

# Is Black and Red Dead?

*Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice*

University of Nottingham, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September 2009

An academic conference organized and supported by the PSA Anarchist Studies Network, the PSA Marxism Specialist Group, *Anarchist Studies*, *Capital & Class*, *Critique-Journal of Socialist Theory* and *Historical Materialism*

**Monday Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration: 09:00-10:45**

**Staff Club, University of Nottingham**

**10:45-11:00** Opening remarks. Tony Burns and Alex Prichard

**Session 1: 11:00-12:30**

**Panel 1: Convergence Through Practice 1: The New Left**

**Room:**

**Chair: David Goodway**

Mike Mowbray

(New) New Left?: radical considerations in Canada and Quebec from the post-1968 moment to today

Toby Boraman

Councilist anarchism and carnival anarchism during the 1970s: a case study.

Laura Corradi

Black, Red, Pink and Green: Eco-anarchism, eco-marxism and the many interfaces of feminist ecology

**Panel 2: Politics, Ideology Revolution**

**Room: B40**

**Chair: Dana Ward**

Christian Garland

The (Anti-) Politics of Autonomy: Between Marxism and Anarchism

Christopher Wellbrook

Pick up a brick and throw it at a cop: Beyond the Anarchist/Marxist Divide

Paul Blackledge

Papering over the cracks: Marxism, Anarchism, and Politics

**12:30-13:30: Lunch**

**Session 2: 13:30-15:00**

**Panel 3: Class Struggle**

**Room: B40**

**Chair: Lea Haro**

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| David J. Bailey | Comparing the relative efficacy of different types of class struggle  |
| Peter Kennedy   | Can Marxist and Anarchist explanations of the class struggle between Capitalists and workers be reconciled? |
| Paul B. Smith   | The origins of the collapse of the First International  |

#### **Panel 4: The Psychology, Political Economy and Theology of A Schism**

**Room:**

**Chair: Ruth Kinna**

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| Dana Ward               | And never the twain shall meet: The psychological foundations of political ideology                             |
| Benjamin Franks         | Moral Theory and Economics: The beginnings and ends of the schism....   |
| Alex Christoyannopoulos | Red and Black Christians: Some Similarities and Differences between Liberation Theology and Christian Anarchism |

#### **Session 3: 15:15-16:45**

##### **Panel 5: Ideology and Post-Ideology 1**

**Room: B40**

**Chair: Alex Christoyannopoulos**

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| Elena Loizidou      | Anarchy: 'This is what Democracy looks like'                               |
| George Sotiropoulos | Ideology and Politics: Overcoming the divide between red and black         |
| Chiara Bottici      | Black and red: an historical-philosophical enquiry into their convergence. |

##### **Panel 6: Anarcho-Communism**

**Room:**

**Chair: Dave Berry**

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| Jean-Cristophe Angaut | Beyond black and red: Situationnists and the legacy of the workers movement                    |
| Jérémy Tranmer        | Constructing an alternative to Marxism-Leninism: British Communists and prefigurative politics |
| Matthijs Gardenier    | Autogestion et dictature du prolétariat  |

#### **Session 4: 17:00-18:30**

##### **Panel 7: Black and Red - The Italian Experience**

**Room:**

**Chair: Alberto Toscano**

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| Steve Wright and Saku Pinta | Collegamenti Wobbly: Beyond the anarchist/Marxist dichotomy?'   |
| Oisin Gilmore.              | Fabbri and the Marxists: A comparative analysis of Fabbri, Gramsci and Bordiga on the question of revolutionary organisation. |
| Carl Levy                   | Antonio Gramsci, Anarchism, Syndicalism and Soversivismo  |

## **Panel 8: The Philosophy of a Schism**

**Room: B40**

**Chair: Mark Cowling**

Benoit Challand

Thomas Swann

Philip O'Sullivan

When Anarchism meets Critical Marxism: Paths and Paradoxes of "Socialisme ou Barbarie"

Anarchism, Marxism and "Humanism"

Bakunin and Marx on the Paris Commune: Grounds for a synthesis between Anarchism and Marxism?

**Conference Dinner 19:30,  
Staff Club, University of  
Nottingham**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

## **Session 5: 9:00-10:30**

**Panel 9: Individual Reconciliations 1: The Anglo-Americans**

**Room: B40**

**Chair: Paul Blackledge**

Andrew Cornell

Ruth Kinna

Christian Høgsbjerg

C.L.R. James' Black Bloc: The Anti-Racist Roots of Contemporary Anarchism

Towards a synthesis of anarchism and Marxism

A 'Bohemian freelancer'? C.L.R. James, his early relationship to anarchism and the intellectual origins of autonomism

**Panel 10: Convergence Through Practice 2: The Traditional Left**

**Room:**

**Chair: Ben Franks**

Lewis Mates

Saku Pinta

Christos Memos

The Syndicalist challenge in the Durham coalfield before 1914

Council Communist Perspectives on the Spanish Civil War

Lessons Taken from the Greek Uprising: The Marxist-Anarchist Controversy Reconsidered In and Through Radical Praxis

## **Session 6: 10.45-12.15**

**Panel 11: Individual reconciliations 2: The French**

**Room: B40**

**Chair: Alex Prichard**

Dave Berry

Renzo Llorente

The Search for a Libertarian Communism: Daniel Guérin, Marxism and Anarchism

Georges Sorel's Contribution to Anarcho-Marxism

**Panel 12: Convergence Through Practice 3: Publishing**

**Room:**

**Chair: Andrew Hoyt**

Jean Michel Kay

Beyond 'Red' and 'Black': Publishing in the pursuit of  
libertarian socialism

Trevor Bark

Mayday magazine on Red and Black theoretical  
perspectives

**Lunch 12:15-13:15**

**Session 7: 13.15-14.15**

**Panel 13: Cartographies of resistance**

**Room: B40**

**Chair: Paul Chatterton**

Alberto Toscano

Geography Against Capitalism

Benjamin Noys

Zones

Stephen Shukaitis

Autonomy, Self-Organization, and the Spatial  
Composition of the Social Imaginary

**Session 8 14:30-16:00**

**Panel 14: Ideology and Post-Ideology 2**

**Room:**

**Chair: Jamie Heckert**

Andy Robinson

Beyond the working-class: the politics of the excluded

Simon Choat

Post-Anarchism and Marxism

**Panel 15: Autonomous practice**

**Room: B40**

**Chair: Tony Burns**

Larry Portis

Beyond the Rainbow: Overcoming Dogma and Confusion  
in the Articulation of Revolutionary Theory and Practice

Sara Motta

Post-Left Anarchism, Open Marxism and 'New'

David Goodway

Autonomist Social Movements in Latin America

Chris Pallis (aka Maurice Brinton) and Solidarity