2 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 321C**

#### **THE LEGACY OF ROSA LUXEMBURG: REFINING MARXIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY AND SOCIALIST STRATEGY**

Organizer: **Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University, ingos@athabascau.ca

There is lots of uncertainty about the future of capitalist development. Wherever one thinks this future lies, if there is one in the first place, the further escalation of discontent with today's economic, social and ecological conditions seems certain. Yet, the left seems to be deeper in crisis than capitalism, still struggling to leave the defeats and failures it suffered over the 20th century behind. Drawing on Luxemburg's economic works, some of them published for the first time in Verso's edition of her complete works and political writings these two consecutive sessions will explore the questions how she can contribute to our understanding of the state of global capitalism and the development of effective mass movements for socialist change.

Speakers:

**Ottokar Luban**, International Rosa Luxemburg Society, oluban@gmx.de

"Did Rosa Luxemburg foresee and evaluate the character of the German November Revolution 1918 correctly?"

**Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University, ingos@athabascau.ca

"The Economic Works of Rosa Luxemburg: Their Relevance 150 Years After the Publication of Das Kapital and 100 Years After the Russian Revolution"

**Sandra Rein**, University of Alberta, srein@ualberta.ca

"Luxemburg in the Time of Trump: Militarism, Imperialism & Mass Solidarity"

**William Pelz**, Elgin College, iwch@juno.com

"Red Rosa: Luxemburg's image in the popular consciousness"

### **Panel II.A.3 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 323**

#### **LIBERATION: GLOBALLY AND PARTICULARLY**

Organizer and Chair: **Sean McMahon**, American University in Cairo, smcmahon@aucegypt.edu

Liberation is a contradictory process; workers struggle, materially and ideally, against capital's imposing of forms of control. The history of this process includes the instrumentalizing of, inter alia, nature, technology and state policy to realize and divert time away from, workers' self-creative activity. This session takes stock of our contemporary moment in the liberation process and reflects on what our present means for our possible futures. Assessments can range from those informed by the Frankfurt School's theory of domination and Foucault's notion of disciplinary society to those interested in Gramscian counter-hegemony and autonomist everyday resistances. Papers conceptualizing our time of liberation globally and in different spaces are particularly encouraged.

Speakers:

**Sean McMahon**, American University in Cairo, smcmahon@aucegypt.edu

"Float the Currency, Sink the Commodity: Materiality of Hegemony"

**Kanchan Sarker**, University of British Columbia – Okanagan, sarkerk@gmail.com

"LEARN: A Movement of the Poorest of the Poor in Maharashtra, India"

**Sarah Kasem**, University of Tübingen, skasem@aucegypt.edu

"Possibilities for Transnational Labor Movement in Europe"

**Adham Shebl**, American University in Cairo, adham92@aucegypt.edu

"Worker Resistance: The Negation of the Negation"

**Dale McCartney**, University of British Columbia, dale.mccartney@alumni.ubc.ca

"'The boundary lines of the various countries do not cover the cloak of exploitation': Anti-war internationalism and the Workers' Revolt, 1917-1919"

#### **PANEL II.A.4 – Location: POD-Podium 156**

#### **CORPORATE POWER, FOSSIL CAPITAL, CLIMATE CRISIS: A CORPORATE MAPPING PROJECT SYMPOSIUM (PART 1 OF 4; SEE ALSO PANELS II.B.3, II.C.4, II.D.4)**

##### ***PART I: Fossil capitalism at the climate crossroads***

Organizers: **William K. Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca; **Shannon Daub**, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, shannon@policyalternatives.ca

This session explores the intersections between (a) networks, structures and practices of capitalist class power (and resistance to it), as centred in large corporations; (b) the political economy of fossil capital as a way of life that has reached global scale; and (c) the accelerating climate crisis, whose urgency seems to be matched by its intractability at least within the strictures of capitalism itself.

Chair: **William Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca

Speakers:

**Mark Hudson**, University of Manitoba, hudsonm@cc.umanitoba.ca

"The Banker, the Insurer and Climate Crisis: Financial Capital's Digestion of Catastrophe"

**J.P. Sapinski**, University of Victoria, jpsapin@gmail.com

"The Political Economy of Climate Geoengineering"

**Laurie Adkin**, University of Alberta, ladkin@ualberta.ca

"Crossroads in Alberta: Climate Capitalism or Ecological Democracy?"

**PANEL II.A.5 – Location: TRSM 1-129 – Catherine Lund Room**  
**CITIES ON INDIGENOUS LANDS: SETTLER COLONIALISM, DISPOSSESSION AND RESISTANCE**

Organizer and Chair: **Julie Tomiak**, Ryerson University, julie.tomiak@gmail.com

This session invites papers that discuss various forms of dispossession, displacement and violence as integral and ongoing processes of the production of urban space in what is now known as Canada. More specifically, the discussion will focus on how conceptualizations of the right to the city, property and scale need to be re-framed to account for the fact that all cities across Turtle Island are on Indigenous lands. What does this mean in relation to different ideas, practices and the political economy of cities and regions? Possible topics include, but are not limited to, urban spaces of/ as racist and heteropatriarchal violence, policing of city spaces, gentrification, homelessness, reclamations of space, trans/urban solidarities and struggles against the forces of settler capitalism.

Speakers:

**Julie Tomiak**, Ryerson University, julie.tomiak@gmail.com

“Reclaiming Gichi Kiiwenging/ Tkaronto: Indigenous research, resistance and resurgence”

**Serena Kataoka**, Nipissing University, serenak@nipissingu.ca

“In the beginning there is belonging to the land: A thought experiment on expropriation and urban development in Canada”

**Violet Christine King**, York University, violetchristine84@gmail.com

“Forced sterilization and land dispossession”

**Adam Gary Lewis**, York University, aglewis@yorku.ca

“Ethnographies of anarchist culture: Settler colonial context and anarchist resistance”

**Rebecca Ellis**, University of Western Ontario, rellis23@uwo.ca

“The Manor on the Hill: Class, colonialism and the modern lawn”

**Panel II.A.X.1 – Location: VIC-106**  
**ROUNDTABLE - BLOOD OF EXTRACTION: CANADIAN IMPERIALISM IN LATIN AMERICA**

Cross-listed with Canadian Political Science Association

Chair: **Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa, Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca

Speakers:

**Todd Gordon**, Laurier University, ts.gordon@hotmail.com

**Jeffrey Webber**, Queen Mary, University of London, j.r.webber@qmul.ac.uk

**Anna Zalik**, York University, azalik@yorku.ca

**Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, pkellogg@athabascau.ca

**Adrian Smith**, Carleton University, adrian.smith@carleton.ca

**Panel II.A.X.2 – Location: ENG Engineering LG14**  
**(Note Special Time: 8:30-10:00)**  
**INTERDISCIPLINARY FEMINIST SESSIONS AT CONGRESS 2017 / SESSIONS**  
**FÉMINISTES INTERDISCIPLINAIRES AU CONGRÈS 2017**  
**SESSION 3 of 3 (see I.A.X.1, I.B.4)**

## ***Interdisciplinarity: Challenging barriers to feminist teaching and research, in the academy and beyond***

Hosted by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education

Co-sponsored by the Canadian Association for the Study of Women and Education, Canadian Committee for Women's History, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, Canadian Political Science Association, Canadian Sociological Association, Society for Socialist Studies, Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes

Organizers: **Kathryn Adams-Sloan**, King's College, Western University; **Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes**, University of Calgary; **Linda Christiansen-Ruffman**, Saint Mary's University; **Ann Denis**, University of Ottawa; **Patrizia Gentile**, Carleton University; **Liza Lorenzetti**, University of Calgary; **Marie Lovrod**, University of Saskatchewan; **Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa; **Lynn Thomas**, University of Sherbrooke; **Erin Tolley**, University of Toronto

Neo-liberal and sexist practices continue to create hostility toward women in the academic institution, to define the parameters of possibility in research and to inform practices in the community that obfuscate structural forces of gendered oppression which create and perpetuate inequitable outcomes for women. Each of the papers presented asks that we take a gendered lens to problematic practices that often avoid critique when patriarchal and individualist assumptions—as well as the mechanisms they inform—are left uninterrogated and unchallenged.

Co-Chairs: **Katheryn Adams-Sloan**, King's College, Western University; **Liza Lorenzetti**, University of Calgary

Speakers:

**Jen Chisholm**, Lakehead University

"(Chilly) Climate Change? Understanding Hostility in the Women's Studies Classroom"

**Monnah Green**, Saint Mary's University

"Feminist Teaching in Neoliberal Times"

**Sarah Switzer**, York University

"Beyond the end or the means: theorizing engagement for feminist research and practice"

## **Period II.B – 10:30-12:00**

**Panel II.B.X.0– Location: TRSM 1-147**

**(NOTE SPECIAL TIME – 10:00-12:00)**

### **OPENING PLENARY FOR CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WORK AND LABOUR STUDIES (CAWLS)**

Cross-listed with Canadian Association for Work and Labour Studies

Welcome:

**John Cartwright**, Toronto & York Region Labour Council

**Wanda Whitebird**, Mi'kmaq

Chair: **Thomas Collombat**, Université du Québec en Outaouais

Speakers:

**Marie-Pierre Boucher**, Université du Québec en Outaouais

**Winnie Ng**, Ryerson University

Bryan Palmer, Trent University

**Panel II.B.1 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 321C**  
**BOOK LAUNCH: ONE DIMENSIONAL MAN 50 YEARS ON: THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES**

Organizer: **Thom Workman**, University of New Brunswick, wworkman@unb.ca

Herbert Marcuse's *One Dimensional Man (ODM)* has been called one of the most important books of the post-WWII era. The year 2014 marked its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. *ODM* was highly critical of modern industrial capitalism, its domination of nature, its commodified consumer culture, the military-industrial complex and new forms of social control at the height of the Keynesian era. In this Roundtable, contributors to the new edited Fernwood collection, *One-Dimensional Man 50 Years On: The Struggle Continues* (edited by Terry Maley, York University), take up Marcuse's critique of one-dimensional society and its resonance for current movement and anti-oppression struggles. These include struggles over neoliberal capitalism and its authoritarian turn under Trumpism, reduced democracy, the ecology, indigenous struggles in Canada and the global south, consumerism, class, gender, race and new forms of domination in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Roundtable speaks to the importance of Marcuse's work for the broadly defined socialist left today.

Panellists:

**David Bedford**, University of New Brunswick, dbedford@unb.ca

**Terry Maley**, York University, maley@yorku.ca

**Thom Workman**, University of New Brunswick, wworkman@unb.ca

**Meg Luxton**, York University, mluxton@yorku.ca

**PANEL II.B.2 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 127**  
**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

Organizers: **Grace-Edward Galabuzi**, Ryerson University, galabuzi@politics.ryerson.ca; **Susan Spronk** University of Ottawa, susan.spronk@uottawa.ca

This panel will explore the implications of Black Lives Matter (BLM) for Black liberation in the context of predatory capitalism. While BLM first emerged as a response to police violence, it has broadened to represent an increasingly radical expression of resistance and rage against the casualization of Black life under capitalism, reminiscent of the Black Panther Party. This panel will explore the contemporary Black experience in Canada and the USA and the rise of BLM as a militant movement, in which women, queer/trans identified and millennials have provided leadership. It will address the centrality of capitalist relations in the structuring of Black lives and the Black experience, the deployment of the criminal justice system to contain Black communities through mass incarceration, disparities in child protection, educational achievements, health outcomes and unequal access to housing, etc. Central questions include the following: What does the rise of BLM mean for Black liberation for African-Canadians, people of African Descent and their allies in the Diaspora and beyond? What is the place of socialism in the new movement and to what extent is it informed by the work of socialist thinkers that addressed the Black condition such as Angela Davis, C.L.R. James, W.E.B. Dubois and Cedric Robinson?



Moderator: **Idil Abdillahi**, Ryerson University, iabdilla@ryerson.ca

Speakers:

**Sandy Hudson**, Black Lives Matter (Toronto)

**Rinaldo Walcott**, University of Toronto, rinaldo.walcott@utoronto.ca

**Alissa Trotz**, University of Toronto, da.trotz@utoronto.ca

**David Austin**, John Abbott College, ldkaustin@gmail.com

### **PANEL II.B.3 – Location: POD-Podium 156**

#### **CORPORATE POWER, FOSSIL CAPITAL, CLIMATE CRISIS: A CORPORATE MAPPING PROJECT SYMPOSIUM (PART 2 OF 4; SEE ALSO PANELS II.A.4, II.C.4, II.D.4)**

##### ***Part II: Digging deep on big oil***

Organizers: **William K. Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca; **Shannon Daub**, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, shannon@policyalternatives.ca

This session explores the intersections between (a) networks, structures and practices of capitalist class power (and resistance to it), as centred in large corporations; (b) the political economy of fossil capital as a way of life that has reached global scale; and (c) the accelerating climate crisis, whose urgency seems to be matched by its intractability at least within the strictures of capitalism itself.

Chair: **Shannon Daub**, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, shannon@policyalternatives.ca

Speakers:

**Ian Hussey** Parkland Institute, ihussey@ualberta.ca; **Éric Pineault**, Université du Québec à Montréal, pineault.eric@uqam.ca; **Emma Jackson**, Parkland Institute, ejackson@ualberta.ca  
“Canada’s Six Largest Oil Producing Corporations: Financial and Labour Analysis”

**Angele Alook**, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, a.alook@aupe.org  
“Racialization, Colonization and Marginalization in Precarious Work”

**Simon John Enoch**, University of Regina & Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives SK, simon@policyalternatives.ca; **Emily Eaton**, University of Regina, Emily.Eaton@uregina.ca  
“Oil’s Rural Reach: Social License in Saskatchewan’s Oil Communities”

### **PANEL II.B.4 – Location: TRSM 1-129 – Catherine Lund Room**

#### **DÉCOLONISER LA PRODUCTION SCIENTIFIQUE EN SCIENCES SOCIALES : PERSPECTIVES FÉMINISTES-INTERSECTIONNELLES / DECOLONISING KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES: INTERSECTIONAL FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES**

Organizer and Chair: **Chamindra Weerawardhana**, Queen’s University Belfast, fremancourt@gmail.com

[English follows]

L’enseignement et la recherche en sciences sociales, pour la plupart, s’inspirent des approches méthodologiques et des épistémologies euro-centriques, ce qui est de plus en plus remis en question dans certains contextes (par ex. les recherches sur les communautés natives de l’île de la Tortue, et au sein de l’université africaine - notamment en Afrique du Sud). De quoi s’agit-il lors qu’on parle de décoloniser l’université et la recherche scientifique en sciences

sociales, et comment peut-on conceptualiser les liens étroits entre « décolonisation » et « féminismes intersectionnels » ? Il s'agit d'un sujet qui suscite de vifs débats, et qui exige impérativement des processus de « désapprentissage » et de réapprentissage. Ce panel pluridisciplinaire et international est une invitation à une réflexion collective en cette direction.

Teaching and research in the social sciences largely revolve around Eurocentric epistemologies and methodologies, which are increasingly put into question in some areas in the social sciences (for example, in the field of First Peoples'/Indigenous Studies in Turtle Island and in some African seats of learning, especially in South Africa). What do we really imply when evoking the topic of 'decolonizing' the university, teaching and research in the social sciences? How can we identify and conceptualise close interconnectivities between decolonizing and intersectional feminism/s? These are areas of academic preoccupation marked by lively debates, involving constant processes of "unlearning" and "relearning." This interdisciplinary and international panel is an invitation to engage in a cross-cutting reflection along this direction.

**Speakers:**

**Harlan Pruden**, University of British Columbia, hpruden@gmail.com

"Decolonizing Sex Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Movement to Center(ing) Indigenous and/or Two-Spirit Voices, History and Lived Experiences"

**Shirleen Datt**, University of Toronto, shirleen.datt@mail.utoronto.ca

"The Politics of Knowing: Deconstructing Colonial Narratives in the Education Curriculum"

**Chamindra Weerawardhana**, Queen's University Belfast, fremancourt@gmail.com

"Decolonizing peacebuilding: on challenging Eurocentric approaches to politics of deeply divided societies"

**PANEL II.B.5 – Location: TRSM 1-129 - Catherine Lund Room**

**(Note Special Time: 12:15 to 14:00)**

**SUBJECTIVITY AND IDENTITY IN SETTLER COLONIAL CANADA (Part 1 of 2; see II.D.3)**

Organizer and Chair: **Elena Chou**, York University, echou@yorku.ca

Although diversity is often depicted as a cherished Canadian value and multiculturalism as emblematic of our collective Canadian identity, Canadian state policies and cultural practices have had varying effects on the sense of self and the identity-making practices of Canadians. This Panel invites papers which explore the ways in which subjectivity and identity have been shaped by and constructed in dialectical relation with the settler colonial capitalist history, policies and ideologies of the Canadian state over the past 150 years.

**Speakers:**

**Xavier Scott**, York University, xavscott@gmail.com

"Heavy Hangs the Head: The Theft of Indigenous Sovereignty"

**Balca Arda**, York University, tbalca13@yorku.ca

"'Selfie Art': The Sousveillance Strategies of Middle Eastern Diasporic Artists in North America"

**Annelies Cooper**, York University, annelies.cooper@gmail.com

"Criminalize the Dead, Save the Farm: Settler Narratives in the Aftermath of Indigenous Death"

**PANEL II.B.X.1 – Location: VIC-103 (Victoria Building)**  
**MICRO-PAPER ROUNDTABLE - POLITICAL ECONOMY, LABOUR AND THE STATE:**  
**ROUND-TABLE COMMEMORATING THE WORK OF PROFESSOR LEO PANITCH I**  
**(Part 1 of 2; see II.C.X)**

Cross-listed with Canadian Political Science Association

Chair: **Greg Albo**, York University, albo@yorku.ca

Speakers:

**Dennis Pilon**, York University, dpilon@yorku.ca

**Stephanie Ross**, McMaster University, stephross@mcmaster.ca

**Stephen McBride**, McMaster University, mcbride@mcmaster.ca

**Byron Sheldrick**, University of Guelph, sheldric@uoguelph.ca

**Charles Smith**, University of Saskatchewan, cmsmith@stmcollege.ca

**Rosemary Warskett**, Carleton University

**PANEL II.B.X.2 – Location: TRSM 1-0003**  
**STRATEGIES TO RESIST CORPORATIZATION IN CANADA'S UNIVERSITIES**

Cross-listed with Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)

Organizer: **Claire Polster**, University of Regina, claire.polster@uregina.ca

Although the corporatization of Canadian universities has become an established topic of discussion and analysis at the annual meetings of the CSA and other learned societies, relatively little attention has been paid to the question of how to resist this harmful process. This roundtable session aims to fill this gap by focusing exclusively on strategies and tactics to challenge corporatization. To this end, panelists are invited to share their experiences with past or ongoing efforts to resist one (or more) corporatizing policy or initiative in their own institution and to distill from them lessons that can be applied in other universities. Panelists may also present proposals to resist university corporatization that are inspired by various social theories/thinkers, social movements and/or their own activism outside of academia, provided that they are concrete and viable in the current Canadian university context. Contributors will have 5-10 minutes each to present their work. Following this, ample opportunity will be provided for all those in attendance to collectively discuss and debate strategies and tactics for confronting corporatization in ways that restore and strengthen the public serving focus of Canadian higher education.

Chair: **Janice Newson**, York University, janewson@eagle.ca

Speakers:

**Nicole O'Byrne**, University of New Brunswick, nobyrne.ca@gmail.com

"Your job as a Board Member is to support the President in his fight with the unions":

Thoughts on Resistance by a Board of Governors Faculty Representative"

**Blake Hawkins**, University of British Columbia, blake.hawkins@alumni.ubc.ca

"Is it still a possibility? Community-based research in the neoliberalized Canadian academy"

**Claire Polster**, University of Regina, claire.polster@uregina.ca; **Sarah Amsler**, Lincoln University, samsler@lincoln.ac.uk

"Finding and Seizing Canada's Advantage in Resisting University Corporatization"

## Lunch Break - 12:00 to 13:30

Wednesday, May 31, 12:00-13:30  
Special Lunch-Time Event – Location: iMA 307

### **RETURN PERFORMANCE OF *LIFE ON THE LINE: WOMEN STRIKE AT EATON'S 1984-85***

Co-sponsored with Canadian Association for Work and Labour Studies

This 50-minute play by Patricia McDermott with Vrenia Ivonoffski follows the course of a six-month strike by Eaton's workers in 1984-85, with its epicentre just blocks from Ryerson University. It reveals both the local conditions of these workers and wider themes of precarity, class exploitation, gendering and racialization in retail work across Canada. The play has enjoyed multiple showings at Ryerson's Social Justice Week, at Mayworks and various union venues such as the Steelworker's Hall in Toronto and UNIFOR's Port Elgin Conference Centre. It is reprised for SSS's 50th anniversary celebration at this year's Congress by the cast in a special encore performance. A special SSS/CAWLS panel will take place in the session immediately after the play to discuss the wider themes that the play raises. This brown-bag performance is open to the public with a light lunch provided at the venue, the Ryerson Theatre.

## Period II.C – 13:45-15:15

### **Panel II.C.1 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 127**

#### **ORGANIZING AND PRECARIETY: THEMES ARISING FROM *LIFE ON THE LINE***

Co-sponsored by the Canadian Association for Work and Labour Studies

Organizer and Chair: **Terry Maley**, York University, maley@yorku.ca

This panel discusses some of the wider issues arising from the play *Life on the Line* (See lunch break, 12-13:30, above) and the strike at Eaton's on which the play rests.

Speakers:

**Kendra Coulter**, Brock University, kcoulter@brocku.ca

**Anne Forrest**, University of Windsor, forrest@uwindsor.ca

### **PANEL II.C.2 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 321C**

#### **CULTURE, POLITICS AND LIBERATION (Part 1 of 2; see II.D.2)**

Organizer and Chair: **Scott Forsyth**, York University, sforsyth@yorku.ca

This session will explore themes on the relationship of politics and culture and the ways culture plays a role in struggles for liberation. Open to historical discussions of cultural practices in important political movements and struggles, including culture in the organizations and institutions of the Left – parties, unions, local, national, global. Considerations of contemporary debates and questions: What is radical art now? What is the dominating power of contemporary cultural industries now? What are key developments in Marxist aesthetics?

Key changes in popular culture and the corporate organization of commercial media, nationally and globally. Significance of new media technologies and potentially new communities of resistance in social media. How will culture be significant in conflict with the rise of the radical right? Open to a range of subjects and socialist perspectives.

Speakers:

**A.J. Withers**, York University, ajwithers@riseup.net

“Winning to Fight: Demobilisation and the Struggle against Pacification in Anti-Poverty Organizing”

**Tanner Mirrlees**, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, tanner.mirrlees@uoit.ca

“Social Media Populism in the Service of Authoritarianism”

**Keith Hayson**, University of Ottawa, k\_haysom@yahoo.ca

“Class Politics at the Intersection: Relations to Capital vs. Social Class”

### **PANEL II.C.3 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 323**

#### **THE NORTH AMERICAN MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM IT NOW**

Co-sponsored by Canadian Association for African Studies

Organizer and Chair: **John S. Saul**, York University, johnsaul@yorku.ca

This Panel reflects on, builds on and draws lessons from the themes of John Saul’s recently published *On Building a Social Movement: The North American Campaign for Southern African Liberation Revisited*.

Panelists:

**Prexy Nesbitt**, Columbia College, Chicago, rozell.makingtheroad1@gmail.com

**Judith Marshall**, CERLAC, York University, judithmarshall9@outlook.com

**Dan O’Meara**, Université du Québec à Montréal, omeara.dan@uqam.ca

**Marlea J. Clarke**, University of Victoria, mjclarke@uvic.ca

### **PANEL II.C.4 – Location: POD-Podium 156**

#### **CORPORATE POWER, FOSSIL CAPITAL, CLIMATE CRISIS: A CORPORATE MAPPING PROJECT SYMPOSIUM (PART 3 OF 4; SEE ALSO PANELS II.A.4, II.B.3, II.D.4)**

##### ***PART III: The fossil fuel industry's battle for hearts and minds***

Organizers: **William K. Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca; **Shannon Daub**,

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, shannon@policyalternatives.ca

This session explores the intersections between (a) networks, structures and practices of capitalist class power (and resistance to it), as centred in large corporations; (b) the political economy of fossil capital as a way of life that has reached global scale; and (c) the accelerating climate crisis, whose urgency seems to be matched by its intractability at least within the strictures of capitalism itself.

Chair: **Shannon Daub**, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, shannon@policyalternatives.ca

Presenters:

**Shane Gunster**, Simon Fraser University, sgunster@sfu.ca, **Bob Neubauer**, **John Bermingham**, **Alicia Massie**, **Sibo Chen**

“Fossil Nation: Extractivism, Public Relations and Social Media”

**Patrick McCurdy**, University of Ottawa, Patrick.McCurdy@uottawa.ca

“Tar Wars: Myths, Methods and Mediations in the Struggle over Alberta’s Tar Sands”

**Kevin McCartney**, University of Victoria, kevin.mccartney@gmail.com

“Enclosing the Air to Starve the Fire: A Case Study of Smart Prosperity Initiative”

**Kevin McCartney**, University of Victoria, kevin.mccartney@gmail.com; **Garry Gray**, University of Victoria, gcgray@uvic.ca

“Big Oil U: Canadian Media Coverage of Corporate Obstructionism and Institutional Corruption at the University of Calgary”

## **PANEL II.C.5 – Location: TRSM 1-129 - Catherine Lund Room**

### **VOICES FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY: THE NEXT 150 YEARS OF THE GROWTH-ENVIRONMENT RELATIONSHIP**

**(Note Special Time: 14:15-15:30)**

Co-sponsored by Environmental Studies Association of Canada

Organizers: **Ryan Katz-Rosene**, Environmental Studies Association of Canada; **Jamie Lawson**, Society for Socialist Studies

This special roundtable event, collaboratively hosted by the Society for Socialist Studies and the Environmental Studies Association of Canada, brings together four distinct and leading voices on the question of the relationship between economic growth and environment. Each of our Roundtable speakers offers a unique vantage point into this complex question which is of fundamental importance to the future of Canadian and global prosperity. In particular, our speakers will confront and debate the growth-environment relationship through various lenses, including eco-modernism, eco-socialism and ‘de-growth’, ecological economics and Indigenous environmental justice. This event is a must for anyone interested in the big questions of sustainability. With financial support from the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences Aid for Interdisciplinary Sessions Fund.

Introduction: **Jamie Lawson**, University of Victoria, lawsonj@uvic.ca

Moderator: **Sarah Martin**, Memorial University, sarahjmartin@mun.ca

Panelists:

**Deborah McGregor**, York University, dmcmgregor@osgoode.yorku.ca

**Michael Shellenberger**, Environmental Progress and Breakthrough Institute, michaelshellenberger@gmail.com

**Lilian Yap**, York University, lyap@yorku.ca

**Anna Zalik**, York University, azalik@yorku.ca

## **PANEL II.C.X.1 – Location: VIC-609 (Victoria Building)**

### **MICRO-PAPER ROUNDTABLE - GLOBALIZATION, SOCIALISM AND AMERICAN EMPIRE: POLITICAL ECONOMY, LABOUR and THE STATE: ROUND-TABLE COMMEMORATING THE WORK OF PROFESSOR LEO PANITCH II (14:00-15:30) (Part 2 of 2; see II.B.X.1)**

Cross-listed with Canadian Political Science Association

Chair: **Charles Smith**, University of Saskatchewan, cmsmith@stmcollege.ca

Speakers:

**Bryan Palmer**, Trent University, bpalmer@trentu.ca  
**William Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca  
**Angela Joya**, University of Oregon, ajoya@uoregon.edu  
**Greg Albo**, York University, albo@yorku.ca  
**Bryan Evans**, Ryerson University, b1evans@politics.ryerson.ca

**PANEL II.C.X.2 – Location: Marion Creery Community Room #200, Pitman Hall, 160 Mutual Street (Just South of Gerrard Street East)**

**RYERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK'S MULTIPLE BOOK LAUNCH**

Cross-listed with Canadian Association for Social Work Education

Event includes Donna Baines, *Doing Anti-Oppressive Practice*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Halifax: Fernwood, 2017)

## **Period II.D – 15:30-17:00**

**Panel II.D.1 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 127**

**INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY: UNDERSTANDING THE WORK OF COLLECTIVE LIBERATION**

Organizer: **Debbie Dergousoff**, University of British Columbia, ddergous55@gmail.com

This session welcomes papers that open up for discussion how researchers have used institutional ethnography to examine and understand how work practices organize or preclude possibilities for 'the collective' and liberation.

Speakers:

**Naomi Nichols**, McGill University, naomi.nichols@mcgill.ca

"Institutional Ethnography: Working against the grain in social science research"

**Rosalind Hampton**, McGill University, rosalind.hampton@mcgill.ca

"'Not a job for the faint-hearted': Black people's work at an elite Canadian university"

**Jean Louis Deveau**, St. Thomas University, deveaujl@gmail.com

"Decolonizing institutional ethnography for Wolastoqewiyik"

**Gary Kinsman**, Laurentian University, gkinsman@laurentian.ca

"The Sudbury Coalition Against Poverty and the Work of Collective Liberation: Political Activist Ethnography within Anti-Poverty Activism"

**Panel II.D.2 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 321C**

**CULTURE, POLITICS AND LIBERATION (Part 2 of 2; see II.C.2)**

Organizer and chair: **Scott Forsyth**, York University, sforsyth@yorku.ca

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communities of resistance in social media. How will culture be significant in conflict with the rise of the radical right? Open to a range of subjects and socialist perspectives.

Speakers:

**Rade Zinaic**, St. Jerome's University, rade\_zinaic@hotmail.com

"If Not Now, When? Communist Partisan Resistance as Decolonization"

**Mahdi Ganjavi**, OISE/University of Toronto, mahdi.ganjavi@mail.utoronto.ca

"Imperialism, Ideology and the Middle East: The Case of Franklin Book Program (1952-1977)"

**Roberta Lexier**, Mount Royal University, rlexier@mtroyal.ca

"For an Independent Socialist Canada: The New Left, The Waffle and The NDP"

**Scott Forsyth**, York University, sforsyth@yorku.ca

"Revolution was right around the corner: New Left, Marxism, Culture and Party"

### **Panel II.D.3 – Location: KHE-Kerr East 323**

#### **SUBJECTIVITY AND IDENTITY IN SETTLER COLONIAL CANADA (Part 2 of 2; see II.B.5)**

Organizer: **Elena Chou**, York University, echou@yorku.ca

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Chair: **Elena Chou**, York University, echou@yorku.ca

Speakers:

**Erin D Morton**, University of New Brunswick, emorton@unb.ca

"Refusing Canadian Exceptionalism: White Supremacy as Settler Colonial Identity Formation"

**Tania Xalitla Ruiz-Chapman**, OISE, University of Toronto, t.ruiz.chapman@mail.utoronto.ca

"The Economics of Racism"

**Max Haiven**, Canada Research Chair in Culture, Media and Social Justice, Lakehead University, mhaiven@lakeheadu.ca

"Is the settler a financialized subject (and/or vice versa)?"

### **PANEL II.D.4 – Location: POD-Podium 156**

#### **CORPORATE POWER, FOSSIL CAPITAL, CLIMATE CRISIS: A CORPORATE MAPPING PROJECT SYMPOSIUM (PART 4 OF 4; SEE ALSO PANELS II.A.4, II.B.3, II.C.4)**

##### ***PART IV: Mapping the Fossil Fuel Industry's Web of Influence***



Organizers: **William K. Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca; **Shannon Daub**, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Shannon@policyalternatives.ca

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Chair: **William K. Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca

Presenters:

**Garry Gray**, University of Victoria, gcgray@uvic.ca

“Brushing Aside Ethics: The Social Context of Corporate Influence inside Academia”

**Shannon Daub**, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Shannon@policyalternatives.ca

“Anatomy of the New Denialism: Fossil Fuel Industry Submissions to BC & Alberta's Climate Plans”

**William K. Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca; **Shannon Daub**, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Shannon@policyalternatives.ca; **Nicolas Graham**, University of Victoria, njgraham@uvic.ca; **Michael Lang**, University of Victoria, mikelang@uvic.ca; **Kevin McCartney**, University of Victoria, kevin.mccartney@gmail.com; **Zoe Yunker**, University of Victoria, zoey@uvic.ca

“Carbon capital’s reach into civil society: an overview of the elite network”

## **Panel II.D.X.1 – Location: TRSM 2-129**

### **CHALLENGES TO THE INTEGRITY OF ACADEMIC HIRING PRACTICES IN THE CORPORATE UNIVERSITY**

Co-sponsored with the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)

Organizers: **Janice Newson**, York University, janewson@eagle.ca; **Claire Polster**, University of Regina, claire.polster@uregina.ca; **Elizabeth Quinlan**, University of Saskatchewan

Faculty retirements in the early 2000s launched Canadian academic departments into a renewal process. What forces are shaping this renewal? Have pressures on universities to compete in globalized ranking systems and strengthen relationships with elite institutions brought new challenges and re-invigorated old ones, to the integrity of the hiring process? Such challenges might include new and old forms of discrimination; a possible de-Canadianization trend; favouritism; and the unpredictability of and lack of transparency in, job competitions that demoralize applicants, leading some to abandon their quest for an academic career. Are these challenges re-shaping disciplines in ways that are detrimental to their quality, intellectual diversity and service to the Canadian public? Should Learned Societies such as the CSA play a role in responding to these challenges? The purpose of this session is to create an action plan for addressing these concerns, particularly focusing on the role of the CSA.

Speakers:

**Janice Newson**, York University, janewson@eagle.ca

“An Activist Role for Learned Societies: Then and Now”

**François Lachapelle**, University of British Columbia; **Patrick John Burnett**, University of British Columbia

“Evidence of a de-Canadianization in select U15 Social Science Departments”

**Claire Polster**, University of Regina, [claire.polster@uregina.ca](mailto:claire.polster@uregina.ca)

“How Corporatization May Be Shaping Academic Hiring Decisions”

**Judy Haiven**, St Mary’s University

“Stories from the Job Search Trenches”

**PANEL II.D.X.2 – Location: SLC 5<sup>th</sup> floor Student Learning 515**

**BOOK LAUNCH: APARTHEID IN PALESTINE: HARD LAWS AND HARDER EXPERIENCES (UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA PRESS, 2016)**

Co-sponsored with Canadian Association for Studies in International Development

Organizer: **Ghada Ageel**

Chair: **Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa, [Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca](mailto:Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca)

Comparisons of Israel’s policies to those of apartheid South Africa are met, almost invariably, with expressions of indignation. Equally heated controversy ensues when the Palestinian exodus, widely known in Palestinian narrative as the Nakba, is linked directly to the establishment of the state of Israel. *Apartheid in Palestine* book takes on these two controversies — apartheid and Nakba — from the points of view of both Palestinians and Israelis, scholars as well as activists. In doing so, it addresses and illuminates some of the most entrenched taboos that simultaneously frame and suppress Palestine/Israel discourse. In this Panel, indigenous voices, activists and scholars present their views from very different vantage points. Drawing on personal stories and meticulous research, the Panelists attempt to answer the following questions: What actually happened in 1948? What is really happening today and what are the links between the two? What kind of connecting threads link the 1948 Nakba and the contemporary “apartheid” regime? How does all this connect and play out in academia and solidarity groups and among the exiled people and those living on the frontlines of currently occupied Palestinian territory?

Speakers:

**Ghada Ageel**

**Abigail Bakan**

**Sherene Razack**

**Rafeef Ziadah**

**Evening - 18:00 to 21:00+**

**Wednesday, May 31, 18:00 to 21:00+**

**Special Event – Location: 1585 Dundas Street West**

**SOCIETY BANQUET AT LULA LOUNGE**

Please join us for a fun evening with comrades, good food (three distinct entrées) and good conversation. We will be honouring the hard work of key members of the Society at the banquet. Prices are \$45 for regular members and \$25 for students and low-waged.

See the Socialist Studies website for details and register there by paying for your ticket:  
<http://socialiststudies.ca>

While we would prefer pre-registration to facilitate meal planning for the Lula Lounge, please come to the venue if you would like to join us at the last minute.

### **How to get to Lula Lounge**

A familiar hang-out for much of the Toronto left, the Lula Lounge is at 1585 Dundas Street West, Toronto, Ontario M6J 1T9. From Ryerson, it is a short transit ride away: catch the 505 Dundas streetcar at the intersection of Dundas and Church St., and go westbound towards Dundas St. West Station. As the streetcar name suggests, the whole ride is on Dundas Street. When the driver calls for Sheridan Avenue, pull the bell cord on either side of the streetcar and get off at that stop (about 17 minutes away from Ryerson). Then walk a little more along Dundas St. W. (about two minutes) to get to the venue.

If you are coming from another part of town and need to change public transit vehicles on your way, make sure you get a paper transfer at the start of your trip. It will be valid throughout the transit system – subway, streetcar and bus. While you don't need it when transferring within TTC buildings, just show it to drivers or ticket collectors as you board each new surface vehicle or enter a subway station from the street. Public transit is by far the cheapest option for getting around downtown Toronto, but you can always, of course, take a taxi.

## **JUNE 1 – DAY III**

### **Greeting Table: outside TRSM 2-149**

#### **Period III.A – 8:45-10:15**

**Panel III.A.1 – Location: TRSM 2-149**

**NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH LABOUR MOVEMENT:  
120 YEARS OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALIST ACTIVISM (Part 1 of 2; see III.B.1)**

***Part I: Before the Second World War***

Organizer: **Roni Gechtman**, Mount Saint Vincent University, [Roni.Gechtman@msvu.ca](mailto:Roni.Gechtman@msvu.ca)

On the one-hundred-and-twentieth anniversary of the Jewish Labour Bund and the one-hundredth anniversary of the February and October Russian Revolutions, this Panel will bring together a group of international scholars to showcase new perspectives on the history of the Yiddish-speaking labour movement and reassess its role in international socialist politics and in Jewish and East European social life. Founded in Czarist Russia in October 1897, the Jewish

Labour Bund was instrumental in the establishment of the Russian Social Democratic Workers' Party (the party that would later split into Mensheviks and Bolsheviks). The Bund actively participated in the 1917 Revolutions until it was liquidated by the ruling Bolsheviks during the Russian Civil War. It then became a mass movement in interwar Poland. The Bund consistently favoured internationalist commitment to working-class revolutionary activism over nationalist demands; its 'national' program was restricted to defending the rights of Jewish workers in the places where they lived. After the extermination of its East European constituency during the Holocaust, the Bund's survivors scattered and developed a truly transnational movement. Its political influence, however, diminished in direct proportion to the strengthening of its main political rivals: communism and Zionism. Political defeat and genocide almost erased the Jewish labour movement from both Jewish and labour historiography for many decades. More recently, there has been a resurgence of scholarly interest in the Bund. A new generation of scholars is finding, in its unwavering commitment to both internationalist revolutionary socialism and democracy, its program of national-cultural autonomy (as an alternative to nationalism) and its intransigent struggle against class oppression and fascism in all their forms, lessons that are relevant to the dilemmas of the present.

**Speakers:**

**Kay Schweigmann-Greve**, Jewish Library of Hannover, KaySG62@aol.com

"The development of the Bund from its legalization in March 1917, to the liquidation of the constituency in October 1917 and till his ban in 1921"

**Magdalena Kozłowska**, University of Warsaw, m.kozlowska41@uw.edu.pl

"Future Builders: The Role of the Youth in Bundist Ideology in Interwar Poland"

**Roni Gechtman**, Mount Saint Vincent University, Roni.Gechtman@msvu.ca

"'Shpanie in fayer': The Jewish Labour Bund in Poland and the Spanish Civil War"

**Panel III.A.2 – Location: TRSM 2-129**

**ELECTRONIC RULE, SURVEILLANCE and RESISTANCE**

Organizer: Society for Socialist Studies

This Panel examines the manifold ways in which electronic communication in its new forms has empowered and remoulded both forces of oppression and forces of resistance.

Chair: **Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa, Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca

Speakers:

**Rusa Jeremic**, OISE/University of Toronto, rusajeremic@hotmail.com

"What Would Gramsci Tweet?"

**Robert Marshall**, Ryerson University, rmarshall@politics.ryerson.ca

"Social Media, Immaterial Labour and Surveillance"

**Panel III.A.3 – Location: TRSM 3-129**

**AUGMENTING THE LEFT: CONFRONTING NEW CAPITAL FORMATIONS AND THE RISE OF THE RIGHT (Part 1 of 2; see III.B.3)**

**Panel 1: Theorizing the Present Terrain**

Organizers: **Adam Kingsmith**, York University, adam.kingsmith@gmail.com; **Robert Latham**, York University, rlatham1@gmail.com; **Julian von Barga**n, York University, julianvonbarga@gmail.com

The election of Donald Trump is only the most recent example of a discernible global turn to the Right across the Americas, Europe and Asia. This turn comes at a particularly problematic time, as people around the world face deepening environmental, economic and social crises - with the turn itself perhaps being part of a wider crisis of political legitimacy. Once again the far Left - anchored in the Marxian tradition - faces a changing political terrain on which it might reposition and reorganize itself - a terrain with an amplified set of longstanding challenges involving issues of race, gender, the environment, technology, migration, indigeneity, coloniality, culture and the media. It is hardly clear how the radical Left might effectively adjust its trajectory to begin confronting such issues - a Left that has faced roadblocks and seems particularly fragmented at this time. It is important once again to examine and theorize the relationship between the issues listed above (and the forces associated with them) and what is taken to be core Marxist concerns with class, class conflict, work, relations of production and reproduction: to consider, again, on what terms and how augmenting the Left in the current socio-political moment might be beneficial. There have been lots of vectors of augmentation across 20th century. These past efforts must be built upon in order to a) confront squarely the tensions associated with augmenting or "stretching" Marxism rather than assuming them away with claims about necessary hierarchies of forces or some comfortable "horizontality" or one version of "postism" or another; and b) situate the augmentation process and theoretical terrain in the current socio-political moment, with attention to the possibilities of organization for radical social transformation. How might one reconsider the ways the Marxian heritage can be drawn on to navigate the divisions within the Left and challenge the rise of an increasingly ethno-nationalist and authoritarian Right; the connections among economic (relations and forces of production), political and cultural factors; the connections perhaps best understood as Moebius strips rather than bounded structures; and the understandings of such forms as political consciousness, identity, ideology and institutions, as they relate, for example, to the forces of production and logics of class that have been so important to Marxian analysis since the beginning of critical theory?

Chair: **Adam Kingsmith**, York University, adam.kingsmith@gmail.com

Speakers:

**Robert Latham**, York University, rlatham1@gmail.com

"The Current Conjuncture: A New Capitalist Formation or the Latest Stage of Global Neoliberalism?"

**Adam Kingsmith**, York University, adam.kingsmith@gmail.com

"The Politics of AND: Left Augmentation on the Post-Globalization Terrain"

**Regina Cochrane**, University of Calgary, rcochran@ucalgary.ca

"Anti-Globalization & the Far Right: A Negative Dialectical Critique of 'Post' Theorizations of Neoliberalism"

**K.B. Pollock**, independent scholar, kbpollock64@gmail.com

"In the Long Run We're All Fired: Technology, the Reserve Army and Capitalism's Future"

#### **Panel III.A.4 – Location: TRSM 3-147**

#### **FROM BALFOUR TO BOYCOTT: PALESTINE, 1917-2017**

Organizers: **Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, pkellogg@athabascau.ca; **Cynthia Wright**, York University, cynthiaw@yorku.ca

Among the anniversaries marked in 2017, two are of particular significance for the people of

Palestine. November 2 1917, then British Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour, penned what has come to be known as “the Balfour Declaration” – just 67 words, putting in writing the British government’s support for the Zionist project of nation building in the Middle East. This, according to Balfour, must not “prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine.” But 50 years later, in June 1967, the Six-Day war indicated just how much those rights would be violated, the Israeli armed forces adding territory on the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Gaza and the Golan Heights to territory earlier seized in 1948. This Panel – 100 years since Balfour and 50 years since the Six-Day War – seeks to draw the lessons from these experiences and indicate their significance to the ongoing struggle for Palestinian rights in the 21st century.

Chair: **Aziz Choudry**, McGill University, aziz.choudry@mcgill.ca

Speakers:

**Ghada Ageel**

**Yakov Rabkin**

### **Panel III.A.5 – Location: TRSM 2-109**

#### **LEGACIES OF ELLEN MEIKSINS WOOD (1942-2016) (Part 1 of 2; see IV.B.2)**

Organizer: **Colin Mooers**, Ryerson University, cmooers@politics.ryerson.ca

The proposed two Panels commemorate the extraordinary contributions to Marxist thought by Ellen Meiksins Wood (1942-2016). The Panelists span two generations of Ellen’s students, friends and comrades whose own work has been substantively influenced by hers. Each Panelist will present either a paper in which they engage directly with aspects of Ellen’s thought and work, or a more loosely structured discussion of how Ellen’s legacy inspired and continues to shape their thinking today.

Chair:

**Sue Ferguson**, Wilfrid Laurier University (Brantford), sferguson@wlu.ca

Speakers:

**Charles Post**, Manhattan Community College, CUNY, charlespost@nyc.rr.com

“The Separation of the ‘Economic’ and the ‘Political’ Under Capitalism: ‘Capital-Centric Marxism’ and the Capitalist State”

**Xavier Lafrance**, Université du Québec à Montréal, xlafrance@gmail.com

“‘A historically very specific type of society.’ The specificity of capitalism and socialist politics in the work of Ellen Meiksins Wood”

**Colin Mooers**, Ryerson University, cmooers@politics.ryerson.ca

“Citizenship, Fetishism and Political Marxism”

### **PANEL III.A.X.1 – Location: VIC 305**

#### **THE NEW POPULIST RIGHT (Part 1 of 2; see III.B.X.1)**

Cross-Listed with Canadian Political Science Association

Chair and Discussant: **Sedef Arat-Koç**, Ryerson University, saratkoc@politics.ryerson.ca

Speakers:

**Robert Finbow**, Dalhousie University, robert.finbow@dal.ca

“Rethinking state theories for the ‘Deconsolidation of Democracy’: the rise of pluralist plutocracies?”

**Adam Harmes**, University of Western Ontario, aharmes@uwo.ca

“Neoliberalism, Populism and Brexit”

**Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, pkellogg@athabascau.ca

“Psychological wage and the Trump phenomenon”

**Jacob Robbins-Kanter**, Queen’s University, j.robbsins-kanter@queensu.ca

“Electoral Politics and the Geography of Demographic Change: Explaining the Absence of Anti-Immigrant Parties in Canada”

## Period III.B – 10:30-12:00

Panel III.B.1 – Location: TRSM 2-149

**NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH LABOUR MOVEMENT:  
120 YEARS OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALIST ACTIVISM (Part 2 of 2; see III.A.1)**

**Part II: After the Second World War**

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Chair: **Roni Gechtman**, Mount Saint Vincent University, Roni.Gechtman@msvu.ca

Speakers:

**Michał Trębacz**, University of Warsaw, mtrebacz@wp.pl

“Labour party history in scope of biographies. The example of Jewish Labour Bund in Poland”

**Martyna Rusiniak-Karwat**, Polish Academy of Sciences, mrusiniak@isppan.waw.pl

“Faithful to the ideals. Jewish socialists in Poland after 1949”

**David Jerome Rosenberg**, City Literary Institute and Bishopsgate Institute, London, davidrosenberg58@googlemail.com

“Old ideas for new times: The revival of Bundist politics and counter-culture in 21st century London”

**Panel III.B.2 – Location: TRSM 2-129**

**ROUNDTABLE ON THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY OF SOCIALIST STUDIES**

Organizer: **Radhika Desai**, University of Manitoba, Radhika.Desai@ad.umanitoba.ca

Those actively involved in the society’s work for long periods and long-time SSS members and observers reflect on their experiences. This will be part of a larger project of compiling a systematic account of the SSS’s history.

Panelists:

**Ken Collier**, Athabasca University, kcollier@shaw.ca

**Lorne Brown**, University of Regina, brownlo@uregina.ca

**Frank Cunningham**, University of Toronto, frankcunningham55@gmail.com

**Marjorie Griffin Cohen**, Simon Fraser University, mcohen@sfu.ca

**William K. Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca

**Elaine Coburn**, Glendon/York University, ecoburn@glendon.yorku.ca

**Panel III.B.3 – Location: TRSM 3-129**

**AUGMENTING THE LEFT: CONFRONTING NEW CAPITAL FORMATIONS AND THE RISE OF THE RIGHT (Part 2 of 2; see Panel III.A.3)**

***Panel 2: Theorizing Left Responses***

Organizers: **Adam Kingsmith**, York University, adam.kingsmith@gmail.com; **Robert Latham**, York University, rlatham1@gmail.com; **Julian von Barga**, York University, julianvonbarga@gmail.com

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can be drawn on to navigate the divisions within the Left and challenge the rise of an increasingly ethno-nationalist and authoritarian Right; 2) the connections among economic (relations and forces of production), political and cultural factors; 3) the connections perhaps best understood as Moebius strips rather than bounded structures; and 4) the understandings of such forms as political consciousness, identity, ideology and institutions? How do all these relate, for example, to the forces of production and logics of class that have been so important to Marxian analysis since the beginning of critical theory?

Chair: **Julian von Barga**n, York University, julianvonbarga@gmail.com

Speakers:

**Julian von Barga**n, York University, julianvonbarga@gmail.com

“Confronting Crisis: Rethinking the Proletarian Public Sphere”

**Niloo**far Moazzami, l’Université de Montréal, niloo

“Reevaluating the Role of Riots in Contemporary Capitalism”

**Michael Bueckert**, Carleton University, Michael.bueckert@carleton.ca

“Disrupting Circulation: Economic Activism and Marx’s Second Volume of Capital”

**Yuri Forbes-Petrovich**, University of Western Ontario, yforbesp@uwo.ca

“You Go Right, We Go Left: Donald Trump and 150 Years of Responsive Canadian Socialism”

#### **Panel III.B.4 – Location: TRSM 3-147**

#### **BOOK LAUNCH: READING CAPITAL TODAY**

Organizer: **Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University, ingos@athabascau.ca

One hundred and fifty years ago, Marx’s *Capital* was published. But why read it today? After all, movements that fought under the banner of Marxism were either defeated, marginalized or failed. Moreover, new social movement activists charge Marxism for a long time with neglecting all aspects other than narrowly understood class politics. However, a new reading of *Capital* suggests that it has more to say about issues of gender and ecology than many of its critics but also some of its adherents admit. Excerpts that weren’t included in *Capital* also show that Marx, rather than being the Eurocentric as whom he is often portrayed, had a clear understanding that capitalist development outside of Western Europe would look very different from the rise of industrial capitalism in England that served him as empirical background in *Capital*. Strikingly enough, despite the unevenness development of global capitalism and the fragmentation of its subordinated classes, *Capital* also reads today as if it was written not one hundred-fifty but just a couple of years ago. This suggests that a reformulation of socialism, which seems rather urgent in the face of growing discontent with capitalism, the weakness of progressive movements and the rise of a new right, could benefit from such a re-reading. Authors and editors from *Reading Capital Today* will discuss these issues.

Speakers:

**Carlo Fanelli**, Ryerson University, carlo.fanelli@ryerson.ca

**Peter Gose**, Carleton University, peter.gose@carleton.ca

**Jeff Noonan**, University of Windsor, jnoonan@uwindsor.ca

**Justin Paulson**, Carleton University, justin.paulson@carleton.ca

**Ingo Schmidt**, Athabasca University, ingos@athabascau.ca

### **PANEL III.B.5 – Location: TRSM 2-109**

#### **WOMEN IN REVOLUTION (Part 1 of 2; see IV.B.5)**

Organizer and Chair: **Sandra Rein**, University of Alberta, srein@ualberta.ca

Although we know that women have been key revolutionaries throughout history and that women's participation in revolution is a necessity for success, there is both a lost "history" of women in revolutionary movements and an under-theorization of women in the projection of future revolutionary movements. This Panel invites a rethinking of women in revolution, asking both to revisit the thinking and participation of historical women revolutionaries and to theorize what role gender (and other subjectivities) must necessarily play in projecting new revolutionary movements and meaningful alternatives to capitalism.

Speakers:

**Jean Chapman**, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University, chapman@wilkinson.ca

"Telling Stories: Sexism and The Women's Movement"

**Debbie Dergousoff**, University of British Columbia, ddergous55@gmail.com

"Women and Revolution in Kyrgyzstan across the Ages"

**Ottokar Luban**, International Rosa Luxemburg Society, oluban@gmx.de

"Kaete Duncker: A Nearly Unknown Deputy of Rosa Luxemburg"

### **PANEL III.B.X.1 – Location: VIC 305**

#### **THE NEW POPULIST RIGHT (Part 2 of 2; see III.A.X.1)**

Cross-Listed with Canadian Political Science Association

Chair: **Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, pkellogg@athabascau.ca

Speakers:

**Sedef Arat-Koç**, Ryerson University, saratkoc@politics.ryerson.ca

"Class, 'Culture' and Geopolitics in the New Populism in the 'New Turkey': From 'Passive Revolution' to a Turkish-Islamic 'One Nation' Project"

**Aparna Sundar**

"'Rising Power' Populisms of the Global South: The Hindu Right in India"

**Oliver Schmidtke**, University of Victoria, ojs@uvic.ca

"Anti-immigrant Nationalism: The Discursive Roots of Right-wing Populist Mobilization in Europe"

**Antonio Torres-Ruiz**

"Populism and Democratization in Latin America: A Geo-Politico-Economic Perspective"

### **PANEL III.B.X.2 – Location: EPH 216**

#### **DOING ANTI-OPPRESSIVE PRACTICE: SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK**

Cross-listed with Canadian Association for Social Work Education

Organizer: **Donna Baines**

Participants: **Bonnie Freeman; Gordon Pan; Doret Phillips; Jennifer Clarke; Idil Abdillahi; Wendy Hulko; Shari Brotman; Ilyan Ferrer; Irene Carter; Roy Hanes; Judy MacDonald; Ameil Joseph; Lisa Barnoff; Catrina Brown; Notish Massaquoi; Tara LaRose**

### **III.B.X.3 – Location VIC 206**

## **ELEMENTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT GAP IN ONTARIO**

Cross-listed with Canadian Political Science Association, Canadian Association of Work and Labour Studies

In Ontario the Employment Standards Act (ESA) establishes minimum terms and conditions in areas such as wages, working time, vacations and leaves, and termination and severance of employment. For the majority of Ontario workers who are not unionized, the ESA along with the Ontario Health and Safety Act, is the only source of formal workplace protection. Yet, as a report on labour law recently released by the Ontario Ministry of Labour notes, "...there is a serious problem with enforcement of ESA provisions... there are too many people in too many workplaces who do not receive their basic rights" (Ministry of Labour 2016: 260). This assessment echoes the findings of a growing body of cross-national scholarship that documents how traditional employment standards enforcement models are not keeping pace with changing workplace practices. Drawing on findings of a long-term multi-disciplinary study of ES enforcement, the four papers that comprise this panel probe different dimensions of the ESA enforcement gap in Ontario, addressing themes such as the paucity of strong deterrent measures in the Government of Ontario's enforcement system; the effectiveness and limitations of proactive and targeted enforcement practices, and the difficulties that the Ministry of Labour faces in recovering employees' back wages. Each paper also considers alternative approaches that stand to improve employees' access to labour market protections.

Chair: **Ann Porter**, York University

Discussant: **Byron Sheldrick**, University of Guelph

Presenters:

**Leah Vosko**, York University

"Deterring Employment Standards Violations? The Use of Certificates of Offence (Tickets) in Workplace"

**Andrea Noack**, Ryerson University

"Examining the Effectiveness of Investigations within the Employment Standards Act"

**Mark Thomas**, York University

"From Proactive Inspections to Participatory Enforcement of Employment Standards in Ontario"

**John Grundy**, York University

"Weaknesses in the Recovery of Unpaid Wages in Ontario and Options for Reform"

## **Lunch Break – 12:00 to 13:30**

**Lunch-time Panel – Location: TRSM 2-109**

**SEX/GENDER LIBERATION AND SOCIALISM: KEY DEBATES (Part 2 of 2; see part IV.C.2)**

Organizer and Chair: **Alan David Sears**, Ryerson University, [asears@ryerson.ca](mailto:asears@ryerson.ca)

The 'sexual revolution' since the 1950s has pointed out the limitations of struggles for freedom in the realms of gender and sexuality that leave core structures of oppression and

exploitation intact. Practices of sexuality and gender are grounded in fundamental relations of class, colonialism, disability/ability and racialization. The emergence of the concepts of homonormativity, homonationalism and transliberalism marks the development of forms of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer (LGBTQ) existence within the bounds of these dominant relations. The next wave of sexual revolution faces the challenge of transforming these fundamental power relations as part of a broader struggle for freedom. The development of this next generation of struggle around sex/gender liberation requires us to work through important debates about the relationship between gender, sexuality, race, class and colonialism. The session addresses debates about the strengths and weaknesses of socialist theories and practices in addressing these debates and providing strategies for sex/gender liberation.

Presenters:

**Fred Daou**, York University, daou.fred@gmail.com

“Feminist Necropolitics”

**Simon Daniel Elin Fisher**, University of Wisconsin – Madison, sdfisher2@wisc.edu

“Nonviolence for the American Scene: The Queer Challenge to Jim Crow Temporality”

**Nick Joseph Mulé**, York University, nickmule@yorku.ca; **Cameron McKenzie**, York University;

**Maryam Khan**, York University

“Queer Liberation, Socialist Values and the Challenge to Homonormativity”

## Period III.C – 13:45-15:15

**Thursday, June 1, 13:45-15:15**

**Special Event – Location: IMA-Image Arts 307 – Lecture & Screening Room**

**SOCIALIST STUDIES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLENARY: SOCIALISM HISTORICALLY  
AND TODAY  
A PANEL OF THREE-MINUTE INTERVENTIONS**

On the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society for Socialist Studies, our panel of eminent scholars crystallize their insights into the breadth and depth of socialist scholarship and socialist struggle, over the past 50 years and over the next 50.

Co-Chairs:

**Abigail Bakan**, OISE/University of Toronto, abigail.bakan@utoronto.ca;

**Elaine Coburn**, Glendon/York University, ecoburn@glendon.yorku.ca

Participants:

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## Period III.D – 15:30-17:00

Thursday, June 1, 15:30-17:00

Special Event – Location: IMA-Image Arts 307 – Lecture & Screening Room

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF SOCIALIST STUDIES

*All existing members and new members welcome*

#### Panel III.D.X.1 – Location: KHE 121

#### **SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY FOR GENDER JUSTICE: IMAGING THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS**

Cross-listed with Canadian Sociological Association

Organizer: **Meg Luxton**, York University, mluxton@yorku.ca

In 1967 the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada began a two-year investigation. Combining extensive formal public consultations, major research projects and hundreds of individual submissions, the Report documented the status of women and laid out 167 recommendations for policy changes intended to promote greater equality for women. This session explores the current status of women. What has changed in the intervening fifty years and what policy changes might promote greater gender justice over the coming fifty years? Presenters are encouraged to consider the enduring legacies of the Commission, the shifting paradigms of the present and to imagine a more equitable future and the policies that might make it more likely.

Speakers:

**Linda Briskin**, York University

**Shelagh Day**, Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action

**Gwen Brodsky**, The Poverty and Human Rights Centre

**Amber Fletcher**, University of Regina

#### Panel III.D.X.2 – 15:15-16:45 Location: VIC 306

#### **AUSTERITY AND ITS ALTERNATIVES: MICRO-PAPER ROUNDTABLE**

Cross-listed with Canadian Political Science Association

Organizer: **Heather Whiteside**, University of Waterloo, h2whiteside@uwaterloo.ca

Chair: **Laura Macdonald**, Carleton University

Speakers:

**Heather Whiteside**, University of Waterloo, h2whiteside@uwaterloo.ca

**Bryan Evans**, Ryerson University, b1evans@politics.ryerson.ca

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## **JUNE 2 – DAY IV**

### **Greeting Table: outside TRSM 2-129**

#### **Period IV.A – 8:45-10:15**

**Panel IV.A.1 – Location: TRSM 2-099 (Cancelled)**

##### **THEORIES OF IMPERIALISM**

**Panel IV.A.2 – Location: TRSM 2-109**

##### **REFORMISM AND PARLIAMENTARISM IN THE WEST**

Organizer: Society for Socialist Studies

Chair: **Radhika Desai**, University of Manitoba, Radhika.Desai@ad.umanitoba.ca

Speakers:

**Barret Weber**, independent scholar, barretw16@gmail.com

“‘We might have made a little bit of history’: Rachel Notley, the NDP and the politics of the Left in Alberta”

**Adam Hilton**, Mt. Holyoke College, ahilton@mtholyoke.edu

“Organized for Democracy? Left Challenges inside the Democratic Party”

**Paul Christopher Gray**, Ryerson University & Brock University, paul.c.gray@gmail.com

“Slaying Leviathan: Reconciling ‘Parliamentarism’ and ‘Extra-Parliamentarism’ through Common Strategies to Transform the State.”

**Dennis Pilon**, York University, dpilon@yorku.ca

“Dethroning Democratic Theory: Researching Actually Existing Democracy in Capitalist Societies”

**Panel IV.A.3 – Location: TRSM 2-119**

##### **GENOCIDE AND MASS DEATHS: INTIMATE EXPRESSIONS OF LOSS AS MODES OF UNIVERSAL GRIEF (Part 1 of 2; see IV.B.3)**

Co-Organizer, Chair and Discussant: **Sima Aprahamian**, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University, [simaaprahamian@yahoo.ca](mailto:simaaprahamian@yahoo.ca); **Karin Doerr**, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University, [karin.doerr@concordia.ca](mailto:karin.doerr@concordia.ca)

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Speakers:

**Karen Doerr**, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University, [karin.doerr@concordia.ca](mailto:karin.doerr@concordia.ca)  
"The Loss of Mother in Genocide: Paul Celan's 'Aspen Tree'"

**Sima Aprahamian**, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University,  
[simaaprahamian@yahoo.ca](mailto:simaaprahamian@yahoo.ca)

"Revisiting narratives of survivors of the 1915-22 Genocide of the Armenians: Loss, inability to grieve and mourn"

**Tanya Barteveyan**, Concert Pianist and Independent Scholar, [tanyamb77@post.harvard.edu](mailto:tanyamb77@post.harvard.edu)  
"Reverberations and repercussions of growing up Armenian in Istanbul"

#### **Panel IV.A.4 – Location: TRSM 2-129**

#### **SELF-EMANCIPATION, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND DEMOCRACY – RETHINKING THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION (Part 1 of 2; see IV.C.6)**

Organizer: **Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, [pkellogg@athabascau.ca](mailto:pkellogg@athabascau.ca)

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Speakers:

**Paul Kellogg**, Athabasca University, [pkellogg@athabascau.ca](mailto:pkellogg@athabascau.ca)  
"Stalinism and Counter-revolution: Reflections on Trotsky's Final Book"

**Sandra Rein**, University of Alberta, srein@ualberta.ca

“What were they thinking? Luxemburg’s, Goldman’s and Dunayevskaya’s critique of the Russian Revolution”

**Abigail Bakan**, OISE/University of Toronto, abigail.bakan@utoronto.ca

“Is Marxism Eurocentric? Race, Class, Colonialism and Self-Emancipation Revisited”

#### **Panel IV.A.5 – Location: TRSM 3-099**

##### **BOOK LAUNCH: NEOLIBERAL LEGALITY**

Organizer: **Honor Brabazon**, University of Toronto, honorbrabazon@gmail.com

The role of law in the neoliberal story has been relatively neglected. When law is mentioned, it is usually considered to be merely the vehicle through which neoliberal restructuring is effected; that is, what is ‘neoliberal’ about neoliberal law is the content of individual laws. In contrast, this edited collection (Routledge, 2016) draws from political economy and critical legal studies traditions to put forth that the form of law itself fundamentally structures neoliberal social relations such that neoliberalism must be considered a juridical project in addition to a political and economic one. This argument is developed through analysis of foreign investment relations, corporate regulation, international development, labour relations, indigenous rights, social programs and political dissent. The launch will draw scholars researching these areas as well as those interested in neoliberalism and legal studies generally. It will feature comments from the editor, Honor Brabazon and discussants.

Discussants:

**Alan Sears**, Ryerson University, asears@ryerson.ca

**Todd Gordon**, Laurier University, ts.gordon@hotmail.com

**William K. Carroll**, University of Victoria, wcarroll@uvic.ca

#### **Panel IV.A.6 – Location: TRSM 2-164**

##### **WAR ON LIBERATION: POLICE POWER, RACISM AND PACIFICATION (Part 1 of 2; see IV.B.6)**

Organizers: **Colleen Bell**, University of Saskatchewan, cdb007@mail.usask.ca; **Parastou Saberi**, York University, parastou75@gmail.com

Times of crises have usually been accompanied by the rise of contradictory political events. Our current conjuncture is deeply shadowed by economic crises, intensified imperial wars, forced migration, the rise of hard-Right populism and explicit and implicit forms of racism. We are also witness to the revival of popular movements of resistance in the peripheries and heartlands of imperialist capitalism. In this context, understanding the complex ways through which contemporary state power pacifies and suppresses resistance at ‘home’ and ‘abroad’ is an imperative political and intellectual task. This stream of interdisciplinary Panels attempts to take up this task by excavating the role and exercise of police in Western liberal democracies. 150 years after the publication of Marx’s *Capital*, imperialist capitalism has survived, albeit struggling with crisis after crisis. The colonial-bourgeois wars on liberation and the policing of resistance have been essential to this survival. Linking police power to war power and their roles in constituting political order at various scales, contributors engage with the coercive and productive dimensions of police power and its relation to pacification and racism in different geographies and histories.



Speakers:

**Colleen Bell**, University of Saskatchewan, cdb007@mail.usask.ca

"The RCMP and the International Politics of Social Order in the Colonial Present"

**Brendan McQuade**, SUNY-Cortland, brendan.i.mcquade@gmail.com

"Pacification and 'Primitive Accumulation': Producing Coloniality in Camden, NJ"

**Emily Gilbert**, University of Toronto, emily.gilbert@utoronto.ca

"Policing, Pacification and Cross-Border Infrastructure"

## Period IV.B – 10:30-12:00

**Panel IV.B.1 – Location: TRSM 2-099**

### **RISE OF FASCISM? CRISES IN LIBERAL DEMOCRACY**

Organizers: **Sedef Arat-Koc**, Ryerson University, sedef.ryerson@gmail.com; **Himani Bannerji**, York University, himanib@yorku.ca

The recent rise of ultra right-wing, authoritarian politics in many parts of the world seems to be signaling a seismic shift in the post-Cold War order in which neoliberal globalization was, in the eyes of its advocates, associated with liberal democracy and international human rights. In the past year, the Brexit vote in the U.K., the election of Donald Trump in the U.S. and the rise in popularity of political parties with ultra right-wing, racist, nationalist, white-supremacist ideologies in several different European states have been especially alarming, leading to academic and media discussions on historical parallels between the 1930s and the current period. The roundtable will discuss the comparisons between the current period and fascism in the 20th century and analyze the political economy, politics and ideology of fascism and anti-fascism. This roundtable will follow two academic Panels co-listed with the Canadian Political Science Association and the Society for Socialist Studies, focusing on the rise of right-wing populisms in different parts of the world. The roundtable aims to contribute to this general discussion and specifically to encourage active participation of the audience in a discussion about the dangers and prospects of the current period.

Speakers:

**Himani Bannerji**, York University, himanib@yorku.ca

"Fascism and Ideology"

**David McNally**, York University, dmcnally@yorku.ca

"The Far Right in the Age of Neoliberalism"

**Shahzad Mojab**, OISE/University of Toronto, Shahzad.mojab@utoronto.ca

"Democracy/Dictatorship: The Politics and Pedagogy of Fascism and Anti-Fascism"

**Judith Whitehead**, Simon Fraser University, jawhiteh@sfu.ca

"Fascism in the current stage of finance monopoly capital"

**Panel IV.B.2 – Location: TRSM 2-109**

### **LEGACIES OF ELLEN MEIKSINS WOOD (1942-2016) (Part 2 of 2; see III.A.5, above)**

Organizer: **Colin Mooers**, Ryerson University, cmooers@politics.ryerson.ca

The proposed two Panels commemorate the extraordinary contributions to Marxist thought by Ellen Meiksins Wood (1942-2016). The Panelists span two generations of Ellen's students,

friends and comrades whose own work has been substantively influenced by hers. Each Panelist will present either a paper in which they engage directly with aspects of Ellen's thought and work, or a more loosely structured discussion of how Ellen's legacy inspired and continues to shape their thinking today.

Speakers:

**Maia Pal**, Oxford Brookes University, [mpal@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:mpal@brookes.ac.uk)

"From Legacies of Difference to Convergence? Discussing Ellen M. Wood's Contribution to State Formation and International Relations"

**David McNally**, York University, [dmcnally@yorku.ca](mailto:dmcnally@yorku.ca)

"Democracy and the Spirit of the Labouring Citizen"

**Jonathan Martineau**, Concordia University, [jonathan.martineau@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.martineau@gmail.com)

"History as Method: Ellen Meiksins Wood and the History of Political Theory"

#### **Panel IV.B.3 – Location: TRSM 2-119**

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Speakers:

**Indira Natasha Prahst**, Langara College, [indira\\_prahst@yahoo.com](mailto:indira_prahst@yahoo.com)

"Memory Work of the Sikh Survivors of 1984: Transformations through Mourning the Loss of Family"

**Chantal Mudahogora**, Clinical Therapist, [Chantalmudahogora@gmail.com](mailto:Chantalmudahogora@gmail.com)

"When women become instruments not human beings"

#### **Panel IV.B.4 – Location: TRSM 3-099**

#### **GOING PUBLIC: EMERGING ALTERNATIVES TO PRIVATIZATION IN CANADA (Part 1 of 2; see IV.C.4)**

Organizer and Chair: **Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa, [Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca](mailto:Susan.Spronk@uOttawa.ca)

With the recent announcement of the Liberal Government of the private infrastructure bank, the privatization debate is as relevant as ever. Private services in sectors as diverse as roads, hospitals, education, electricity, drinking water and sanitation have proven to be more expensive and of poor quality, particularly from an equity perspective. As a result, many governments around the world are now reversing private contracts in a trend known as remunicipalization or contracting-in (instead of contracting out). The Canadian government, unfortunately, seems to be bucking this trend, promoting public-private partnerships to fund federal infrastructure. This Panel invites contributions that reflect on the state of the debate on privatization and alternatives in Canada and beyond. Papers that present theoretical work, comparative work and/or case studies are encouraged. This session is sponsored by *Studies in Political Economy*.

Speakers:

**Sarah Ryan**, CUPE, sryan@cupe.ca; **Margot Young**, independent scholar, margot.young@gmail.com "Social Impact Bonds: The next horizon of privatization"  
**Kevin Skerrett**, CUPE, kskerett@cupe.ca  
"Predatory Pension Funds and the Limits of 'Workers Capital'"  
**Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa, susan.spronk@uottawa.ca  
"Public financing for social justice: Canada's Official Development Assistance Policy and its Alternatives"

#### **Panel IV.B.5 – Location: TRSM 2-129**

#### **WOMEN IN REVOLUTION (Part 2 of 2; see III.B.5)**

Organizer: **Sandra Rein**, University of Alberta, srein@ualberta.ca

Although we know that women have been key revolutionaries throughout history and that women's participation in revolution is a necessity for success, there is both a lost "history" of women in revolutionary movements and an under-theorization of women in the projection of future revolutionary movements. This Panel invites a rethinking of women in revolution, asking both to revisit the thinking and participation of historical women revolutionaries and to theorize what role gender (and other subjectivities) must necessarily play in projecting new revolutionary movements and meaningful alternatives to capitalism.

Speakers:

**Janet Catherina Wesselius**, University of Alberta, janet.wesselius@ualberta.ca  
"Matters of the Heart: Haydee Santamaria and Buffy Sainte-Marie"  
**Stacey Haugen**, University of Alberta, shaugen@ualberta.ca  
"Joining the Conversation: Engaging with the Voices of Past Revolutionary Women"  
**Rupi Minhas**, York University, minhasr@yorku.ca  
"Women in the Revolutionary Party and Process: Class/gender debates and implications for strategy"

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Speakers:

**Tyler Wall**, Eastern Kentucky University, Tyler.Wall@eku.edu

"Smelling Like a State: Sniffers Dog and Police Power"

**Micol Seigel**, Indiana University, mseigel@indiana.edu

"Punitive Populism"

**Parastou Saberi**, York University, parastou75@gmail.com

"From 'community policing' to 'community mobilization': Police power and neo-colonial pacification"

## Lunch Break – 12:00 to 13:30

## Period IV.C – 13:45-15:15

**Panel IV.C.1 – Location: TRSM 2-099**

**REVOLUTION AND LEARNING IN/WITH MARX: A BOOK LAUNCH TRILOGY**

Organizers and speakers: **Shahrazad Mojab**, University of Toronto,

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Shahrazad Mojab and Sara Carpenter (ed.), *Educating from Marx: Race, Gender and Learning* (Palgrave, 2011)

Shahrazad Mojab (ed.), *Marxism and Feminism* (Zed Books, 2015)

Sara Carpenter and Shahrazad Mojab, *Revolutionary Learning: Marxism, Feminism and Knowledge* (Pluto, 2017)

Our ideas and works collected in the three books to be launched in this session speak to our struggle in understanding the world, explaining it to learners/activists and in this process collectively learn, unlearn and re-learn to make change. Each collection is based on Marx's method and philosophy of dialectical and historical materialism to show the significance of human consciousness and subjectivity in revolutionary social transformation. Drawing extensively from critical approaches to the study of race, class, gender, colonialism, capitalism, imperialism, feminism and education, each collection continues the analysis where the previous work ended. This dynamic knowledge production process pushed our thinking

forward and challenged us to refine and re-synthesize the conceptual categories that initiated our thinking. *Educating from Marx* is an articulation of a renewed Marxist-feminist framework for adult education which combines original empirical studies with literature review from critical adult education and feminist theory to examine the sites, theories and practices of adult education for a Marxist-feminist perspective. *Marxism and Feminism* presents a contemporary Marxist feminist analyses of the relationship between patriarchy and capitalist imperialism. It envisions a revolutionary feminist project which can emancipate both women and humanity. *Revolutionary Learning* is a Marxist feminist approach to the theorization of consciousness, ideology and praxis. It explicates the pedagogical implications of Marx's philosophical method and moves beyond critical education analyses which focus on the reproductive nature of schooling and educational institutions, by expanding Marxist theorization into domains of radical and revolutionary educational praxis.

#### **Panel IV.C.2 – Location: TRSM 2-119**

#### **SEX/GENDER LIBERATION AND SOCIALISM: KEY DEBATES (Part 2 of 2; see III.Lunch)**

Organizer and Chair: **Alan David Sears**, Ryerson University, asears@ryerson.ca

The 'sexual revolution' since the 1950s has pointed out the limitations of struggles for freedom in the realms of gender and sexuality that leave core structures of oppression and exploitation intact. Practices of sexuality and gender are grounded in fundamental relations of class, colonialism, disability/ability and racialization. The emergence of the concepts of homonormativity, homonationalism and transliberalism marks the development of forms of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer (LGBTQ) existence within the bounds of these dominant relations. The next wave of sexual revolution faces the challenge of transforming these fundamental power relations as part of a broader struggle for freedom. The development of this next generation of struggle around sex/gender liberation requires us to work through important debates about the relationship between gender, sexuality, race, class and colonialism. The session addresses debates about the strengths and weaknesses of socialist theories and practices in addressing these debates and providing strategies for sex/gender liberation.

Presenters:

**Gökbörü Sarp Tanyildiz**, York University, gokboru@yorku.ca

"Homonationalism and the Body: Towards a Historical Materialist Critique"

**Alan Sears**, Ryerson University, asears@ryerson.ca; **Markus Harwood-Jones**, Ryerson University, mharwood@ryerson.ca

"Liberation in the Queer Imagination"

**Lisa Armstrong**, Carleton University, Lisa.Armstrong3@carleton.ca

"The Exclusion of Agency in Sexual Harassment: An Analysis of Hospitality Industry Discourse"

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Speakers:

**David McDonald**, Queen's University, dm23@queensu.ca

"Building a Pro-Public Movement in Canada"

**Dru Oja Jay**, Friends of Public Services, dru@dru.ca

"Delivering Community Power: Aligning ecology, work and community against privatization"

**Heather Whiteside**, University of Waterloo, h2whiteside@uwaterloo.ca

"Public Works: Better, Faster, Cheaper Infrastructure"

#### **PANEL IV.C.5 – Location: TRSM 2-164**

#### **CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES OF BUILDING A NEW ANTI-CAPITALIST POLITICAL ORGANIZATION**

Organizer: **Todd Gordon**, Laurier University, ts.gordon@hotmail.com

The global capitalist and environmental crisis pose serious challenges to the anti-capitalist left and our struggles for a more just and environmentally responsible planet. What role can political organization – an organization beyond our movements and campaigns – play in strengthening these struggles and moving beyond them to build a truly transformative vision and project? This Panel brings together members of the Anti-Capitalist Network from several different cities across the Canadian state to discuss these issues.

Speakers include representatives from the following organizations:

Québec Solidaire

Solidarity Halifax

The Pan-Canadian Anti-Capitalist Network (Toronto representative)

Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW)

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Speakers:

**John Riddell**, OISE/University of Toronto, [suzanne weiss63@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanne weiss63@yahoo.com)

"Clara Zetkin and the Struggle against Fascism"

**Martin Schoots-McAlpine**, York University, [martin.schoots.mcalpine@gmail.com](mailto:martin.schoots.mcalpine@gmail.com)

"Class Struggle, the Communist Party of Canada and the Popular Front: 1935-1939"

**Bruce Curtis**, Carleton University, [bruce.curtis@carleton.ca](mailto:bruce.curtis@carleton.ca); **Justin Paulson**, Carleton University, [justin.paulson@carleton.ca](mailto:justin.paulson@carleton.ca)

"Open Debate and Decline of the Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB) during Thatcher: Lessons for the Trump Era?"

**Maxime Lévy-Tessier**, York University, [mlevy018@yahoo.ca](mailto:mlevy018@yahoo.ca)

"On Fascism: A Discussion with Walter Benjamin and Karl Marx"

## Period IV.D – 15:30-17:00

**Panel IV.D.1 – Location: TRSM 2-109**

### **OPPRESSION AND LEFT FRAGMENTATION IN LATIN AMERICA**

Organizer: Society for Socialist Studies

This panel documents and analyzes techniques and institutions of violent oppression and right-wing backlash now operating in several Latin American contexts, as well as the conditions this sets for Left organizing.

Chair: **Alan Freeman**, University of Manitoba, [afreeman@iwgvt.org](mailto:afreeman@iwgvt.org)

Panelists:

**Jasmin Hristov**, University of Toronto, [jasminmanaus@gmail.com](mailto:jasminmanaus@gmail.com)

"Human Rights, Non-State Violent Actors and Globalization: Emerging Patterns in the Americas"

**Tracey Glynn**, University of New Brunswick, [tglynn@stu.ca](mailto:tglynn@stu.ca)

"'Berta Cáceres Did Not Die, She Multiplied': Honouring the Resistance to Project Canada"

**Daniel Troup**, Queen's University, [daniel.troup@queensu.ca](mailto:daniel.troup@queensu.ca)

"Understanding Military Intervention in the 21st century: Global Structures and Marxian Foreign Policy Analysis"

**Sabrina Fernandes**, Carleton University, [sabrina.fernandes@carleton.ca](mailto:sabrina.fernandes@carleton.ca)

"Exploring Left Melancholia: experiences and challenges by a fragmented left in Brazil"

**Panel IV.D.2 – Location: TRSM 2-119**

### **IDEAS OF TRUTH, IDEAS OF THE SOCIAL AND SOCIAL STRATEGY (DARWINISM, HAVEL AND CONTAGION)**

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This Panel investigates three influential models of truth, including models from ecology and biology and considers how they are deployed in social contexts.

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“Living in (Post) Truth: The Relevance of Vaclav Havel”

## Books and Films Featured at the Conference

Ghada Ageel, ed., *Apartheid in Palestine: Hard Laws and Harder Experiences* (University of Alberta Press, 2016)

Donna Baines, ed., *Doing Anti-Oppressive Practice: Social Justice Social Work*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Fernwood, 2017)

Honor Brabazon, ed. *Neoliberal Legality: Understanding the Role of Law in the Neoliberal Project* (Routledge, 2017)

Sara Carpenter and Shahrazad Mojab, *Revolutionary Learning: Marxism, Feminism and Knowledge* (Pluto, 2017)

Glen Coulthard, *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition* (University of Minnesota Press, 2014)

Todd Gordon, Jeffery Webber, *Blood of Extraction: Canadian Imperialism in Latin America* (Fernwood, 2016)

Terry Maley, ed. *One Dimensional Man 50 Years On: The Struggle Continues* (Fernwood, 2017)

Shahrazad Mojab and Sara Carpenter ed., *Educating from Marx: Race, Gender and Learning* (Palgrave, 2011)

Shahrazad Mojab ed., *Marxism and Feminism* (Zed Books, 2015)

John S. Saul, *On Building a Social Movement: The North American Campaign for Southern African Liberation Revisited* (Fernwood, 2016)

Ingo Schmidt, Carlo Fanelli, eds., *Reading ‘Capital’ Today: Marx after 150 Years* (Pluto Press, 2017)

Garry Potter and Stephen Svenson, *Contract Faculty: Injustice in the University* (Documentary Film)



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