



## ***International Rosa Luxemburg Conference***

### ***Rosa Luxemburg and Her Ideas: Engaging the Left and Changing the World***

**April. 26, 9AM -29, 2018, 1PM (Free)**

**At UE HALL, 37 S Ashland Ave, Chicago**  
Conference Language: **English**

Organized by:

- **International Rosa Luxemburg Society**  
(Chairs: Prof. Dr. Sobhanlal Datta Gupta, India; Prof. Dr. William A. Pelz†, USA; Prof. Dr. Pablo Slavin, Argentina)
- **Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Office New York City**  
(Co-Director Dr. Albert Scharenberg)

#### **Programme**

#### **Day 1: Friday, April 27th**

**9:00-9:30AM**

**Welcome**

**9:30-10:00AM**

**Memorial for William A. Pelz** by Axel Fair-Schulz

**Memorial for Narihiko ITO** by Ottokar Luban

**10:05AM-12:00PM**

**Panel 1**

**Reports on International Research**

**Prof. Dr. Sobhanlal Datta Gupta**, Univ. Calcutta, India

*“Evaluation of Rosa Luxemburg : an examination of changing perspectives of international scholarship”*

**Dr. MA, Jiahong**, University Peking, PR of China; Post-doc researcher at IISH, Amsterdam, Netherlands

*„Review and Prospect of Chinese Study in Rosa Luxemburg”*

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Axel Fair-Schulz**, State University of New York, Potsdam, USA

*"Rosa Luxemburg and the November Revolution: Recent Trends in Historiography"*

**Dr. Uwe Sonnenberg**, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Berlin, Germany

*“Coming (Co-)Organized Events by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung on the Centenary of the German Revolution 1918/19”*

**12:00PM-1:00PM**

**Lunch**

**1:00PM-2:10PM**

**Panel 2**

**Race, Class, and Movement Building**

**Prof. Dr. Peter Hudis**, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL, USA      *“Racism and the Logic of Capital: A Marxist-Humanist Assessment of the Relevance of Luxemburg’s Thought for Today’s Struggles Against Racism”*

**PhD cand. Valentine Eben**, Univ. of Minnesota, USA

*"A View from Indymedia Africa: What would Luxembourg Say About Today's Software Revolution?"*

**1:00PM-2:10PM**

## **Parallel Panel 2**

### **The Private Rosa Luxemburg**

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Helen Scott, University of Vermont, Burlington, USA**

*“Like a flash from eternity’: Rosa Luxemburg on Literature*

**Dr. Rory Castle Jones, Swansea Univ., Wales, UK**

*“All the hidden, bitter tears”’: family, identity and the shaping of revolutionary Red Rosa”*

**Break of 5 Minutes**

**2:15PM- 4:00PM**

### **Panel 3**

### **Rosa Luxemburg and Colonialism**

**Prof. Dr. Eleni Varikas, Univ. Paris 8/ Saint-Denis, CNRS, France; 2018: Visiting Prof. at Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY, USA**

*„Rosa Luxemburg and Colonialism“*

**Dr. Alyssa Adamson, Stony Brook University, NY, USA**

*“Rosa Luxemburg and Decolonial Political Theory”*

**Assoc. Prof. Sandra Rein, University of Alberta, Canada**

*“Rosa Luxemburg on colonialism: Why it still Matters”*

**4:00PM-4:15 PM**

**Coffee/Tea Break**

**4:15PM- 6:00PM**

### **Panel 4**

### **Luxemburg and Other Female Socialist Thinkers**

**Dr. Andreas Stuhlmann, University of Alberta, Canada**

*“The Ghost of Rosa Luxemburg”: Hannah Arendt on Undogmatic Judgment, Spontaneity, and Revolution”*

**Franklin Dmitryev, Chicago, USA**

*“Revolutionary Intercommunication between the Ages: The “Dialogue” between Rosa Luxemburg and Raya Dunayevskaya”*

**Dr. Dana Mills, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK**

*“Going Ahead in 1893: when Eleanor met Rosa”*

**6:00PM-6:15PM**

**Coffee/Tea Break**

**6:15PM-8:00**

**Keynote 1**

**Prof. Dr. Drucilla Cornell, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ, USA,**

*“The Contemporary Significance of Rosa Luxemburg’s Socialist Feminism”*

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## **Day 2: Saturday, April 28th**

**9:00AM-10:45AM**

**Panel 5**

### **Discussions on Luxemburg's The Accumulation of Capital (1)**

**Inderjeet Singh, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, India**

*"The Accumulation of Capital in the Era of Imperialism"*

**Prof. Dr. Andrew Kliman, Pace University, Pleasantville, NY, USA**

*"Luxemburg's Theory of Capital Accumulation: Still Influential, but Still Wrong"*

**Bradley Mayer, San Leandro, California, USA**

*"Primitive Accumulation Inside and Out"*

**10:45AM-11:00AM**

**Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:00AM-12:10PM**

**Panel 6**

### **Discussions on Luxemburg's The Accumulation of Capital (2)**

**LIN Haochao, Wuhan University, PR of China**

*"The Inevitable Rise of Opposing Individual Freedom in Modernization: Based on the Theory of the Accumulation of Capital"*

**Assist. Prof. Dr. Ankica Čakardič, Univ. Zagreb, Croatia**

*"Rosa Luxemburg and 'woman question' - From theory of accumulation to social reproduction theory"*

**12:10PM-1:10PM**

**Lunch**

**1:10PM-2.00PM**

## **Keynote 2**

**Dr. Helen Boak**, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, UK

*“Women in the German revolution, 1918/19”*

**2:00PM-2:15PM**

**Coffee/Tea Break**

**2:15PM-4:00PM**

**Panel 7**

## **Marxist Thinking**

**PhD Cand. Julia Killet**, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, office Munich, Germany

*„Rosa Luxemburg’s advice to the socialist movement (Considerations by the Luxemburg Biographer Paul Froelich)”*

**PhD Cand. ZHANG Meng**, Wuhan University, PR of China

*“Reflection on the Relationship between Rosa Luxemburg’s Thought and Marx’s Theory”*

**Prof. Dr. Paul Zarembka**, State University of New York, Buffalo, USA

*“Luxemburg, a Stable ‘Materialized’ Composition of Capital in the U.S. and Its Implications”*

**2:15PM-4:00PM**

**Parallel Panel 7**

## **Rosa Luxemburg’s Activities in the Socialist Movement**

**Dr. Arunas Vysniauskas**, Vilnius, Lithuania

*“Rosa Luxemburg and the Polish ‘mosaic’ in Lithuania”*

**Prof. Dr. Reiner Tosttorff**, Univ. Mainz, Germany

*“Between Bockenheim, Hanau and Frankfurt: Rosa Luxemburg's Rhein-Main connections”*

**Ottokar Luban**, Berlin, Germany

*“The Spartacus Group in the German Novemberrevolution 1918/19”*

**4:00PM-4:15PM**

**Coffee/Tea Break**

**4:15PM-6:00PM**

**Panel 8**

**Party and Leadership**

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chris Cutrone, School of the Art Institute, University of Chicago, USA**

*“Rosa Luxemburg and the Party”*

**Prof. Dr. Lorraine Cohen, LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York, USA**

*“Rosa Luxemburg’s theory of leadership: An Alternative Approach”*

**Edward Remus, Ronald Williams Library, Northern Illinois University, Chicago**

*“American Bernstein, American Luxemburg: Views of the SPD’s revisionist dispute and great schism from the Socialist Party of America, 1900-1918”*

**Henry Holland, Hamburg, Germany**

*“Beyond Nationalisms: Spontaneity and Working-Class Organization in Scotland, 2012-2017 through the lens of Luxemburg’s dialectic”*

**6:00PM-6:15PM**

**Coffee/Tea Break**

**6:15PM-8:00PM**

**International Plenary**

*Chances for Socialist Solutions of Current World Problems?*

**With Michael Loewy, Brazil, Sobhanlal Datta Gupta, India, Ingo Schmidt, Canada, Julia Killet, Germany**

**Chair: Peter Hudis**

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## **Day 3: Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM-10:45AM**

### **Panel 9**

## **Luxemburg and Lukács and Gramsci: interpretations and Evaluations**

**PhD Cand. Kaveh Boveiri, Univ. Montreal, Canada**

*„Lukács’s Reading of Rosa Luxemburg’s Conception of Totality: A Reappraisal”*

**Dr. Sevgi Doğan, University of Pisa, Italy**

*“ANALYSIS OF INTELLECTUAL MOVEMENT AS POLITICAL ACTION THROUGH GRAMSCI AND LUXEMBURG”*

**Prof. Dr. Daniel Egan, University of Massachusetts Lowell, USA**

*“Rosa Luxemburg and the Mass Strike: A Corrective to Gramsci’s Critique”*

**10:45AM-11:00AM**

**Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:00AM-12:45PM**

### **Panel 10**

## **Socialist Internationalism versus Imperialism**

**Prof. Dr. Michael Loewy, Univ. Paris 8/ Saint-Denis, CNRS, France, Paris, France;**

**2018: Visiting Prof. at Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY, USA**

*„Rosa Luxemburg and Internationalism“*

**Dr. Attila Antal, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest, Hungary**

*“Anti-war Theory and Activism in Permanent State of Exception”*

**Dr. Ingo Schmidt, Athabasca University, Canada**

*“Hilferding, Luxemburg & Lenin on Imperialism: Variations Amongst the Classic”*

**12:45PM-1:00PM**

**Final Words**