

MARXISM 2017 IDEAS FOR A WORLD IN TURMOIL

Pre-election
Provisional
timetable



Four
days of
meetings
& debate

6-9 July,
Central
London

Hosted
by the
SWP

Speakers include

Marxist economist **Michael Roberts** discusses *The Long Depression*

Sheila Coleman from the Hillsborough Justice Campaign and **Mark George QC** on Hillsborough, Orgreave and state cover ups

Ian Angus considers The Anthropocene and climate change

Alex Callinicos assesses Trump and the crisis of neoliberalism

Omar Barghouti and **Jonathan Rosenhead** discuss Speaking out for Palestine: BDS and the right to criticise Israel at a special meeting facilitated by **Tom Hickey**

Kevin Doogan on Precarity: minority condition or majority experience?

Cage outreach director **Moazzam Begg** joins **Azad Ali** and **Siema Iqbal** from MEND and other speakers for a panel on Islamophobia and Prevent

Charlie Kimber asks Where next after the election?

Beth Greenhill discusses Marxism and mental health



Irish TD **Brid Smith** and German Die Linke MP **Christine Buchholz** join a panel on The political crisis in Europe

Deirdre O'Neill and **Mike Wayne** ask why there is a lack of working class representation in film

Laura Miles, **Pat Clinton** and **Sami Hillyer** discuss Trans resistance then and now

Sue Caldwell looks at Marxism, gender and trans politics and asks Can we go beyond the binary?

Judith Orr asks Is there a new women's movement?

BFAWU president **Ian Hodson** joins SWP industrial organiser **Julie Sherry** and other trade unionists to discuss building fighting unions

Anti-racist campaigner **Maz Saleem** joins **Naima Omar** and **Saba Shiraz** on a panel to discuss Women and Islamophobia

Susan Rosenthal investigates Eugenics today

Dave Randall launches his new book *Sound System: The Political Power of Music*

Ghayath Naisse analyses Syria and the Arab revolutions

Weyman Bennett asks Why is there a rise in racism?

Linda Burnip and **Roger Lewis** join a panel to assess Disability and resistance after the election

Panos Garganas on The tragedy of Syriza

Sean Sayers looks at Marx and teleology and asks Does history have a goal?

Anne Alexander and **Jad Bouharoun** on Imperialism and resistance in the Middle East today

Dave Smith of the Blacklist Support Group discusses spycops and police infiltration

Ron Margulies on Turkey, the Kurds and Syria

Petros Constantinou joins a panel to discuss fighting the far right and fascists across Europe



Jeremy Corbyn has given new hope to the left Photo: Guy Smallman

WHERE NEXT AFTER THE ELECTION?

Whatever the result of the general election Marxism Festival will be the place to discuss how best we can respond to the challenges we face.

The election of Donald Trump sent shockwaves across the globe. Many people fear the growth of far right politics. Theresa May wants to target migrants and stop freedom of movement.

But we have also seen an

alternative. The mass protests challenging Trump's racism, sexism and bigotry show the potential for resistance.

Marxism 2017 is a four day political festival hosted by the Socialist Workers Party.

Thousands of activists, campaigners, trade unionists, students, writers and academics will come together at over 130 different meetings.

There will be space for

discussion and debate. It will involve people from across the world about how we can bring about change, and make racism, war, inequality and climate chaos things of the past.

In the evenings there will be plenty to keep you entertained, including music, film, spoken word, plays and much more.

Come and be part of the discussion.

Venues and practicalities



- 1 Student Central
- 2 Institute of Education
- 3 Friends Meeting House

Where will Marxism take place?

Marxism 2017 takes place in the heart of London. It is easily accessible, within a few minutes walk of several tube and mainline stations. Meetings are held in Student Central, Friends Meeting House and the Institute of Education.

Meet up points and picnics

There are meet up points for different cities and areas of the country in the breaks between meetings. Most of these provide cheap food. If you'd like to be put in touch with people from your region contact the Marxism office.

Accommodation

We can arrange free accommodation in London during the event. This tends to be on floors and in community centres. Let us know if you have any particular requirements by 19 June. Alternatively, you can book rooms in halls of residence nearby. To book and pay for a room directly with UCL call 020 7529 8975.

Crèche

We provide a free crèche with a range of activities available for children of different ages up to 11 years old. The crèche is open during meetings. *This must be booked by 19 June.*

Your ticket and entry to meetings

If you have booked in advance we will send your ticket out through the post in June. Possession of any Marxism ticket does not guarantee you entry to any particular event or meeting, due to the capacity of rooms. To ensure admission to popular meetings, please get to the rooms as early as possible. Due to the strict fire regulations we are unable to overfill rooms.

Disabled access

We make every effort to ensure Marxism is accessible for disabled people. If you have any particular needs or questions call us on 020 7840 5620. Student Central is fully accessible. The Institute is currently undergoing modification. They have requested that people fill in a PEEP for any meeting located in their building. Please contact us for more information.

Bookmarks bookshop

Bookmarks will be based in Student Central during Marxism. It will be open every day of the festival.

Thursday 6 July

THE LIGHT FMH	UPPER HALL SC	MALET SC	3E SC	3D SC	3C SC
This timetable is subject to change. An updated timetable will be available after the general election		Capitalism and food Amy Leather	By any means necessary: Malcolm X and the fight against racism Antony Hamilton	China and imperialism today	What would socialism be like? Sarah Bates
	Corbyn, the Labour Party and the struggle for socialism Mark L Thomas	Imperialism and revolution: who was Frantz Fanon? Gary McFarlane	Biodiversity and species extinction Sarah Ensor & Ian Rappel	Marx, Engels, primitive communism and the Blasket Islands Paul O'Brien	What is anarchism? Lewis Nielsen
		Isis, imperialism and the Middle East Simon Assaf	Antisemitism, Islamophobia and the far right Rob Ferguson	Do we need violence to get real social change? Sally Campbell	Book launch <i>Toussaint Louverture: A Black Jacobin in the Age of Revolutions</i> Christian Hogsbjerg & Charles Forsdick

12.30-1.45pm
2.30-3.45pm
4.15-5.30pm
7-8.30pm

OPENING RALLY
Politics after the election: fighting racism, austerity and war



A meeting at Marxism 2016 Photo by Guy Smallman

	JEFFERY IE	THE VENUE SC	UPPER HALL SC	MALET SC	3E SC	3D SC	3B SC	3C SC	GALLERY BAR SC
10-11.15am			Fake news: media, truth and power	Who are the middle class? Joseph Choonara	State and revolution Amy Leather	Where does racism come from? Yunus Bakhsh	The Marxist theory of imperialism: what is the driving force behind war? Chris Newlove	The music of the Russian Revolution Sabby Sagall	
11.45am-1pm			150 years since the publication of <i>Capital</i> Alex Callinicos	Marxism and mental health Beth Greenhill	The case against borders: why we oppose immigration controls Dave Sewell	Can intersectionality and privilege theory help in the fight against oppression? Sally Campbell	The partition of India 70 years on Talat Ahmed		
2.30-3.45pm	British politics after the general election Charlie Kimber	Book launch <i>Russia 1917: Workers' Revolution and the Festival of the Oppressed</i> Dave Sherry	Has the working class lost its power? Julie Sherry	Marxism, nature and society Martin Empson	Where does women's oppression come from? Celia Hutchison	Music against racism from Rock Against Racism to Love Music Hate Racism Roger Huddle & Zak Cochrane	Marx and teleology: Does history have a goal? Sean Sayers	Imperialism and capitalism in Africa Maxine Bowler	
4.15-5.30pm	Trump, Le Pen and Farage: are they all fascists? Michael Bradley	What is cultural appropriation? Esme Choonara	Compassion, empathy, altruism: how evolution made us care Ron Margulies	Women's oppression, the industrial revolution and the making of the modern family Jan Nielsen	Imperialism and resistance in the Middle East today Anne Alexander & Jad Bouharoun	Book launch <i>One Big Union of All the Workers: Solidarity and the Fighting Industrial Workers of the World</i> John Newsinger	Did Lenin lead to Stalin? Paddy Nielsen		
7-8.30pm	Self defence is no offence: from the Bradford 12 to the Rotherham 12 Rotherham 12 speaker, Tariq Mehmood & Michael Mansfield	From intersectional feminism to the women's marches: Is there a new movement? Judith Orr	A tribute to John Berger John Molyneux	Panel meeting From the Matchwomen to Deliveroo: winning a new generation of trade unionists	Tony Cliff and the theory of state capitalism Tom Kay	Do British people benefit from the oppression of the Global South? Moyra Samuels		Beyoncé to Black Lives Matter: why is music getting political? Special meeting and music night	

Evenings at the Marxism Festival

In the evenings at Marxism we have plenty to keep you entertained, including music, film, plays and spoken word.

Two bars will be open in Student Central so festival goers can unwind after a day of debate and discussion.



Book launch: *Russia 1917* Fri, 2.30pm, The Venue

There will be a range of events at Marxism to celebrate the centenary of the Russian Revolution. One highlight will be Dave Sherry launching his new book *Russia 1917: Workers' Revolution and the Festival of the Oppressed*.

Bookmarks bookshop

Bookmarks, the socialist bookshop are moving their entire shop to Marxism for the duration of the festival. They will be based in Student Central and offer a chance to browse new titles as well as second hand books. Don't miss the range of book launches during Marxism.



Photo: Geoff Dexter

Beyoncé to Black Lives Matter: Why music is getting political Fri, 7pm, Gallery Bar

This special evening of music and politics will explore the impact of the Black Lives Matter movement on new artists. It will be followed by DJ sets in the Gallery Bar until late.

Saturday 8 July

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10-11.15am			Book launch <i>Lenin for Today</i> John Molyneux	Syria: revolution and counter revolution Ghayath Naisse	Eugenics today Susan Rosenthal	Is a robot after your job? Martin Upchurch	'White supremacy' and 'micro aggressions': How can we explain racism? Kate Hurford	Confronting the Nazis: the Battle of Lewisham in 1977	Vygotsky: a revolutionary way of how we think Jane Bassett	Homelessness in the time of welfare reform Bruno De Oliveira
11.45am-1pm		Where next for the left after the election? Charlie Kimber	What can we learn from the history of slavery and emancipation in the Americas?	What are the roots of terrorism today? Judith Orr	Anti-racism and the trade unions	Book launch <i>1917: Russia's Red Year</i> A graphic novel Tim Sanders & John Newsinger	Precarity: minority condition or majority experience? Kevin Doogan	Panel meeting Disability and resistance after the election Linda Burnip, Roger Lewis & others	Course: Introduction to the Marxist method What is the dialectic? Camilla Royle	Podemos and struggle in the Spanish state Hector Puente & David Karvala
2-3.30-3.45pm	Economic crisis and the long depression Michael Roberts	Panel meeting Islamophobia and women Maz Saleem, Saba Shiraz & Naima Omar	Hillsborough, Orgreave and state cover ups Sheila Coleman, Mark George & others	Gangs and youth violence Jo Cardwell	Panel meeting How can we fight to save our NHS?	Marxism and science 1917-2017 John Parrington	Decline and resilience: workplace organisation since the 1980s	The Russian Revolution and the colonial world Ken Olende	Course: Introduction to the Marxist method Labour, work and alienation Bea Kay	Why is there a lack of working class representation in cinema? Deirdre O'Neill & Mike Wayne
4.15-5.30pm	Speaking out for Palestine: BDS and the right to criticise Israel Omar Barghouti & Jonathan Rosenhead. Facilitated by Tom Hickey	Why is racism on the rise? Weyman Bennett	Facing the Anthropocene: fossil capitalism and the crisis of the earth system Ian Angus	Panel meeting Where next for Labour after the election?	Fighting for abortion rights in the era of Trump Ellisiv Rognlien, Judith Orr & others	Considerations of the exhaustion of the present phase of capitalist development Guglielmo Carchedi	Art and the Russian Revolution Roger Huddle & Hugh Tisdale	Who was Gramsci? Jess Edwards	Course: Introduction to the Marxist method Historical materialism Richard Donnelly	
7-8.30pm	Trump and the crisis of liberal capitalism Alex Callinicos	Funk and Black Power Yuri Prasad & Liz Wheatley	Zionism, antisemitism and the left today John Rose, Brian Klug & Rob Ferguson	Panel meeting Fighting for migrants' rights after Brexit	The politics of 2000 AD Sasha Simic & very special guest	Alexandra Kollontai, the Russian Revolution and the fight for sexual liberation Emma Davis	Education and the commodification of childhood Michael Lavalette & Priscilla Alderson	How can disabled people win liberation? Roddy Slorach		

Funk and Black Power Sat, 7pm, The Venue

DJ Liz Wheatley talks to Yuri Prasad at a special sequel to their Soul and Civil Rights event at Marxism 2016. They will focus on the music of the Black Power movement and its impact on the US. Followed by a night of funk (and soul!) with very special guests.



Black Panthers protest against the Vietnam war

More to come...

As well as music and dancing in The Venue there will be film shows and other events – as well as the two bars in Student Central.

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10-11.15am			What is Islamism? Phil Marfleet	Panel meeting Another school is possible: the fight to defend education Alan Gibbons & others	After the elections: where is Scotland going? Angela McCormick	The lost revolution: Germany 1918-23 Michael Bradley	Black Lives Matter: race, class and revolt in the US Brian Richardson	From Stalin to Putin: Russia today Tomáš Tengely-Evans	Climate change and science fiction Andrew Milner	Where is Venezuela going? Andy Brown	
11.45am-1pm			The Russian Revolution and the lessons of October Alex Callinicos	After the Trade Union Act: how can we get the action we need? Mark L Thomas	The tragedy of Syriza Panos Garganas	Book launch Over the Rainbow: LGBT+ liberation in the 21st century Nicola Field	How can Palestine be free?	How Asians transformed the British working class Yuri Prasad	After Trump: is a new left emerging in the US? Megan Trudell	Course: An introduction to Marxist economics Exploitation: where do profits come from? Fran Manning	Is human nature a barrier to socialism? Jenny Sutton
2-3.15pm		Challenging Prevent and Islamophobia Moazzam Begg, Siema Iqbal, Azad Ali & others	Going beyond the binary: Marxism, gender and trans politics Sue Caldwell	Turkey, the Kurds and Syria Ron Margulies	Panel meeting The political crisis in Europe	Book launch <i>A Redder Shade of Green</i> Ian Angus in conversation with Martin Empson	Panel meeting What can we do about the housing crisis? Eileen Short & others	Alfred Rosmer's <i>Lenin's Moscow</i> Ian Birchall	The Notting Hill riots and the Stars Campaign for Interracial Friendship Rick Blackman & original members of SCIF	Course: An introduction to Marxist economics Accumulation: the driving force of capitalism Sheila McGregor	
3.45-5pm		Fighting the far right and fascists across Europe Petros Constantinou, Christine Buchholz & others	What sort of Brexit do we want? Joseph Choonara	Panel meeting Building fighting unions	Trans resistance then and now Laura Miles, Pat Clinton & Sami Hillyer	Trump and May: building the movement against climate change Suzanne Jeffery	Revolution and counter-revolution in Egypt	Book launch <i>Sound System: The Political Power of Music</i> Dave Randall	Marxism, religion and the Russian Revolution Anna Gluckstein	Course: An introduction to Marxist economics What causes crisis? Alan Kenny	A bloody history of British imperialism: from the Empire to today Simon Hester

MARXISM CLOSING RALLY



Protesting Trump's 'Muslim Ban' at Philadelphia airport Photo: Joe Piette

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MARXISM AFTER PARTY

Sunday, 7pm
Gallery Bar, Student Central

Come and relax after Marxism with music and DJs

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REGISTER EARLY, PAY LESS

REGISTER EARLY and receive a great discount of between £5 and £10 off your Marxism ticket. Tickets bought on the door are more expensive (see below). Your ticket will give you entry

into all meetings, events and entertainment.

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Full event Waged £55 Unwaged £30 HE student £30 Under18/school/FE student £20

Flexi ticket Waged £20 Unwaged £15 HE student £15 Under18/school/FE student £10

This allows you to choose five meetings from across the event

Day ticket Waged £20 Unwaged £15 HE student £15 Under18/school/FE student £10

Which day? Please note these prices are for tickets bought in advance.

Full event tickets *on the door* will cost: Waged £65, Unwaged £35, HE student £35, Under 18/school/FE student £25

Marxism after party £5 This will close Marxism on the final night, Sunday 9 July

Accommodation Would you like us to arrange free accommodation for you? Yes No

(This must be booked by 19 June. It is generally on a floor in a community centre)

Would you like to share it with someone? (state their name)

Do you have particular requirements for accommodation? (allergies, disability, etc.)

Please specify

Can you provide accommodation for someone during Marxism? (on beds, sofas, floors, etc) Yes No

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