

Revolutions Conference, 29 September-1st October 2017, University of Manitoba, Canada

Newsletter 2: [Keynote speakers](#), [journal publication](#), [supporting organisations](#), and [bursaries](#)



Thanks to all who helped circulate our updated [Call for Papers](#) including the new deadline for abstract submissions of **15 March 2017**.

We have confirmed four superb [keynote speakers](#): **Julia Buxton** of the Central European University; **Ruslan Dzarasov** of the Plekhanov Russian University of Economics, **Domenico Losurdo** of the Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo, and **Gong Yun** of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

We have the generous support of a range of journals and will work with them to publish conference papers. They include ***Third World Quarterly***, ***Capitalism Nature Socialism***, ***Research in Political Economy***; ***International Critical Thought***; ***World Review of Political Economy***; ***Marxism 21***.

We also welcome the support of the University of Victoria's Center for Asia Pacific Initiatives, Gyeongsang National University's Institute for Social Sciences, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, The Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, Mayworks Festival of Labour and the Arts, the University of Manitoba's departments of Political Science, History, Native Studies and Sociology and the University of Manitoba's Student Action Network.

Thanks to this support, money will be available to help participants who face financial barriers. A bursary application form will be uploaded to the [site](#) shortly. We have applied for further funding but will not know the full amount available until early April, Meanwhile, **please do not let financial concerns stop you submitting an abstract**: only scholars with accepted abstracts will be eligible.

Keynote Speakers

Julia Buxton of the Central European University, Centre for Policy Studies has authored many books and articles on contemporary Latin America and had focused, in particular, on Venezuela under Chavez and since. With a particular focus on Venezuela during the Chavez period, Buxton has gone beyond ideological rhetoric to document empirically the human impact of rapid social change and gain a deeper appreciation of the popular experience and understanding of revolution.

Ruslan Dzarasov of the Plekhanov Russian University of Economics, Department of Political Economy has written extensively, in English and his native Russian, on the Russian Revolution and its legacy, political, economic and social, for contemporary Russia as well on the distinctive form of capitalism that has emerged in post-Communist Russia, including *The Conundrum of Russian Capitalism*. He is almost uniquely qualified to speak about the historical significance of Russian Revolution as a defining episode in the history of capitalist modernity as well as one of the most important of modern revolutions.

Domenico Losurdo of the Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo, Departments of Philosophy, History and Politics, is a leading critic of right-wing and counter-revolutionary theory. His *War and Revolution: Rethinking the 20th Century* outlines the way in which current trends toward 'revisionist' history attribute, unjustly, contemporary instability to historical revolutionary movements. His *Liberalism: A Counter History* destroys some of the most enduring illusions about liberalism and traces its roots in the long and complex history of capitalist domination over classes and peoples.

Gong Yun of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Department of the Development of Marxism, researches the history and construction of the Communist Party of China, Chinese modern history, and the trend of historical nihilism in contemporary China. A significant part of his body of writing has been devoted to the Sinicization of Marxism and the future of Chinese communism. Professor Yun is specially qualified to comment on the longevity of the Chinese Party in contrast to Russia as well as the significance of the Chinese Revolution for contemporary China after several decades of reform, for the World and for the Third World.

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