Decolonizing the Revolution for Our Times: Radical Traditions, Marxist Movements and the Climate Struggle

Day 1 (June 15th): International Institute of Social History (IISG), Cruquiusweg 31

9:30- 10:00 Decolonizing the revolution for our times: Conference opening: Luisa Steur, Stephen Campbell

10:00-12:00 Marxism between the particular and the universal (Chair: Arati Kade, Discussant: Stephen Campbell)

Shozab Raza: "Conjugated universalism: From rural Pakistan to "worker-peasant rule"

Juned Shaikh: "A Communist's library and the translation of Marxism in late-colonial Bombay"

Ali Raza: "Towards the Third World: Culture and progressivism in Pakistan, ca. 1950-70"

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Revolutionary theorizing beyond the West (Chair: Don Kalb, Discussant: Lucas Poy)

Arwa Awan: "Alienation & colonialism: Aimé Césaire's 'Tropical Marxism'"

Florin Poenaru: "Tragedy of the collective: Marxism, declinism and the possibility of revolution"

Awanish Kumar: "Ambedkar and the land question in India"

15:00-15:30 break

15:30- 17:30 Roundtable: Beyond decolonization? Conceptualizing power (Chair: Winnie Lem)

Nate Roberts: "Race-caste comparison in the light of class analysis: Dead ends and preliminary notes on a way forward"

Don Nonini: "'Relative surplus population' or dispossessed people of color?: Racial capitalism and limited theorizations of the urban 'surplus population' in the United States"

Alpa Shah: "When decolonisation is hijacked: The need for an anthropology of praxis in our universities."

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Day 2 (June 16th): UvA Anthropology Department Common Room, B5.12 (Roeterseiland Campus).

9:00- 10:30 The Left's complicities with Power (Chair: Sonali Shirke, Discussant: Luisa Steur)

Jens Lerche: "Racialised labour movements or labour movements for racialised labour?"

Jayaseelan Raj: "Counter-plantation imaginaries: Dalit women and autonomy in India's Tea Belt"

Rosanne Rutten: "Why Philippine grassroots activists left the revolutionary project and embraced liberal values: Perspectives from a plantation region"

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00- 12:30 The Difficulty of Solidarity (Chair: Oana Mateescu, Discussant: Ida Susser)

Rupa Viswanath: "Violence, caste order and the quest to maintain electoral majorities in 1970s South India"

Nicolas Jaoul: "Reinventing the popular front? Anti-fascist discourses, popular convergences and identity politics in Modi's India"

Dominique Dillabough-Lefebvre: "When the Map is 'the movement': Access, ethnicity and the 'elite effect' in the study of armed struggle in Myanmar"

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30- 15:30 Revolutionary Possibilities (Chair: Anne de Jong, Discussant: Sian Lazar)

Koenraad Bogaert & Sibo Kanobana: "In defense of radical imagination: Anticolonial scholarship in revolutionary times"

Marissa Willcox: "Strategic Occupation: Decolonising Instagram through Indigenous feminist art."

Pieter de Vries: "Rights of Nature, liberation theology and the revolutionary potential of the *nadies* (nobodies) in the Colombian Pacific"

Ashwin Ravikumar: "Indigenous Amazonian organizing and national class politics in Peru: Ecosocialist movements and basic services provisioning in rural Amazonia"

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-18:00 Roundtable: Decolonizing Climate Justice (Chair: Eileen Moyer)

Erin Fitz-Henry: "'Decolonizing' environmental rights (f)or disabling fossil capitalism"

Kasia Pabrocki: "What it means to decolonize climate justice"

Natalia Buier: "Rethinking conservation through agrarian justice"

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Conference speakers/discussants/chairs:

Ali Raza (Lahore University of Management Sciences)

Alpa Shah (London School of Economics) Anne de Jong (University of Amsterdam)

Arati Kade (University of Amsterdam)

Arwa Awan (University of Chicago)

Awanish Kumar (University of Edinburgh)

Ashwin Ravikumar (Amherst College)

Dominique Dillabough-Lefebvre (LSE)

Don Kalb (University of Bergen)

Don Nonini (University of North Carolina)

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Erin Fitz-Henry (University of Melbourne)

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