

HISTORICAL MATERIALISM SYDNEY CONFERENCE 2017

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

Time	Session	New Law 442	New Law 444	New Law 446	The Law Lounge	
0915-1000	Registration	New Law Level 4 Foyer				
1000-1130	Panels	TIME, SPACE & ABSTRACT SOCIAL NATURE Giacomo Bianchino – ‘At once!': the momentous subjects of the New Soviet Calendar Timothy Erik Ström – Abstraction, Technology and the Capitalist Reorganisation of Nature Cat Moir – Natural history and the art of empire: Ferdinand Bauer and the world ecology of colonial science	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY Drew Cottle & Angela Keys – American capitalism and the political economy of the military-industrial complex Alexander Brown – Global Fukushima and two Australia-Japan relationships Bill Dunn – Money as a mechanism and measure of uneven and combined development	GRAMSCI, TROTSKY & LUKACS Sanjay Ramesh – Gramscian hegemonic historic bloc Rjurik Davidson – Once more on the Gramsci – Trotsky question Margaret Moussa – Lukacs on labour		
1130-1145	Break	Foyer				
1145-1315	Panels	ECOLOGY & CLIMATE CHANGE Andrew Milner – Climate change and climate fiction: cultural materialism as a resource of hope Natasha Heenan – Ecotourism, sustainable development, and the production of nature Jean-Philippe Deranty – Work in the time of climate change	NEOLIBERALISM & CORPORATE CAPTURE Cameron Smith – ‘Authoritarian neoliberalism’ and the Australian border-industrial complex I-Yi Hsieh – Neoliberalism with Chinese characteristics: the case of art marketplace in Beijing Toby Rogers – The corporate capture of science and medicine and the implications for the autism epidemic	CLASS POLITICS & SOCIAL MOVEMENTS Jean Parker – The Left-reformist revival: challenges for anti-austerity economics Alexander Waters - #BlackLivesMatter in the home of the Panthers: rebuilding islands of class after a tsunami of identity politics Geoff Robinson – Class politics and socialist electoral strategies	Room: The Law Lounge PLAY: SERVANT OF THE REVOLUTION Directed by ANITRA NELSON	
1315-1430	Lunch break	University food outlets & local cafes				

1430-1600	Panels	<p>SOCIAL REPRODUCTION Senka Anastova – Theory of social reproduction and fight against oppression Samuel Russell – No fluoro on floor: sumptuary law, courtesy, and feeding the servants of the rich by bicycle Peter Green – The future is in the living present</p>	<p>ECONOMIC PLANNING Shannon Walsh Nathalie Jaques James Roberts</p>	<p>CRITICAL MARXIST PERSPECTIVES ON CURRENT AUSTRALIAN POLICY Andrew Brodzeli – Conducting energy and resisting capital: on the possibility of post-carbon communism Daniel Cotton – Australia’s border regime: repressing labour movement and the labour movement Riki Scanlan – The evolutionary formation of urban statehood: a case study of the Greater Sydney Commission</p>	
1600-1615	Break	Foyer			
1615-1745	Panels	<p>GREENS PARTIES: BETWEEN (ECOLOGICAL) SOCIALISM AND (ECOLOGICAL) BARBARISM Riki Scanlan – A critique of environmentalism, Green parties and the drift towards ‘sustainable’ policy Andy Mason – Builders’ labourers in green politics then and now Patrick Wright – The Greens NSW: lessons for a radical future</p>	<p>PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS IN ALTHUSSER & SARTRE Knox Peden – Problems and pseudo-problems in Althusserian science Robert Boncardo – The individual as constitutive power: accumulation and inflation in Sartre’s <i>Critique of Dialectical Reason</i></p>	<p>STRATEGY & PRAXIS Jordan Edney – Dogma and the future of the Left Samuel Russell – Marxism as bourgeois organizational science and the meaning of the mobility rule in 2017 Nathalie Jaques – Circulation as a site of value and of struggle</p>	
1745-1800	Break	Foyer			
1800-1915	Keynote address	<p>Room: New Law Lecture Theatre 101 The Biosphere Question: Nature, Class, and Re/Production at the End of the Holocene – and the Capitalocene (Presented in conjunction with Sydney Ideas) JASON W. MOORE</p>			
1930-	Social event & food	Cornerstone Bar, Carriageworks 245 Wilson Street (corner Codrington St), Eveleigh			

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Time	Session	New Law 442	New Law 444	New Law 446		
0900-0930	Registration	New Law Level 4 Foyer				
0930-1100	Panels	<p>THE IMPACT OF OCTOBER 1917 Phil Chilton – Not just a Russian affair: the impact and inspiration of the Russian Revolution in Ireland, 1917-1923 Kaveh Boveiri [Skype] – On Žižek’s suggestion to reinvent the politics of truth of the October Revolution</p>	<p>MOVEMENT & ORGANISATION – FROM ABOVE & BELOW Dieter Plehwe – Trump, climate change and neoliberal networks John Krinsky – Social movements and the politics of abstraction Verity Burgmann – Labour in the global carnival against capital: trade unions and the anti-capitalist movement</p>	<p>WRITING THE HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LEFT Jon Piccini Evan Smith Elizabeth Humphrys</p>		
1100-1115	Break	Foyer				
1115-1245	Panels	<p>HOUSING, RENT & THE POLITICS OF SPACE Anitra Nelson – An Ecosocialist answer to the housing question Adam Morton – Spatial Serge: the urban revolution in Victor Serge Joe Collins – Should communists care about rent-seekers?</p>	<p>MARX AND KEYNES: SYMPOSIUM ON GEOFF MANN’S IN THE LONG RUN WE ARE ALL DEAD Geoff Mann Mike Beggs Bill Dunn Rod O’Donnell</p>	<p>CAPITAL & TECHNOLOGY Leonardo Ferreira Guimarães – Classes, capital and the social forms in between: a methodological resource Shannon Walsh – Technological change and the continuity of capital Nicholas Avery & Andrew Brodzeli – Platform enclosure: capital and labour in (neo)reactionary times</p>		
1245-1400	Lunch break	University food outlets & local cafes				

1400-1530	Panels	VALUING NATURE Dinesh Wadiwel – Food animals, labour and value Jean Parker – Nature in Marx’s value system Gareth Bryant – Value in a climate-changing capitalism	CAPITAL & CAPITAL Humphrey McQueen – Down with transition! Up the revolution! The revolution inside capital: barely a conspectus Takashi Satoh – Marx beyond Sraffa: toward the generalized formulation of the circuit of capital in a multisector mode	POPULISM, ANARCHISM & SOCIALISM Aaron Tauss – Socialism and populism today: building ‘people’s’ power from below? A critical analysis of the anticapitalist strategy of Colombia’s People Congress Araz Aminnaseri – A critique of the Universal Basic Income and an alternative socialist proposal Paul Rubner – Radical democracy: from Bookchin to Öcalan and the Rojava Revolution	
1530-1545	Break	Foyer			
1545-1715	Panels	<u>BOOK LAUNCH: ECOFEMINISM AS POLITICS: NATURE, MARX, AND THE POSTMODERN (20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION)</u> Reflection and conversation with author Ariel Salleh, Adam Morton, Anitra Nelson, and James Goodman	CAPITALISM IN AUSTRALIA Llewellyn Williams-Brooks – The Australian New Left and capitalism in Australia: a theoretical introduction Nandita Das – Australian climate policy in historical perspective: climate, capital and hegemony Lindy Nolan – Driving Disunity: the Business Council against Aboriginal Community (Chair: Joe Collins)	ART IN THE SHADOW OF COLONIALISM & REVOLUTION Ben Etherington – Ralph de Boissière’s crown jewel: anti-colonial communism three ways Rory Dufficy – Surrealism, gender and revolutionary subjectivity Verónica Tello – The multiplication of labour in contemporary art	
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