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**REVOLUTIONS,
COMMUNIST LEGACIES
AND SPECTRES OF THE FUTURE**

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AT ST. PETERSBURG
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October 24-26, 2017

THE CONFERENCE WORKING LANGUAGE IS ENGLISH

October 24

9:00 – 9:30 – Registration

9:30 – 10:00 – Introduction – Conference Hall. Jodi Dean (Hobart and William Smith Colleges), Artemy Magun (EUSP), Alexei Penzin (University of Wolverhampton), Gal Kirn (Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry), Oxana Timofeeva (EUSP)

10:00 – 12:15 – PLENARY I. Revolution Today – Conference Hall. Moderator: Jodi Dean (Hobart and William Smith Colleges)

Susan Buck-Morss (City University of New York) – *Revolution Today*

Artemy Magun (EUSP) – *The Bet*

Gerald Raunig (University of the Arts, Zurich) – *Social Revolution, Condividual Revolution, Molecular Revolution*

12.15 – 13:15 – Lunch

13:15 – 15:30 – SECTIONS:

SECTION I: 1917 – 2017 White Hall. Moderator: Artemy Magun (EUSP)

Adam Leeds (Columbia University) – *The Russian Revolution and the Semantics of Political Modernity: Socialism, Republicanism, and Liberalism in the Interregnum*

Thomas van Hallen (Pantheon-Sorbonne University) – *On the notion of “dual power”*

Milton Pinheiro (Bahia State University) – *Historical Aspects of the October Revolution and the Political Scene of the Future*

Sofia Manzano (State University of Southwestern Bahia) – *The Russian Revolution and Housework*

Angela Harutyunyan (American University of Beirut) – *Periodizing the Soviet: The Advent of the Contemporary, and the Ghosts of Historical Time*

SECTION II. Intellectual and Artistic Reception of the Revolution White Hall. Moderator: Alexei Penzin (University of Wolverhampton)

Gordana Jovanovic (University of Belgrade) – *Missed Revolutions in Psychology, Psychology for Revolution*

Vladimir Ryzhkovsky (Georgetown University) – *World History, Global History, and the Experience of the Russian Revolution*

Pavel Arsenev (University of Geneva) – *Language Revolution Between the Conscience of the Medium and Facts of Socialist Constructivism*

Anton Syutkin (Independent Researcher) – *The Latest System-Programme of Soviet Dialectical Materialism: Mikhail Lifshits's philosophical project and its consequences for the communist politics*

Maria Kochkina (Independent Researcher) – *“We will meet again, Jean!”: on the triumph of the lost time*

15:30 – 15:45 – Coffee break

15:45 – 17:45 – PLENARY II. History and Memory – Conference Hall. Moderator: Oleg Kharkhordin (EUSP)

Boris Kolonitsky (EUSP) – *Cultural Hegemony of Socialists in the Russian Revolution of 1917*

Alexander Reznik (HSE) – *Lev Trotsky: writing auto/biographies, making revolution*

Alexander Shubin (RSUH) – *Power of Soviets: Theory and Practice in 1917-1918*

17:45 – 18:00 – Coffee break

18:00 – 20:00 – PLENARY III. The Art of Revolution I – Conference Hall. Moderator: Oxana Timofeeva (EUSP)

Keti Chukhrov (HSE) – *Who Makes Revolution in the Age of Speculative Design*

Ilya Kalinin (SPSU) – *Counterrevolutionary Paradox of Cultural Revolution*

Georg Witte (Free University in Berlin) – *“An Effective Show”: Exceeding Mimesis in the Soviet Avantgarde*

October 25

10:00 – 11:30 – PLENARY IV. Short Soviet Century – Conference Hall. Moderator: Alexander Reznik (HSE)

Richard Bessel (University of York) – *1917-2017: The Revolutionary Wave and Europe's Century of Violence*

Oleg Kharkhordin (EUSP) – *Revolutionary Heritage and Stalin's Turn*

11.30 – 11.45 – Coffee break

11:45 – 13:45 – PLENARY V. The Art of Revolution II – Conference Hall. Moderator: Alexei Penzin (University of Wolverhampton)

Gal Kirn (Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry) – *On revolutionary “cinefication”: Medvedkin, Vertov and Eisenstein in the light of October*

Igor Chubarov (University of Tyumen) – *Evidence and Violence: Factography Evolution from the Avant-garde to the Absurd and Camp Prose*

Tomáš Glanc (University of Zurich) – *The Russian Revolution in Pavel Pepperstein’s Work and Potential for Psychedelic Revolution Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

13:45 – 14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 15:45 – Plenary Lecture – Conference Hall. Moderator: Artemy Magun (EUSP)

Slavoj Žižek (University of Ljubljana) – *Like a Thief in the Night: The Actuality of Communism*

15:45 – 16:00 – Coffee break

16:00 – 18:00 – PLENARY VI. Revolution and/or Melancholia – Conference Hall. Moderator: Oxa-na Timofeeva (EUSP)

Sami Khatib (Leuphana University of Lüneburg) – *No Future: Revolution and Melancholy*

Rebecca Comay (University of Toronto) – *Revolution and Tragedy*

Yoel Regev (EUSP) – *Time-dj: opti-mix and interrupted revolution*

18:00 – 18:15 – Coffee break

18:15 – 20:15 – PLENARY VII. Revolution, Temporality, Infinity – Conference Hall. Moderator: Jodi Dean (Hobart and William Smith Colleges)

Bernard Aspe (International College of Philosophy) – *Conflict of times*

Gigi Roggero (University of Bologna) – *The Train Against the History*

Alexei Penzin (University of Wolverhampton) – *Towards the Infinite: the Speculative Side of Late Soviet Philosophy and the Idea of Communism*

21:30 – 23:30 – “Arkadiy Kots” concert – ZOCCOLO 2.0 Club. Ligovsky Prospekt 50, building 3, room 20

October 26

10:00 – 12:00 – PLENARY VIII. Socialist thought and Soviet Experience – Conference Hall. Moderator: Artemy Magun (EUSP)

Andreas Kalyvas (New School for Social Research) – *The Paradox of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat: The Revolution as a State of Exception*

Lorenzo Chiesa (Genoa School of Humanities) – *The State As Revolution*

Maria Chehonadskih (Kingston University London) – *The ‘Epistemological Break’ of the post-Revolutionary Soviet Thought: Knowledge, Critique and Organization*

12:00 – 13:00 – Lunch

13:00 – 15:15 – SECTIONS:

SECTION III. World Revolutions – White Hall. Moderator: Jodi Dean (Hobart and William Smith Colleges)

Marina Simakova (EUSP) – *Toward Passive Revolution and Back*

Karthick Ram Manoharan (Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta) – *The State and Revolution: Reading Lenin with Öcalan*

Alla Ivanchikova (Hobart and William Smith Colleges) – *The Road to Moscow Leads through*

Kabul: The "Future" of One Minor Revolution

Javlon Boymat (OSCE Academy) – *The Centennial of the 1917 Russian Revolution and the Post-Soviet Space: Narratives from Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Russia*

José Neves (Nova University of Lisbon) – *Against and Within our Liberal Condition: Towards Another History of 20th Century Communism*

SECTION IV. Theories of Revolution – White Hall. Moderator: Oxana Timofeeva (EUSP)

Kseniya Kapelchuk (Sociological Institute of the RAS) – *Revolution and History: the Course of Repetition*

Anastasia Kalk (New School for Social Research) – *Hannah Arendt: Revolutionary Nature*

Vladislav Sofronov (Independent Researcher) – *"Even the dead will not be safe from the enemy if he wins". Walter Benjamin's political phenomenology of history and death and Nikolai Fyodorov's "The Philosophy of the Common Task"*

Andrew Calp (California University of the Arts) – *Revolution in Deleuze*

Thomas Telios (University of St.Gallen) – *Waiting for Godot: The Communist Subjectivity and the Politics of Collectiversalism*

Stephan Teichgräber (University of Vienna) – *The concept of revolution of N.I. Bukharin*

15:15 – 15:30 – Coffee break

15:30 – 17:30 – PLENARY IX. The Art of Revolution III: Communism, Love, Comradeship – Conference Hall. Moderator: Alexei Penzin (University of Wolverhampton)

Aaron Schuster (Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry) – *Love, Comedy, and Communism in Lubitsch's "Ninotchka"*

Jodi Dean (Hobart and William Smith Colleges) – *Provisional Notes for a Theory of the Comrade*

Oxana Timofeeva (EUSP) – *Solidarity and Witchcraft*

17:30 – 19:00 – "Palace Square 100 Years After", film by Chto Delat, screening and discussion with an introduction by Dmitry Vilensky