



## historical materialism

research in critical marxist theory



### Fourth *Historical Materialism* Annual Conference

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sincerely,

The Editorial Board of *Historical Materialism*

## Map for Conference Venue, Cafes and Local Restaurants



- 1 = Birkbeck
- 2 = Clore School of Management
- 3 = School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS) [Conference Venue]

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Birkbeck** café (Friday only, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

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

## LOCAL RESTAURANTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REGISTRATION: 9am – 10am SOAS Main Reception

NB: THE BRUNEI BUILDING IS DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO SOAS

## SESSION ONE: 10am - 12noon

SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS L67	SOAS G2	Brunei 102
<p><b>Contemporary Financial Crisis</b> (Chair: Costas Lapavitsas)</p> <p>Riccardo Bellofiore and Joseph Halevi <i>The Minsky Moment? The 2007 Financial Crisis and the 'New' Capitalism</i></p> <p>Jim Kincaid <i>Marxist Perspectives on the Current Financial Crisis</i></p> <p>Fred Moseley <i>The Subprime Mortgage Crisis in the US: How Bad Will It Be?</i></p>	<p><b>The Spanish Revolution</b> (Chair: Gonzalo Pozo)</p> <p>Mike Richards <i>What the Resurgence of Public War Memories Tells Us About the Historiography of the Spanish Civil War</i></p> <p>Reiner Tosstorff <i>The Debates on Soviet - Comintern Policy During the Spanish Civil War: The State of Affairs After the Opening of the Soviet Archives</i></p>	<p><b>Strategies of Competitive Accumulation in Three Primary Commodity Chains</b></p> <p><b>Sponsored by the Historical Materialism World Development Research Seminar</b> (Chair: Kris Lasslett)</p> <p>Sam Ashman <i>Linking the Cases: Commodity Chains, Social Relations and Value</i></p> <p>Liam Campling <i>Market Politics and Supply: The Tuna Processing Industry in Thailand</i></p> <p>Gavin Capps <i>Landed Property and Cartelisation: Mineral Rights in the South African Platinum Industry</i></p> <p>Ben Selwyn <i>The Farm Labour Process: Table Grapes in Northeast Brazil</i></p>	<p><b>Working Class and Collective Action 1: Comparative Cases</b> (Chair: Demet Dinler)</p> <p>Stephen Bouquin <i>Social Struggles in Multinational Firms: Born to Lose?</i></p> <p>Simon Clarke <i>Trade Unions in Russia, China and Vietnam</i></p> <p>Fernando Durán-Palma <i>Union Strategic Choice in a Prominent Globalising Country: Chile's Copper Mining Sector 1979-2005</i></p>	<p><b>The Critique of Democracy</b> (Chair: Alberto Toscano)</p> <p>Slavoj Zizek <i>Democracy and Dictatorship: What We Can Still Learn From Old Debates</i></p> <p>Discussants: tbc</p>	<p><b>Film, CGI and Capital</b> (Chair: Paul Reynolds)</p> <p>Mark Bould and Sherryl Vint <i>But Machines Did It: CGI, the Erasure of Labour and the Commodification of Social Knowledge in Contemporary Blockbuster Cinema</i></p> <p>Carl Freedman <i>Noir, Science Fiction and Some Dialectics in Film</i></p> <p>Greg Tuck <i>When More is Less: CGI, Spectacle and the Capitalist Sublime</i></p>

LUNCH BREAK: 12 noon – 1.30pm

## SESSION TWO: 1.30pm – 3.15pm

SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS L67	SOAS G3
<p><b>Marxist Political Economy and the International Initiative for the Promotion of Political Economy (IIPPE)</b> (Chair: tbc)</p> <p>Ben Fine <i>IIPPE and the Imperative of Value Theory</i></p> <p>Dimitris Milonakis <i>Marx and Interdisciplinarity: The Role of the Historical in Marx's Capital</i></p> <p>Alfredo Saad Filho <i>IIPPE and Neo-liberalism: A Research Agenda</i></p>	<p><b>Modalities of Political Power</b> (Chair: Alex Anievas)</p> <p>Vittorio Morfino <i>Multitude and Non-contemporaneity</i></p> <p>Peter Thomas <i>Lenin as Biopolitician</i></p> <p>Alberto Toscano <i>Dual Power Today</i></p>	<p><b>Neo-liberalism and Social Movements</b> (Chair: Paul Reynolds)</p> <p>Andreas Bieler <i>Labour, New Social Movements and the Resistance to Neo-liberal Restructuring in Europe: the Case of the Coalition for Green and Social Procurement</i></p> <p>David Harvie and Keir Milburn <i>The Problem with Demands: Social Movements, Demands and Problematics</i></p> <p>Subir Sinha <i>Subaltern Movements in India</i></p>	<p><b>Working Class and Collective Action 2: A Debate on Mobilisation Theory</b> (Chair: Simon Clarke)</p> <p>Maurizio Atzeni <i>On Mobilisation Theory</i></p> <p>Gregor Gall <i>The Uses, Abuses and Non-Uses of Mobilisation Theory in Understanding Organised Labour in Britain</i></p> <p>Anna Pollert <i>From Individual to Collective Grievances: Evidence from Non-Unionised, Low-Paid Workers in 21st Century Britain.</i></p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Richard Hyman and John Kelly</p>	<p><b>Perspectives on <i>Capital</i></b> (Chair: Alex Callinicos)</p> <p>Chris Arthur <i>Contradiction Versus Abstraction: A Reply to Finelli</i></p> <p>Jacques Bidet <i>From Exploring Marx's Capital to Altermarxisme</i></p>
SOAS G2	Brunei 102	Brunei 111	Brunei 101	Brunei B103
<p><b>Workerism and Militancy in North-East Italy</b> (Chair: tbc)</p> <p>Film showing: <i>Porto Marghera: The Last Firebrands</i> and discussion with Wildcat and Mauro Farnesi</p>	<p><b>Russian Revolution: 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> (Chair: Sebastian Budgen)</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p> <p>Sarah Badcock</p> <p>Kevin Murphy</p> <p>Christopher Read</p>	<p><b>Borders and the Political Economy of Development</b> (Chair: Liam Campling)</p> <p>Jonathan Goodhand <i>Drugs, War and Statehood in Afghanistan</i></p> <p>Paolo Novak <i>Inequality at the Border</i></p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Alex Colas</p>	<p><b>Manuel Sacristan and Western Marxism 1: An Introduction</b></p> <p>Video clippings introduced by Gonzalo Pozo</p>	<p><b>Debord and the Society of the Spectacle: 40 Years On I</b> (Chair: Alberto Toscano)</p> <p>Mikkel Bolt Rasmussen <i>Playboys and playgirls on a higher level. J. V. Martin and the Situationist Internationale</i></p> <p>Tom Bunyard <i>Debord, Dialectics and Strategy</i></p>

## COFFEE BREAK: 3.15pm – 3.45pm

## SESSION THREE: 3.45pm – 5.30pm

SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS G3
<p><b>Development and Systems of Accumulation</b></p> <p><b>IIPPE</b></p> <p>(Chair: Ben Fine)</p> <p>Jyoti Saraswati <i>The Indian Software Industry and Neo-Liberalism: The Irony of a Mythology</i></p> <p>Hajime Sato <i>Steel Industry in Asia: Political Economy and Industrial Policy</i></p> <p>Vanessa Ushie <i>Peculiarities of Accumulation in Petro-States: The Case of Nigeria</i></p>	<p><b>Understanding the International</b></p> <p>(Chair: Sam Ashman)</p> <p>Alex Callinicos <i>Does Capitalism Need the State System?</i></p> <p>Neil Davidson <i>Many States, Many Capitals: Logic, Contingency or Mediation?</i></p> <p>Adam Morton <i>Disputing the Geopolitics of Global Capitalism</i></p>	<p><b>Class Relations in the Countryside</b></p> <p><b>Journal of Agrarian Change</b></p> <p>(Chair: Terence J. Byres)</p> <p>Henry Bernstein <i>Reproduction of Rural Labour: Class Relations and Class Dynamics</i></p> <p>Jens Lerche <i>Changing Class Relations in Rural India</i></p> <p>Carlos Oya <i>Village labour markets in semi-arid Africa: relations, structures and dynamics</i></p>	<p><b>Marx's Grundrisse</b></p> <p>(Chair: Guido Starosta)</p> <p>Michael Krätke <i>The MEGA Effect: Rereading the Grundrisse and Capital</i></p> <p>Frieder Otto Wolf <i>Against the Grundrisse Craze: Why We Should Not Draw Marx Back to Earlier Stages in his Research Process</i></p> <p>Massimiliano Tomba <i>Paradigm Shift in the Philosophy of History: Between the Grundrisse and Capital</i></p>
<b>Brunei 101</b>	<b>Brunei 102</b>	<b>Brunei 111</b>	<b>SOAS G2</b>
<p><b>Materialism and Philosophy</b></p> <p>(Chair: Gareth Dale)</p> <p>Stefan Gandler <i>The Philosophy of Praxis in Mexico: Adolfo Sanchez Vazquez and Bolivar Echeverria</i></p> <p>William Lewis <i>Towards an Althusserian Critical Theory</i></p> <p>Panagiotis Sotiris <i>Alain Badiou and the Open Question of a Materialist Ontology of Politics</i></p>	<p><b>Art and Politics</b></p> <p>(Chair: Paul Reynolds)</p> <p>Gail Day <i>Relationality and Materiality</i></p> <p>Melanie Gilligan <i>The Beggar's Pantomime: Performativity in Labour and Politics</i></p> <p>Sharon Kivland <i>La Forme-valeur or Structures Walk the Streets</i></p>	<p><b>Finance and Capital in Turkey</b></p> <p>(Chair: Sam Knafo)</p> <p>Emre Altintas and Ufuk Tutan <i>The Adverse Effects of Hot Money Inflows: Turkey 2001-2006</i></p> <p>Ulas Sener <i>Turkish Stability and Monetary Policy in the Post-Liberal Era: A Case of Growth Through Debt?</i></p>	<p><b>Film Showing: The Films of Dziga Vertov</b></p> <p>(Chair: Alberto Toscano)</p> <p>Screening and discussion of the films of Dziga Vertov, presented by Kino-Fist</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Jonathan Beller</p>

**COFFEE BREAK: 5.30pm – 6.30pm**

**SESSION FOUR: 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**The Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Memorial Prize Lecture:**

***Problems Concerning the Economic Logic of the Feudal Mode***  
**Chris Wickham**

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre  
(Chair: Alex Callinicos)

**WINE RECEPTION: 8.30pm** – Staff Common Room (1<sup>ST</sup> floor SOAS Building)

## SESSION FIVE: 9.30am – 11.15am

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

## COFFEE BREAK: 11.15am – 11.45am

## SESSION SIX: 11.45am – 1.30pm

Khalili Lecture Theatre	SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS G2	SOAS G3
<p><b>Blair, Africa and Dispossession</b></p> <p><i>Review of African Political Economy</i></p> <p>(Chair: Liam Campling)</p> <p>Ray Bush</p> <p>Graham Harrison</p> <p>Tunde Zack Williams</p> <p>[all titles tbc]</p>	<p><b>Contemporary Capitalism IIPPE</b></p> <p>(Chair: Ben Fine)</p> <p>Sedat Aybar <i>The Integration of Central Asia in the World Economy</i></p> <p>Costas Lapavistas <i>Financialisation of Contemporary Capitalism</i></p> <p>Dic Lo <i>Causes and Consequences of the Development of China</i></p>	<p><b>Marxism, Class and Education</b></p> <p>(Chair: Demet Dinler)</p> <p>Glenn Rikowski <i>Marxist Educational Theory Unplugged</i></p> <p>Mike Neary <i>Student as Producer: Reinventing the Undergraduate Curriculum</i></p>	<p><b>Gramsci and the Social Sciences Today</b></p> <p>(Chair: Peter Thomas)</p> <p>Michele Filippini <i>The Discourse of Social Sciences and Gramscian Thought</i></p> <p>Peter Ives <i>The Ignored Linguistics in Gramsci's Contributions to Language Politics</i></p> <p>Michael Krätke <i>Gramsci and Political Economy</i></p>	<p><b>Transformative Possibilities in Latin America (including comments on John Pilger's film 'The War on Democracy', screened in session 5)</b></p> <p><b>Sponsored by Socialist Register</b></p> <p>With Atilio Boron and Alfredo Saad-Filho</p>	<p><b>Manuel Sacristan 2: Sacristan and Western Marxism – Critical Engagements</b></p> <p>(Chair: Gonzalo Pozo)</p> <p>Albert Domingo</p> <p>Eduard Rodriguez</p> <p>[all titles tbc]</p>
<b>SOAS L67</b>	<b>Brunei 111</b>	<b>Brunei 102</b>	<b>Brunei 104</b>	<b>Brunei 101</b>	<b>Brunei 103</b>
<p><b>Marxist Method: Moving from the Abstract to the Concrete</b></p> <p>(Chair: Ben Selwyn)</p> <p>Gavin Capps <i>Lenin in the Field? The Challenges of Researching Class and 'Taking Sides' in the BaFokeng Tribal Authority Area, South Africa</i></p> <p>Carlos Oya <i>Methodological challenges in field-based empirical work on agrarian change, rural class formation and labour relations in Africa</i></p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Barbara Harriss-White</p>	<p><b>Value Theory and Capital 2: The Transformation Problem</b></p> <p>(Chair: Sam Ashman)</p> <p>Diego Guerrero <i>Values and Prices: Transforming the Transformation Problem</i></p> <p>Simon Mohun <i>Values and Prices - Deep Issues or Badly Posed Questions</i></p> <p>Fred Moseley <i>The Macromonetary Interpretation of Marx's Theory and a Critique of the 'New Interpretation'</i></p>	<p><b>'1956 And All That' London Socialist Historians' Book Launch</b></p> <p>Anne Alexander <i>Nasser, Suez and 1956</i></p> <p>Neil Davidson <i>Alisdair Macintyre and 1956</i></p> <p>Keith Flett <i>1956-2007</i></p>	<p><b>Marxism and Post-Colonialism</b></p> <p>(Chair: Alex Colas)</p> <p>John Chalcraft <i>Syrian Migrations to Lebanon</i></p> <p>Mark Laffey <i>The Limits of Postcolonialism: The Rise of China and the Return of Geopolitics</i></p> <p>Sanjay Seth <i>From Maoism to Postcolonialism</i></p>	<p><b>Marxism and Science</b></p> <p>(Chair: Esther Leslie)</p> <p>Helena Sheehan <i>Marxism and Science Studies: The Historical Drama, the Contemporary Conjuncture</i></p> <p>Viren Swami <i>The evolutionary psychological imagination: One beauty, intelligence and suicide bombing</i></p>	<p><b>Marxism, Pashukanis and Law</b></p> <p>(Chair: Paul Reynolds)</p> <p>Bill Bowring <i>International Law, Lenin and Self-Determination</i></p> <p>Andreas Harms <i>Commodity Form and Legal Form</i></p> <p>Robert Knox [title tbc]</p>

Saturday 10 November

**LUNCH BREAK: 1.30pm – 3pm** [**'MEET THE EDITORS'** – If you would like to discuss editorial matters related to *Historical Materialism* please come to Room G50 during the lunch break]

**SESSION SEVEN: 3pm – 4. 45pm**

***Historical Materialism* Plenary: *Neo-liberalism and Neo-imperialism***  
**Robert Brenner, Alex Callinicos, David McNally**

Khalili Lecture Theatre  
(Chair: Sebastian Budgen)

**COFFEE BREAK: 4.45pm – 5.00pm**

**SESSION EIGHT: 5. 00pm – 6. 45pm**

***Socialist Register* Plenary: *Islam and the American Empire***  
**Bashir Abu-Manneh, Gilbert Achcar, Aijaz Ahmad, Sabah Alnasseri, Asef Bayat**

Khalili Lecture Theatre  
(Chair: Colin Leys)

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

**SESSION NINE: 10am – 11.45am**

SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS G2	Brunei 101
<p><b>The Current Imperial Conjunction and the recovery of Classical Marxism</b> (Chair: Sam Ashman) Radhika Desai <i>The New 'New Imperialism': Putting the Nation-State Back In</i> Alan Freeman <i>Under Development: Towards a Theory of the Economics of Modern Imperialism</i> John Smith <i>What's New About 'New Imperialism'</i></p>	<p><b>Marxism and Geopolitics</b> (Chair: Gonzalo Pozo) Peter Gowan [title tbc] Kees van der Pijl <i>Global Political Economy and Historical Materialism</i> Tony Smith <i>Technology and Globalization: Are We in a New Period of World History?</i></p>	<p><b>State, Class Politics and Labour</b> (Chair: Demet Dinler) Ana Cecilia Bergene <i>Class Politics, Hegemony and the Ideology of Social Partnership</i> Maria Kyriakidou <i>State, Gender and the Definition of Labour</i> Jane Wills <i>Class Without Class? The London Living Wage Campaign</i></p>	<p><b>Marxism and Film</b> (Chair: Matteo Mandarini) Giorgio Barrata <i>Gramsci, New York and the Mystery of Naples</i> Paola Bonifazio <i>Another "Passive Revolution": Marshall Plan Films, the Italian Information Services, and the Christian Democratic Road to Hegemony</i> Mike Wayne <i>British cinema/Hollywood colony</i></p>	<p><b>Althusser</b> (Chair: Peter Thomas) Gal Kim <i>The Althusserian Rupture: The Standpoint of Reproduction</i> Mikko Lahtinen <i>The Problem of Theoreticism in Althusser's Self-Criticism: A Gramscian Perspective</i> Janice Richardson <i>Althusser's 'Discrepancies': Women, Class and the Relationship Between Self and Other in Althusser's Reading of Rousseau</i></p>
SOAS L67	SOAS G3	Brunei 102		Brunei 111
<p><b>The History of Materialism</b> (Chair: Paul Reynolds) Andrew Brown <i>Spinozism, Materialism and Dialectics</i> Nina Power <i>Feuerbach and Political Subjectivity</i> Ted Winslow <i>The Role of 'Individuality' and its Development in Marx's Historical Materialism</i></p>	<p><b>Citizenship in a Neo-liberal Age</b> (Chair: David McNally) Rick Kuhn <i>Citizenship, Race and Class in Australia</i> Colin Mooers <i>Imperial Subjects: From Social Citizenship to Social Capital</i> Alan Sears <i>Sex After Marriage? Queer Liberation and Full Citizenship</i></p>	<p><b>Marxism, Art and Institutions</b> (Chair: Esther Leslie) Steve Edwards <i>Commodities and copyright, property and pictures</i> Leigh French <i>Marketing Culture</i> Owen Hatherley <i>Towards a Revolutionary Functionalism</i></p>		<p><b>Political Struggles Today</b> (Chair: Peter Thomas) Massimo de Angelis and David Harvie <i>Finance, Discipline and Global Value Struggles</i> Rodrigo Nunes <i>Breeding Mutants: Subjectivism, Post-Subjective Politics and Organisation in Post-Operaismo</i></p>

**COFFEE BREAK: 11.45am – 12 noon**

**SESSION TEN: 12 noon – 1.45pm**

Khalili Lecture Theatre	SOAS G50	SOAS G51	SOAS G52	SOAS G2	SOAS G3
<p><b>Economics Imperialism IIPPE</b> (Chair: Alfredo Saad Filho)</p> <p>Ben Fine <i>Economics Imperialism: Political Economy Strikes Back</i></p> <p>Hugh Goodacre <i>Development and Geography: Current Debates in Historical Perspective</i></p> <p>George Meramveliotakis <i>Economics and Property Rights: A Critique of Coase's Theory</i></p> <p>Dimitris Milonakis <i>The Historical Roots of Economics Imperialism</i></p>	<p><b>Isaac Deutscher and the New Left</b> (Chair: Gonzalo Pozo)</p> <p>Robin Blackburn [title tbc]</p> <p>Rick Kuhn [title tbc]</p>	<p><b>Reading Gramsci: Past and Present</b> (Chair: Gareth Dale)</p> <p>Adrian Budd <i>Historicism, Hegemony and 'the International' – the Neo-Gramscian Reading of Gramsci</i></p> <p>Bob Jessop <i>Further Development of Gramsci's Concept of the Integral State: Althusser, Buci-Glucksmann, Poulantzas</i></p> <p>Peter Thomas <i>The Antinomies of Antonio Gramsci?</i></p>	<p><b>Grundrisse and the Development of Marx's Critique of Political Economy</b> (Chair: Jim Kincaid)</p> <p>Michael Heinrich <i>From the Critical use of Ricardian Economics to the Critique of Political Economy</i></p> <p>John Milios and Spiros Lapatsioras <i>The notion of money from the Grundrisse to Capital</i></p>	<p><b>Marxism and Psychoanalysis</b> (Chair: Mike Wayne)</p> <p>Benjamin Noys <i>Marx and Freud in the Same Incandescent Light: Marcuse's Return to Freud</i></p> <p>Fabio Vighi <i>Desire, Drive, Violence: On Film and Liberation</i></p>	<p><b>Problems Within Reproduction Theory</b> (Chair: Guido Starosta)</p> <p>Urs Lindner and Jana Tschurennev <i>For a Critical Theory of Reproduction and Differentiation: from Habermas and Luhmann to Marx and Nancy Fraser</i></p> <p>Mary Mellor <i>Reproduction: Between Feminism and Marxism</i></p> <p>Frieder Otto Wolf <i>Reproduction, Accumulation and the Division of Labour: What Capital II is Really About</i></p>
<b>SOAS L67</b>	<b>Brunei 102</b>	<b>Brunei 111</b>	<b>Brunei 104</b>	<b>Brunei 101</b>	
<p><b>Pierre Broué: Revolutionary Historian</b> <i>Journal of Revolutionary History</i> (Chair: Ian Birchall)</p> <p>Roundtable Discussion</p> <p>Reiner Tosstorff</p> <p>[other panelist tbc]</p>	<p><b>Debord and the Society of the Spectacle: 40 Years On II</b> (Chair: Alberto Toscano)</p> <p>Jonathan Beller <i>The America(n) Effect: Abstract Expressionism Meets the School of the Americas</i></p> <p>Jeff Kinkle <i>From Consumption to Conspiracy: The Spectacle in the War on Terror</i></p>	<p><b>On Paul Willis Learning To Labour: 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b></p> <p>Paul Willis <i>Learning to Labour 30 Years On</i></p> <p>Why Do We Still Need Learning to Labour?</p> <p>Discussant: Beverley Skeggs</p> <p>Discussant: Paul Reynolds</p>	<p><b>Africa and Resistance</b> (Chair: Gavin Capps)</p> <p>Peter Dwyer and Miles Larmer <i>Southern African Social Movements, Anti-capitalism and the World Social Forum</i></p> <p>David Seddon and Leo Zeilig <i>An Epoch of Uprisings: Social Protests and Resistance in Sub-Saharan Africa</i></p> <p>Discussant: Colin Barker</p>	<p><b>Pre-capitalist Modes of Production</b> (Chair: Sam Knafo)</p> <p>Owen Miller <i>The Tributary Mode of Production and Korea</i></p> <p>Spyros Sakellaropoulos <i>The Origins of the Conflict Between the Two Communities on Cyprus: The Significance of the Decline of the Asiatic Mode of Production</i></p>	

**LUNCH BREAK: 1.45pm – 2.45pm**

**SESSION ELEVEN: 2.45pm – 4.30pm**

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