

„The Communist International and International Communism 1919-1943“

The 3rd Medlicott Symposium will be held
23-25 July 1995 at Exeter-University.

Speakers include:

- Baruch Knei-Paz (Hebrew University, Israel), *"From Marx to Stalin: Whatever Happened to Communist Internationalism"*.
- Moira Donald (University of Exeter, UK), *„Out with the old, in with the new: reconstructing the death of the Second International"*.
- David Kirby (School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, UK), *„The Legacy of Zimmerwald"*.
- Kevin McDermott (Sheffield Hallam University, UK), *„The History of the Comintern in the Light of New Documents"*
- Geoff Swain (University of the West of England, UK), *„Tito and the Twilight of the Comintern"*.
- Andrew Thorpe (University of Exeter, UK), *„The Comintern and the British Communist Party"*.
- Krista Cowman (University of York, UK), *British Communist Women and the Comintern"*.
- Alexandr Vatlin (Institut for Human Rights and Democracy, Russia), *„The Comintern and the German Communist Party"*
- Gerrit Voerman (Documentatie-centrum Nederlandse Politieke Partijen, NL), *„The Communist Party of the Netherlands and the Comintern"*.
- Carlos Cunha (Dowling College New York, USA), *„The Portuguese Communist Party and the Comintern"*.
- Tim Reese (University of Exeter, UK), *„The Comintern and the Spanish Communist Party"*.
- Artem Ulunian (Institute of World History, Russia), *„The Comintern and the Greek Communist Party"*
- Wendy Singer (Kenyon College, USA), *"Indian Communists and Defining Peasants for the Comintern"*.
- Steve Smith (University of Essex, UK), *„The Chinese Communist Party and the Comintern"*.
- Hugh Wilford (Middlesex University, UK), *„The Comintern and the American Communist Party"*
- Sandra Wilson (La Trobe University, Australia), *Japanese Communists and Japan's Foreign Policy in the 1920s"*.
- Yevgeny Sergeev (Moscow, Russian Federation), *"Russian Archival Sources for the History of the Comintern and International Communism"*.
- Jürgen Rojahn (IISG, NL), *"New Directions in the Comintern Research"*.

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Internationaler Kongress der Osteuropawissenschaften, Warschau 6. bis 11. August 1995

Das offizielle Programm des V. Weltkongresses ist soeben erschienen; die Organisatoren rechnen mit mehreren Hundert Osteuropaspezialisten. Träger der Veranstaltung ist der „International Council for Central and East European Studies“ (ICCEES), der bis 1993 den nun überholten Namen „International Council for Soviet and East European Studies“ trug. Der interdisziplinäre Kongress soll Literaturwissenschaftler, Historiker, Soziologen und Forscher artverwandter Richtungen zusammenbringen und das Forschungs Panorama nach dem Ende der Sowjetunion aufzeigen. Das vom ICCEES und dem „Institut für Philosophie und Soziologie“ der Polnischen Akademie der Wissenschaften angenommene Tagungsprogramm verteilt sich auf sechs Tage, so dass genug Zeit für Diskussion bestehen sollte. Wir stellen aus dem reichhaltigen Programm einige Themen vor, die mit der Komintern, dem Kommunismus und Stalinismus im Zusammenhang stehen:

1. „Reevaluation of the Russian Civil War: The Archival Evidence“

- Vorsitz: John L. Keep; Einführung: Victor Bortneyskii
- Alexander Rabinovitch, *Early Disenchantment with Bolshevik Rule.*
- Donald J. Raleigh: *Late Disenchantment with Bolshevik Rule.*
- Sue Rupp: *Memoir and Diary Accounts of the Siberian Provisional Government.*

2. Aspects of Stalinist Culture: Heroes, Heroines and Hero Cities Between Legend and Reality

- Vorsitz: Rosalinde Sartor
- John McCannon: *Red Arctic: The Myth of the Arctic in Soviet Popular Culture.*
- Karen Petrone: *Gender and Heroes: The Exploit of Soviet Female Pilots.*
- Dirk Peltzer: *Heroization of Cities in an Unheroic Age. The Case of Novo-Rossiisk*

3. „Communist Governments and Emigrants' Communities Abroad“

- Vorsitz: Adam Walaszek;
- Stanley Blejwas: *The Polish Peoples' Republic and the Polish American Ethnic Group.*
- Anna Reczynska: *The Polonia and the Poles Abroad in View of the Propaganda.*
- Jan Lencznarowicz: *Polonia Society - an Instrument of the Policy.*

4. „Stalinism in Poland“

- Vorsitz: A. Paczkowski; Einführung: D. Jarosz, J. Hölzer.
- K. Kersten: *Stalinism in the PRL*
- S. Kudryashov: *Russian-Polish Relations.*
- A. Kemp-Welch: *Comparative Stalinism.*

5. „Soviet Union and East Germany“

- Vorsitz: J. Morison;
- Gennadij Bordiugov: *The Soviet Military Administration in Germany.*
- Hope Harrison: *New Evidence in Soviet East German Relations 1953-1961.*

6. „Plunder and Counter Plunder: The Displacement of Archives“

- Vorsitz: J. Kloosterman; Einführung: Judith Shapiro.
- P. K. Grimsted: *Plundered Records as a Key to the Records of Plunder.*

- V. B. Tsaplin: *Russian Reflections on the Plunder of Archives.*
- F. J. Hodgewoud: *Dutch Collections as a Key to the Records of Plunder.*

7. „Social Protest and Political Struggle in Soviet Society"

- Vorsitz: Boris S. Starkov;
- Natalia B. Lebina: *Osnovnie problemy sotsializatsii rabochei molodezhi v 20-30 godov.*
- Vladlen S. Izmozik: *Formirovanie politicheskogo kontroliia.*
- David Priestland: *Raznogasiia sredi chlenov politburo v 30-e gody.*

8. „Access to Archives in Eastern Europe"

- Vorsitz: Inge Auerbach; Einführung: Karel Pichlik.
- Richard A. Davies: *Leads Russian Archives.*
- Hanna Krajewska: *Zugänglichkeit polnischer Archivalien.*
- Aleksandr Lavrent'ev: *Zugang zu russischen Nachlassen.*

9. „Lenin in Retrospect"

- Vorsitz: Harry Shukman; Einführung: John Keep.
- Benno Ennker: *The Lenin Cult.*
- Israel Getzler: *Lenin's Civil War Conception of Revolution.*
- Neil Harding: *Lenin as Doctrinaire.*

10. „Ideology of Revolution and the Communist International"

- Vorsitz: F. I. Firsov; Einführung: Kevin McDermott.
- B. H. Bayerlein: *The Wrecked German Revolution of 1923 and its Effects.*
- Aleksandr Vatlin: *Idea and Praxis of World Revolution.*
- Peter Huber: *The Central Apparatus of Comintern: some new statistical Evidence.*

Montreal:

18th Congress of the International Committee of Historical Sciences

Proposed Round Table for Eighteenth, Montreal, Canada, 27 August to 3 September 1995.

Title: „Beyond Social Democracy: Comparative Radical Working Class Movements, 1914-1939“

Organizer: Dr. William A. Pelz, Director - Social Sciences Program, DePaul University, 2323 N. Seminary, SAC 465, Chicago, Illinois 60614-3298, USA.

Problematic: This round table will debate how various radical groups within the world labor movement dealt with the pressing problems facing workers in the period from the First World War till the start of World War II. Among the questions to be discussed will be: - The origins of political splits within previously united labor movements. - The impact of the Russian Revolution on world labor movements. - How policies of the Communist International influenced militant labor movements. - In what ways did local traditions mold radical labor movements? - What role did women play in the formation and development of radical workers organizations?

- Relations between workers movements in colonial countries and European radicals. - How the rise of fascism changed the theory and practice of radical labor groups. - New insights into Communist workers movements revealed by recent access to Soviet archives.

Organization: Each participant will prepare her / his paper previous to the round table. These papers will be distributed to participants before the Congress so that everyone will have time to read and reflect on the contributions of other round table members. At the three hour session, the round table will be structured around

a series of topics and questions to facilitate a coherent discussion.

List of participants:

- Bernhard H. Bayerlein, Univ. of Cologne, Germany: „The Communist Workers Movement, the Comintern and the Soviet Union: A Revolution in our Knowledge and Historiography“
- Pierre Broué, Professor Emeritus, Pierre Mendès France Univ., Grenoble, France: „Trotskyism and the International Working Class Movement“
- F. M. Cain, Univ. of New South Wales, Australia: „Radical Labour Movements in Australia and Internationalism“
- Sobhanlal Datta Gupta, University of Calcutta, India: „Contrasting Perspectives of International Communism on the Working Class Movement, 1924-1934“
- Benedict F. Kierman, Yale Univ., New Haven, CT. USA: „Communism and Labor in Southeast Asia, 1919-1939“
- William A. Pelz, DePaul University, Chicago, Ill. USA: „The German Left and the Contradictions within the Working Class, 1914-1933“
- Jürgen Rojahn, IISH, Amsterdam, The Netherlands: „Comintern Policies: Their Impact on Communist Labor before 1939“
- Brigitta Studer, Univ. of Lausanne, Switzerland: „A Revolutionary Party in a non Revolutionary Context: the Swiss Communist Party as an Exemplary Case“

Official address of the World Congress: XVIIIe Congrès International des Sciences Historiques, C. P. 8888, Succursale Centre - Ville, Montréal (Québec), Canada H3C 3P8. Télécopieur/ Fax: 514 987 0259.

European Social Science History Con- ference, May 1996 near Amsterdam

The first announcement and call for papers for the European Social Science History Conference, 9-11 May, De Leeuwenhorst Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands, organized by the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam is out. This conference held in cooperation with the American Social Science History Association intends to bring together biannually scholars interested in explaining historical phenomena using the methods of the social sciences. Like it is said in the brochure of announcement, the conference „will be characterized by a lively exchange in many small groups, rather than by formal plenary sessions. Workshops will discuss themes selected by network chairs". The networks interesting for historical studies on communism are those of culture, economics, education, identity, labour, methods, nations and nation building, political movements, political systems, rural, social inequality, states and societies, théorie, and urban questions.

Conference secretariat: Lex Heermsa van Voss, IISG; Jan Lucassen, IISG, Anemarie Woudstra, IISG. **Conference Secretariat:** ESSHC c/o CAOS, W.G. Plein 475, 1054 SH Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Tel. 00 31 20 616 51 51, Fax 00 31 20 689 09 81.

Amsterdam IISG-Conference on the History of Left Education

The Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis in Amsterdam plans

to hold a conference (for which the date is not yet set, but probably will take place in or about 1998) on the history of the international Left's educational work. For the purpose of this conference, "left education" is constructed broadly so as to include the educational and propaganda efforts of socialist, communist, Freierist, anarchist, radical and feminist educational movements of the left in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Adress: Those who have (or know of) research on these subjects should send descriptions to Professor Marvin E. Gettleman, Department of Social Sciences, Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, New York 11201, USA (Fax # -1-718-260-3136), and to Dr Ulla Langkau-Alex, Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis, Cruquiusweg 31, 1019 AT Amsterdam, The Netherlands (fax # -31-30-665-4181).