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
Day 3: Sunday, April 29th

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