

Weekend conference: “Workers’ Internationalism before 1914”

First draft of the programme

Venue: Room tba, Arts Building, UEA, Norwich, NR4 7TJ

Saturday 15 February 2014

10.30 Registration, Coffee

11.00 – 12.45 Session 1

Thomas Davies, City University, London: “Robert Owen and Workers’ Internationalism before Marxism”

Jürgen Schmidt, Humboldt-University, Berlin: “Transnational Tendencies in a National Framework? The Early German Labour Movement as civil society actor, 1830s to 1860s”

William A. Pelz, IWCH, Chicago: “‘The Emancipation of Labour is neither a Local nor a National, but a Social Problem,’ the International Working Men’s Association’s role in promoting Internationalism, 1864-1874”

12.45 – 1.45 Lunch

1.45 – 3.30 Session 2

Mark Lause, University of Cincinnati: “Internationals With Guns 1870-71: the Legends of Garibaldi’s Armée des Vosges”

Deborah Lavin, London: “‘Cherchez les femmes!’ The two separate inaugural Second International Congresses, Paris, August 1889”

Jamie Melrose, University of Bristol: “Rereading Social Democratic Marxism: The Creation of a Science”

Julia Nicholls, Queen Mary, University of London: “Federation, Republic, and International: French revolutionary thought in exile, 1871-1880”

3.30 – 4.00 Coffee

4.00 – 5.45 Session 3

Robert Brier, German Historical Institute Warsaw: “Nationalism and International Society: The Polish Question and the Politics of Representation at the Second International”

Rory Castle, Swansea University: “Rosa Luxemburg and the Origins of her Internationalism”

Katya Vladimirov, Kennesaw State University: “‘The Artist of Terror’: Grigorii Gershuni and his memoirs ‘Iz Nedavnego Proshlogo’ (From the Recent Past)”

Richard Albrecht, Bad Münstereifel: “Clara Zetkin: Anti-militarism, anti-imperialism and the struggle for peace in a socialist perspective”

Sunday 16 February 2014

9.30 – 11.15 Session 4

James Owen, Research Fellow, History of Parliament: “John Burns, Tom Mann and the culture of socialist politics in England, 1884-1887”

Gwynn Thomas, “‘Impossible!’ opposition to WW1 in Britain and Canada”

Yann Béliard, Paris 3 University (Sorbonne Nouvelle): “Labour internationalism in the port of Hull (1880s-1914): foundations, achievements, limitations”

Alice Pate, Kennesaw State University, “Internationalism and the Radical Press in Russia, 1906-1914”

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 1.15 Session 5

Andrei Sorescu, UCL SSEES, London: “The Limits of Imagining Internationalism: Early Romanian Socialism and Hegemonic Entanglements”

Ramin Taghian, Vienna: “The Transnational Dimension of the early Iranian Socialist Movement (1906-1911)”

Lucas Poy, Buenos Aires: “The relationship within the Argentine Socialist Party and the Second International, in the period 1889-1914”

Ian Birchall, London: “La Vie Ouvrière: A Beacon of Internationalism”

1.15 – 2.15 Lunch

2.15 – 4.00 Session 6

Tim Wätzdold, Catholic University, Eichstätt-Ingolstadt: “Migration and the transplantation of labour movement culture: The libertarian Atlantic, cultural and transnational aspects of mass migration, class-formation and working-class-identity in South-America”

Reiner Tosstorff, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz: “From the International Secretariat of trade union federations to the International Federations of Trade Unions: The rise of a trade union international in the years before World War One”

Ad Knotter, IISH Amsterdam: “Transnational cigar-makers. Cross-border connections, strikes and solidarity at the time of the First International (1864-1873)”

4.00 – 4.30 Summary and Conclusion