

# BLACK RADICALISM IN THE UNITED STATES

April 14-15, New York City

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14** | Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung—New York Office

9:30am **Welcome Notes**

9:45-11:00am Panel 1 | **Disputes and Dialectics**

The Dialectics of Black Nationalism | [Albert Scharenberg](#) (RLS-NYC)

From Black Reconstruction to Black Liberation: The Radicalization of William Edward Burghardt DuBois, 1931-1961 | [Charisse Burden-Stelly](#) (Carleton College)

C.L.R. James and the Hidden Disputes within the Black Radical Tradition | [Matthew Quest](#) (Arkansas)

11:15-12:30pm Panel 2 | **Thought Leaders of Black Radicalism**

Gendering the Black Radical Tradition: Grace P. Campbell's Role in the Formation of a Radical Feminist Tradition in African American Intellectual Culture | [Lydia Lindsey](#) (North Carolina Central University)

"My Kind of Communist": Marxism, Nationalism, and Richard Wright's Radical Imagination | [Shana A. Russell](#) (Rutgers University)

Claudia Jones: Recentering Communism on Black Women's Issues | [Gregory Bekhtari](#) (Paris Nanterre University, France)

12:30-1:30pm **Lunch Break**

1:30-3:15pm Panel 3 | **The "Black Belt" Nation**

Early Black Socialists and Radical Internationalism in the United States, 1850-1919 | [Charles Holm](#) (University of Texas at Austin)

"Black Belt Nation": Populism, Labor and The Growth of Radicalism within the African American Civil Rights Movement, 1870-1935 | [Willie Mack](#) (SNHU)

"The Communist International and the Fight Against Black Oppression in the United States in the 1920s and 1930s" | [Jacob A. Zumoff](#) (New Jersey City University)

Hosea Hudson and African American Communism in the "Black Belt" | [Frank Jacob](#) (Queensborough Community College)

3:30-4:30pm Panel 4 | **Black Radicals, Socialism, and Communism**  
Marvel Cooke, Black Feminist Beacon of Conduct in the Depression Era | [Laura Hapke](#) (Pace University)  
This City in Itself: Harlem's Socialists and the Challenge to New Deal Liberalism | [Robin Dearmon Muhammad](#) (Ohio University)

4:45-5:45pm Roundtable | **Black Radicalism in Arts, Literature, and Press**  
*5 minutes of short impulse presentations followed by a roundtable, discussing today's role of Black Radicalism in arts, literature, and press.*  
"Black Radical Knowledge Production in the Academy: Africana Existentialism v. Afropessimism" | [LaRose T. Parris](#) (LaGuardia Community College)  
Harlem Renaissance as Dialectical Gambit of Black Radicalism | [A. Shahid Stover](#) (Brotherwise Dispatch)  
The Printed Legacy of the Black Liberation Movement | [Brad Duncan](#) (University of Pennsylvania, AFSCME Local 590)  
Fascination and Failure: Communist Ideas, the Black Nationalists Movement, and Jazz in 1960s and 1970s America | [Rüdiger Ritter](#) (TU Chemnitz, Germany)

6:00pm **Dinner**

6:30-7:00pm **Worker Writers School**  
Poetry Presentations

\*Lunch and dinner will be provided.

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 15** | **The Tamiment Library & Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives**

9:30-10:00am Interludium | **Fifty Years after Martin Luther King Jr.**  
[Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.](#) (Columbia University)

10:00-11:15am Panel 5 | **The Legacy of the Black Panther Party**  
The Black Panther Party in Chicago | [Ethan Young](#) (Left Labor Project)  
"To Build the World Anew: Black Anti-imperialism in the era of Black Power" | [Robyn C. Spencer](#) (Lehman College)  
The Film Reviews of the Black Panther Party | [Kazembe Balagun](#) (RLS-NYC)

11:30-12:45pm Panel 6 | **The International Dimensions of Black Radicalism**

Black, Dutch & Radical: Exploring the Politics of Black Dutch Radicals | [Mitch Esasjas](#) and [Jessy De Abreu](#) (Black Archives in Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Making Differences Work and Fight: The Black Movement(s) in Germany | [Folashade Ajayi](#) and [Tahir Della](#) (Initiative Black People in Germany)

“Black Fire” – Conceptualizations of Black Liberation and Engaged Views of African and Black Aesthetics in the USA and South Africa | [Lena Dallywater](#) (Graduate School “Global and Area Studies” at the Research Academy Leipzig, Germany)

12:45pm **Closing Remarks**

## LOCATIONS

### **Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung—New York Office**

275 Madison Avenue (entrance on 40th St.)

Suite 2114

New York, NY 10016

### **The Tamiment Library & Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives**

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