

Marx200: Beyond Social Democracy and Communism

February 23-24, 2018 in New York City

Organized by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung–New York Office in cooperation with the RLS Graduate Class

Friday, February 23

Beyond Social Democracy and Communism: The Left and Labor in Germany and the United States

The New School (Orozco Room/A 712), 66 West 12th Street, New York, NY 10011. (This part of the program is co-organized with the Global Studies Program at The New School.)

6:30pm-8:30pm

Welcome: Jonathan Bach (The New School)

Keynote: Leo Panitch (York University, Canada)

Roundtable Discussion: Stephanie Luce (Graduate Center/CUNY); Stephen Bronner (Rutgers University–New Brunswick); Frank Jacob (Queensborough Community College/CUNY)

Moderator: Albert Scharenberg (RLS–NYC)

Followed by a reception with wine & appetizers.

Saturday, February 24

Something Old, Something New: Labor and the New Left Presentations of the RLS Graduate School

RLS–NYC office, 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2114, New York, NY 10016

9:30am-10:00am

Opening Remarks: Katrin Schäffgen (RLS–Studienwerk), Stefan Berger (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)

10:00am-12:00pm

Unionism and Syndicalism Between 1918-1939 in Germany and the US

Jule Ehms: "The Free Workers' Union of Germany: Syndicalism During the Weimar Republic"

Richard Stoenescu: "Syndicalist Movements in Germany and the US Between the Two World Wars"

Commentator: Oliver Schmidtke (University of Victoria, Canada)

Chair: Stefan Berger

12:00pm-1:00pm

Lunch break

1:00pm-3:00pm

Old Left and New Left in West Germany

Sarah Langwald: "From Confrontation to Cooperation: Negotiating Political Justice Against Communists in West Germany, 1949-1968"

David Bebnowski: "Political Discourses and Controversies in West Berlin's Left-wing Journals, 1959-1989"

Commentator: Mary Nolan (New York University)

Chair: Mario Keßler (Potsdam University, Germany)

3:00pm-4:00pm

Labor in Crisis

Ralf Hoffrogge: "Economic Crises and Their Interpretation in British and German Trade Unions: A Comparative Analysis"

Commentator: Axel Fair-Schulz (SUNY Potsdam)

Chair: Maria Starzmann (RLS-NYC)

4:00pm

Concluding Remarks: Mario Keßler and Stefanie Ehmsen (RLS-NYC)

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