

RLS-NYC PANELS AT THE LEFT FORUM 2017

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Mapping the Left in Europe and North America

Saturday, 10:00-11:50am | Room 1.107

Recent euphoria, particularly over the rise of SYRIZA and PODEMOS in Europe and the Bernie Sanders campaign in the US, has quickly turned to despair for many on the left. How might we characterize the current state of the left in Europe and North America? How can we build our strength?

Catarina Príncipe (Bloco de Esquerda-Left Bloc, Portugal)

Cornelia Hildebrandt (RLS-Berlin)

Ethan Young (Left Labor Project, New York)

Albert Scharenberg (RLS-NYC), chair

After the Women's March: Next Steps toward a New Feminist Movement

Saturday, 10:00-11:50am | Room L2.84

The women's march that followed Trump's victory was impressive and even historic. What can we make of this recent upswell in feminist organizing? How we can support a new feminism that embraces all oppressed minorities while basing itself in a material notion of class politics?

Sarah Leonard (*The Nation* magazine)

Maria Poblet (LeftRoots, Bay Area)

Carla Murphy (Writer and *Echoing Ida* editor)

Stefanie Ehmsen (RLS-NYC), chair

Karl Polanyi's Socialist Vision

Saturday, 3:30-5:15pm | Room 1.121

Commonly heralded as a champion of liberal thought, many are surprised to find that Karl Polanyi, writer of *The Great Transformation*, actually considered himself a socialist. How should we understand his contributions to socialist thought in the current conjuncture?

Michael Brie (RLS-Berlin)

Margaret Somers (University of Michigan)

Nikil Saval (*N+1* magazine)

James Hare (RLS-NYC), chair

Sanctuary Cities for Whom? Racial Justice Movements in Montreal, Berlin & New York

Saturday, 5:20-7:10pm | Room L2.85

The idea of the "sanctuary city" has taken hold across North America since the election of Trump. Will the sanctuary city movement embrace empty cosmopolitan rhetoric, or can it move us toward a more radical vision of racial justice in the city?

Tahir Della (Initiative for Black People in Germany)

Will Prosper (Montréal Noir)

Shatia Strother (Families United for Racial and Economic Equality, Brooklyn)

Kazembe Balagun (RLS-NYC), chair

The Final Frontier: Deep-Sea Privatization and Local Resistance

Saturday, 3:30-5:15pm | Room 1.65

Deep-sea mining is at the cutting edge of economic exploitation of the oceans, with coastal communities in the global South being used as testing grounds. Why are local communities leading the resistance and demanding a stop to such extractivism?

Kai Kaschinski (Fair Oceans)

Christoph Spehr (DIE LINKE, Germany)

Christina Tony (Bismarck Ramu Group, Papua New Guinea)

Natassa Romanou (NASA-Goddard Institute for Space Studies), chair

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