

## Historical Materialism Conference Beirut, Final Program, March 10-12, 2017

### Friday, March 10, 2017

March 10, 14:00- 14:30 registration (conference is free of charge)

Maamari Auditorium (OSB)

<p>March 10, 14:30-15:00</p> <p>Maamari Auditorium (OSB)</p> <p>Welcome address</p>			
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<p>March 10, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>The Capitalist Unconscious</p> <p>Maamari Auditorium (OSB)</p> <p>Chair: Ray Brassier</p> <p>Oxana Timofeeva: Freedom Is Slavery: Hegel's Master and Slave Dialectics Today</p> <p>Samo Tomsic: Labour in Psychoanalysis: Freud, Marx, and the Question of Organisation</p> <p>Keti Chukhrov: Aberrations of the Anti-Capitalist Critique: Desiring Alienation</p>	<p>March 10, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 01</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 406</p> <p>Chair: William S. Lewis</p> <p>Rima Majed: Sectarianism 101: Challenging the Mainstream Analysis of Conflict in the Middle East</p> <p>Fuat Ercan: Stages of Capital Accumulation and/or Stages of State Building: A Critical Analysis of the Turkish Experience with Military Coups</p> <p>Sai Englert: Exclusion and Segregation in the Labour Market: Palestinian Workers in the Israeli Construction industry</p>	<p>March 10, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 04</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 411</p> <p>Chair: Maïa Pal</p> <p>Thomas Telios: Collective Agency proper. A Materialists' Approach</p> <p>Doreen Mende: Solidarity in Struggle</p>	<p>March 10, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 32</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 415</p> <p>Chair: Yara Damaj</p> <p>Kurtar Tanyılmaz: The Contemporary Metamorphosis of the Turkish Bourgeoisie</p> <p>Sungur Savran: Turkey: Quest for a New Caliphate?</p> <p>Cenk Saraçoğlu: The "Core" and Contingent Elements of the AKP Project in Turkey in the Context of the Protracted Crisis of Imperialism</p>

<p>March 10, 17:30-19:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 08</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 107</p> <p>Chair: Angela Harutyunyan</p> <p>Joshua David Gonsalves: World History Without</p> <p>Mark Hayek: Violence Against Oneself: The First Step Towards Discourse</p> <p>Iyad Raya: Against the act of deprovincializing Marx</p>	<p>March 10, 17:30-19:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 30</p> <p>PANEL HAS BEEN MOVED TO SUNDAY 11:30-13:30</p>	<p>March 10, 17:30-19:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 26</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 411</p> <p>Chair: Nadim Haidar</p> <p>Ziad Dallal: On Derivatives</p> <p>Irene Sotiropoulou: What if there is no Surplus in the Economy?</p> <p>Alan Nasser: Economic Possibilities For Our Children: Declining Private Investment and the End of Work</p>	<p>March 10, 17:30-19:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 03</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 415</p> <p>Chair: Nadia Bou Ali</p> <p>Maïa Pal: Migration as agency in capital accumulation and migrants subjects for critical pedagogies</p> <p>Aziz Choudry and Mira Younes: Learning from Migrant/Immigrant Workers' Centres as alternative sites for organizing</p> <p>Raluca Bejan: The working men have no country". On Marx, nationalism, and "Eastern European" populism</p>
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## Saturday, March 11, 2017

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<p>March 11, 09:00-11:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 19</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 202</p> <p>Chair: Mark Hayek</p> <p>Aaron Benanav: 2016: The Year We Transitioned to a Post-Industrial World</p> <p>Cassandra Troyan and Maya Andrea Gonzalez: Sex Work Is Work: Agency, Identity, and Policing Personhood in the Labor of Selling Sex</p> <p>John Clegg: Exploitation/domination</p>	<p>March 11, 09:00-11:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 09</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 206</p> <p>Chair: Elia El Khazen</p> <p>Joseph Daher: Hezbollah, a Challenge to the Sectarian and Bourgeois Lebanese Political System</p> <p>Jeremy Randall: The Emergence of Inequality Discourses Against Sectarianism in Post-War Lebanon</p> <p>Omar Bortolazzi: From Disenfranchisement to Wealth: The Making of a Shiite Bourgeoisie in Lebanon between Collectivism and Unrepentant Neoliberal Practices</p>	<p>March 11, 09:00-11:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 06</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 209</p> <p>Chair: Andrea Comair</p> <p>Toni Prug: Marxian determinate abstractions in non-capitalist development: public transport</p> <p>Martin Hergouth: Marx with the shadow of Hegel: Too much alienation or not enough?</p> <p>Mattin Artiach: Commodification of Consciousness: Alienation from below</p>	<p>March 11, 09:00-11:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 02</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 210</p> <p>Chair: Catherine Hansen</p> <p>Walid Sadek: Sleepless Nights</p> <p>Søren Rosendal: Truth and The Scientific Unconscious</p> <p>Jaakko Karhunen: The Unconscious as an Invention</p>	<p>March 11, 09:00-11:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 31</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 211</p> <p>Chair: Mia Dib</p> <p>Levent Dölek: Turkey: Civil War of the Bourgeoisie</p> <p>Fatih Çağatay Cengiz: Turkey's Sub-imperialist Foreign Policy in AKP Rule</p> <p>Mustafa Kemal Coşkun: Workers' Piety in Turkey</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March 11, 11:30-13:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maamari Auditorium (OSB)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keynote lecture</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rebecca Comay: Revolutionary Inheritance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Sami Khatib</p>				

March 11, 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break				
Meet the editors of the HM editorial board London (Nicely Hall N 202)				
<p>March 11, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 07</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 202</p> <p>Chair: Peer Illner</p> <p>Double Bind: Nationalism and Masculinity in Crisis</p> <p>Speakers/Authors:</p> <p>Larne Abse Gogarty Rose-Anne Gush Dimitra Kotouza Hannah Proctor</p> <p>Papers:</p> <p>Critique of sexual violence: the sexual contract, state formation and crisis</p> <p>Misogyny: Fantasy Operations in Its Repudiation and Reproduction Today</p> <p>"Everything's Cracking Up" : Defeat, Disillusionment and the Psychic Investments of the Left</p>	<p>March 11, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 05</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 206</p> <p>Chair: Mohamad Deeb</p> <p>Jann Boeddeling: The Emergence of 'the People' - Spontaneity of Collective Subjectivity in the 2010/11 Tunisian Revolutionary Mass Mobilisation</p> <p>Ramy Magdy Ahmed: Loyal Comrades: How Far Nasserism Was Historically Materialist?</p> <p>Hannah Elsis: Modernity and the Mu'taqal: The Emergence of Mass Political Incarceration in Egypt</p> <p>Oubenal Mohamed and Zeroual Abdellatif: The dynamics of court capitalism in Morocco</p>	<p>March 11, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 10</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 209</p> <p>Chair: Stefan Apostolou-Hölscher</p> <p>Stamatia Noutsou: Voices from the past: Walter Benjamin's historical materialism, medieval heretics and the emancipatory potentials of the history of the Middle Ages.</p> <p>Giovanni Tusa: Touching at distance: Marx, Harun Farocki, and Einfühlung</p>	<p>March 11, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 11</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 210</p> <p>Chair: Angela Harutyunyan</p> <p>Melda Yaman: What is missing in the Capital ? The Sexual Division of Labour in the Capitalist Society</p> <p>Alan Sears: Dispossession and Desire: The Social Reproduction of Normative Sexualities</p> <p>Paul Reynolds: Can we have Queer Marxism?</p> <p>William S. Lewis: Class as concrete and normative, a new model for conceiving class and for winning class struggles</p>	<p>March 11, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 12</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 211</p> <p>Chair: Nadia Bou Ali</p> <p>Federica Gregoratto: Marx on Love</p> <p>Armin Schneider: Economy, Labor and Repetition in Hegel's Jena Period</p> <p>Charlotte Szász: Divinity and Materialism</p>
<p>March 11, 17:30-19:30</p> <p>Haptic materialism</p> <p>Chairs: speaker's collective</p>	<p>March 11, 17:30-19:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 13</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 212</p>	<p>March 11, 17:30-19:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 18</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 214</p>	<p>March 11, 17:30-19:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 15</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 320</p>	<p>March 11, 17:30-19:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 20</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 322</p>

<p>Nicely Hall N 210</p> <p>Chairs: speaker's collective</p> <p>Mirt Komel: Haptic Hieroglyphs: Sign, Value and the Tactility of Commodity Fetishism</p> <p>Bara Kolenc: The (Un)Touchable Value: Capital and Repetition</p> <p>Goran Vranešević: The Rule of Thumb: Speculative Unity of the Touchable and Untouchable</p> <p>Ana Jovanović, Clinamen Declined: Materialism from Epicur to Marx and Lacan</p>	<p>Chair: Sungur Savran</p> <p>Abbas Shahrabi Farahani: Iranian Left and the Unfinished Project of 1907 Constitutional Revolution Reflections on the Theoretical Reconstruction of an Iranian Democratic Socialism</p> <p>Mahsa Asadollahnejad and Hesam Salamat: Iranian Social Democrats in the second parliament of Constitution: Conflicts between civic legislature and religious institution</p> <p>Sophie Chamas: The Limits of the Metropole: Middle East Studies and the Secular Subject</p>	<p>Chair: Thomas Telios</p> <p>Idris Robinson: Form-Of-Life, Species-Being, and the Inconsistent Linguistic Foundations of the Coming Politics</p> <p>Nikolay Karkov: Towards a "Communism of the Abject": Georgi Markov's Contribution to Historical Materialism</p> <p>Jamie Allinson: What does it mean to be a counter-revolutionary today?</p>	<p>Chair: Maya Gonzalez</p> <p>Maya El Helou and Sara Salem: Intersectionality and the Global South</p> <p>Bouchra Ali: Why real revolutions must be female: Concepts and practices of the Kurdish women's movement</p> <p>Peer Illner: The Locals do it better: Occupy Sandy and Social Reproduction</p>	<p>Chair: Iyad Raya</p> <p>Ali Harfouch: Hegel, Fanon and the Problem of Recognition</p> <p>Mira Adoumier: Beyond These Lands: A film Essay on Fanon and Post-Colonial Social Structures in the Lebanese Society</p> <p>Behzad Khosravi Noori and Benji Boyadgian: Around About</p>
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**Saturday, March 11, 22:00 -**

HM Party at Sanayeh house (exact location info and DJ line up will be distributed at the conference),

Sanayeh house is a 15min walk from AUB Bliss campus, <https://goo.gl/maps/PbpGcKt48n62>

## Sunday, March 12, 2017

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<p>March 12, 11:30-13:30</p> <p>The Comic Telos of Historical Repetition</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 206</p> <p>Chairs: speaker's collective</p> <p>Gregor Moder: On Teleology: from Nature to Spirit, from Organ to Bone</p> <p>Jamila Mascat: Hegel's Comedy of Consciousness</p> <p>Rachel Aumiller: History's ShriLL Laughter or Comic Stutter</p>	<p>March 12, 11:30-13:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 17</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 202</p> <p>Chair: Elia El Khazen</p> <p>Ayesha Hameed: Black Atlantis</p> <p>MF Kalfat: Egyptian Uprising: Should the revolution be televised?: Media and historical (self-) consciousness in Egypt</p> <p>Kenan Behzat Sharpe: Afterlives of the Turkish 60s</p>	<p>March 12, 11:30-13:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 24</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 209</p> <p>Chair: Sam Dolbear</p> <p>Stefan Apostolou-Hölscher: Communism, Beauty, and Dis-identification in the 'Idealist' Materialism of Jacques Rancière</p> <p>Stuart W Smithers: Rehearsing the Revolution: Barbarians, Children and Other Destructive Characters</p> <p>Nikos Pegioudis: The Redundant Avant-Garde: Walter Benjamin and the Intelligentsia in the Age of Its Disappearance</p>	<p>March 12, 11:30-13:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 27</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 210</p> <p>Chair: Ziad Dallal</p> <p>Owen Worth: The Essence of Neoliberal Hegemony: Consent, Cohesion and Semi-Peripheral Society</p> <p>Kutlu Dane: Revolution as the driving force of modern Middle Eastern history</p> <p>Nikhil Vettukattil: On the crisis of parliamentary democracy</p>	<p>March 12, 11:30-13:30</p> <p>parallel panel PP 30</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 212</p> <p>Chair: Mattin Artiach</p> <p>Helene Kazan: The Object of Risk: As Accident and Design in Aerial Bombardment</p> <p>Harry Halpin and Jessica Khazrik: Beyond the Disciplinary and Algorithmic Production of Knowledge under Late Capitalism</p>
March 12, 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break				
<p>March 12, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 22</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 202</p>	<p>March 12, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 21</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 206</p>	<p>March 12, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 33</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 209</p>	<p>March 12, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>parallel panel PP 14</p> <p>Nicely Hall N 212</p>	

<p>Chair: Sami Khatib</p> <p>Tom Allen: A Policy That is Not of This World: Insurance, Fate and Catastrophe in Ingeborg Bachmann's Malina</p> <p>Sam Dolbear: Revolutionary Degeneracy</p> <p>Betty Schulz: European Identity, Colonial Unconscious: Snake rituals, Mexican ruins and the legibility of the Other</p>	<p>Chair: Owen Worth</p> <p>Yasemin Özgün: The Possibility of the Autonomous Self -Rule in The Middle East</p> <p>Rachel Gorman: Lebanon/Palestine Dismembered: Disidentification, hybridity, and indigeneity in Vicky Moufawad-Paul's video art</p> <p>Ziad Suidan: New Visual Cultures of Beirut: Artistic Responses to a Reconstructed Capital</p> <p>Chris Nickell: Hearing Pyrrhic Victory in Lebanon's 2015 Protests</p>	<p>Chair: Jamie Allinson</p> <p>Brian Whitener: Primitive Accumulation and its Limits</p> <p>Alexander Ammar: Marx on primitive accumulation</p> <p>Salameh Kaileh: Historical Materialism</p> <p>Mark Camilleri: A Hegelian-Marxist critique to Fukuyama's End of History Theory</p>	<p>Chair: Irene Sotiropoulou</p> <p>Guillermo Martínez de Velasco: Revisiting the Agrarian Question in the 2015 San Quintin Jornalero Uprising</p> <p>Tamara Buble: Hybrid development of cities: socialism and capitalism in Novi Jelkovec, Zagreb</p> <p>Mateusz Sapija: Post-Democracy and Contemporary Art in Lebanon - Art as a Materialist Praxis?</p>	
<p>March 12, 17:30-19:00</p> <p>Maamari Auditorium (OSB)</p> <p>Concluding roundtable with HM Beirut and BICAR and guests</p>				

## Rooms

N: Nicely Hall

OSB: Maamari Auditorium in the Olayan School of Business (OSB)

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