

OCTOBER

1917-2017

CENTENARY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

27 OCTOBER

9.30 – 18.00

EMMANUEL COLLEGE
QUEEN'S LECTURE THEATRE
CAMBRIDGE CB2 3AP

Organisers: Jeff Miley & David Lane

FREE ADMISSION
ALL WELCOME

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9.30 Doors open

10.00–11.30 The October Revolution, Russia and the USSR

- **David Lane** (Cambridge), October Revolution: Overview
- **John Barber** (Cambridge), October Revolution and the Second World War
- **Martin Myant** (European Trade Union Institute, Brussels), October and Marxist Economics

11.30–13.00 Impact on the People

- **Katy Turton** (Belfast), Women in the Russian Revolution and After
- **Mary Davis** (Royal Holloway), Impact on the British Labour Movement
- **Emily Lygo** (Exeter), Impact on Public Opinion

13.00–13.45 Break

13.45–15.00 October and its Limits

- **Dimitri Roussopoulos** (Montreal), The Bolshevik Insurrection, the Soviets and the Third Revolution
- **Jeff Miley** (Cambridge), Dictatorship of the Proletariat and National Self-Determination

15.00–16.15 October, Empire and Colonialism

- **Radha D'Souza** (University of Westminster), The Impact and Legacy of October in the Indian Sub Continent
- **Ken Olende** (Workers' Educational Association), The Impact and Legacy of October in Africa

16.15–17.15 October and World Politics

- **Andrey Kolganov** (Moscow State University), October Revolution: Lessons for the Future

17.30 Dame Fiona Reynolds (Master of Emmanuel College), Thanks and Farewell

Drinks Reception



PARTICIPANTS

IN ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER REVOLUTION

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John Barber is a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. His main research interests lie in the social and political history of the USSR and its successor states, on which he has written numerous books and articles. His main recent research interests include study of The Soviet Union in World War II and he has written extensively on life in Leningrad during the siege.

Mary Davis FRSA is Visiting Professor of Labour History at Royal Holloway, University of London. She has written, broadcast and lectured widely on women's history, labour history, imperialism & racism. Currently her main focus has been on the 1917 Russian Revolution to coincide with the Centenary. She was awarded the TUC Women's Gold Badge in 2010 for services to trade unionism.

Radha D'Souza teaches law in University of Westminster. Her research interests include colonialism and law and imperialism, global justice, international development and Third World Approaches to International Law. Her book *What's Wrong with Rights: Social Movements, Law and Liberal Imaginations* will be published by in 2018.

Andrei Kolganov is head of the Laboratory on Comparative Research of Economic Systems in the Faculty of Economics at Moscow State University. His recent work includes: *The Road to Socialism; Collective Ownership and Collective Entrepreneurship*; and jointly with Alexandr Buzgalin, *Global Capital*.

David Lane is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and currently Emeritus Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge University. He has written extensively on state socialism, Marxism, class and stratification; transformation, globalisation; political elites in Britain, Russia and Ukraine; unemployment; the European Union. Recent book: *The Capitalist Transformation of State Socialism*.

Emily Lygo is Senior Lecturer in Russian at the University of Exeter. Her research interests include twentieth-century Russian poetry, translation in Russia, British-Russian Cultural Relations. She is currently working on a project on Soviet Culture in Cold-War Britain.

Jeff Miley is Lecturer of Political Sociology at the University of Cambridge. His main areas of research include comparative nationalisms and empirical democratic theory. He is currently working on a project on struggles for self-determination in the 21st century.

Martin Myant is Head of the Unit of Economic, Employment and Social Policies at the European Trade Union Institute in Brussels and formerly Professor at the University of the West of Scotland. His publications include *Transition Economies: Political Economy in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia* (2011, with Jan Drahokoupil) and *Myths of employment deregulation*. (ETUI, 2017, with Agnieszka Piasna).

Ken Olende is a tutor for the Workers' Educational Association in London, teaching black history, African history and immigration. His latest publication is "A hard road to travel: black people and racism in the 19th century United States" (*International Socialism*, 156, Autumn 2017). "The Roots of Racism" in *Say It Loud! Marxism and the Fight against Racism* (Ed Brian Richardson, 2012).

Dimitri Roussopoulos is the chair of the Transnational Institute of Social Ecology, and the president of the urban think tank, Institute of Policy Alternatives Montreal. He has published over a dozen books on subjects ranging from participatory democracy to international politics. He is a political and community organiser in fields like housing rights, the cooperative economy, and ecological issues.

Katy Turton is a Research Fellow at Queen's University, Belfast. She is the author of many articles on the family and children in the Russian revolutionary movement. Her research explores how family networks established before 1917 continued to operate in the new Bolshevik regime. Currently she is preparing a monograph entitled *Family Networks and the Russian Revolutionary Movement, 1870–1940*.