

**HISTORICAL MATERIALISM 2010 NYC
PROGRAM**

**January 14th to 16th
CUNY Graduate Center, 365 5th Ave., New York**

HISTORICAL MATERIALISM 2010 NYC

Founded in 1997, the quarterly *Historical Materialism* (HM) journal is one of the foremost publications of critical Marxist theory in the world, known for both its breadth and its intellectual rigor. Following upon successful conferences in London and Toronto, the New York City conference – held at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY) – will provide a lively space for scholars and activists to critically engage theoretical, historical, and practical issues of crucial importance to the movement for a world beyond capitalism.

The conference consists of three plenary sessions focussing on the present crisis of capitalism, and six sessions of six concurrent panels dedicated to specific themes and debates. The panels have been broadly arranged into “threads” that span the conference, allowing attendants and participants to pursue a continuous trajectory of discussion beyond individual sessions (although moving between threads is also encouraged). Three of these threads have been assigned to specific rooms for the duration of the conference: “commons and communism” to room 6107, “crisis and value” to room 6417, and “internationalism and imperialism” to room 6495. Two others, “ecology and science” and “social reproduction” have been assigned to room 6496 and room 6112 on the Friday only.

The conference is entirely self-funded and will depend on voluntary donations by attendants and participants to support the organization and running of the event. The **suggested advanced on-line donation** is \$50 for waged and \$20 for unwaged, and the **suggested donation on the door** is \$60 for waged and \$30 for unwaged. On-line registration can be completed at the following web address: <http://www.hm2010nyc.org/registration/>

The conference is supported by the Center for the Study of Work, Culture and Technology at the CUNY Graduate Center, SpaceTime Research Collective, and Haymarket Books

– HM 2010 NYC Organizing Committee

**Thursday 14th Jan
7pm to 9pm**

Proshansky Auditorium

DIMENSIONS OF THE PRESENT CRISIS

Chair: Francesca Manning

Anna Agathangelou

Stanley Aronowitz

Aaron Benav

Silvia Federici

Duncan Foley

Joel Kovel

Thread 1:
Social
reproduction

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science

session **1**

**Friday 15th Jan
10:15am to 12:30pm**

Room 6112

CRITICAL FEMINISMS

Chair: Jesse Goldstein

Hester Eisenstein –
Feminism Seduced: How
Global Elites Use
Women's Labor and
Ideas to Exploit the World

Valerie Francisco –
Filipina Countertopogra-
phy: Empire, Migration,
and Feminism

Nina Power – One-
Dimensional Woman

Discussant: **Silvia
Federici**

Room 6417

**ORIGINS OF THE
CURRENT CRISIS**

Chair: Alberto Handfas

Fred Moseley – The Cri-
sis is far from over

Andrew Kliman – Roots
of the Economic Crisis

Simon Mohun – What is
the Present Crisis a Crisis
of?

Room 6494

**DESECRATION;
REDEMPTION**

Chair: Sean Broesler

Jacob Blumenfeld – All
Things Are Nothing to Me:
Stirner's Communism

John-David Scott – The-
ses on the Realization of
History by Means of its
Desecration

Liam Sionnach – The
Proletariat and Messianic-
Time: Rupture and
redemptive-rhythm within
the State of Exception

Room 6495

**NEW RADICAL AND
ANTICAPITALIST LEFT
PARTIES IN EUROPE**

Chair: Geoff Bailey

Sebastian Budgen – The
creation of new anticapi-
talist and antineoliberal
parties in Europe: a pro-
visional balance-sheet

Ahmed Shawki – Con-
siderations on regroup-
ment of the radical left in
Europe from a US per-
spective

Room 6496

ENERGY AS CAPITAL

Chair: Steve McFarland

Heather Rogers – The
Fuel of Forests

Victor Wallis – Beyond
Green Capitalism

George Caffentzis –
“Peak Oil” and “Resource
Curses” from a Class
Perspective

Room 6304

CRITIQUE IN CRISIS

Chair: Francesca Man-
ning

Aaron Benanav – The
Brutal Facts: Too Few
Jobs for Too Many People

Gopal Balakrishnan –
The Politics of the Decline
of Capital

Discussant: **William
Clare Roberts**

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1:30pm to 3:30pm**

Room 6112

**HOME OWNERSHIP,
HOUSEHOLD DEBT
AND RACE IN THE
POST-WAR US**

Chair: Francesca Manning

Maya Gonzalez – On the Housing Question... Again?

Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor – A Home of Their Own: The Politics of Housing in Urban America

Justin Myers – The Neoliberalization of Everyday Life: Finance Capital's Debt-Peonage, Debtor's Prisons, and the Potentiality of Anti-Debt Movements

Discussant: **Stanley Aronowitz**

Room 6417

**HERMENEUTICS OF
VALUE**

Chair: Marina Vishmidt

Neil Larsen – In the Shadow of Second Nature, speculations on the implied presence of a second fetish form in Marx's mature critical theory

Ken Kubota – The Dialectical Presentation of Capital, A Comparison of the Approaches of Backhaus/Reichelt and Uno/Sekine

Alan Milchman – The Value Form, Reification, and the Consciousness of the Collective Worker

Room 6494

**MILITANCY AND
COMMUNIZATION**

Chair: Jacob Blumenfeld

Jasper Bernes – Some Militant Topologies Between Production and Reproduction

Sabu Khoso – Lessons from the Lost Militancy in Japan's Oppositional Movement

Evan Calder Williams – Communisation and its Discontents

Discussant: **Stephanie Wakefield**

Room 6495

**CLASS STRUCTURE IN
INDIA AND CHINA**

Chair: Jonathan Lassen

Deepankar Basu – Towards a Class Analysis of Indian Society

Richard Smith – China's Bureaucratic Collectivist Capitalism: class structure and economic development, tendencies, contradictions, and implications

Discussant: **Alex Day**

Room 6496

**SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY**

Chair: Jesse Goldstein

Patricia Clough – Science and Historical Materialism

William Lewis – Reading Henri Lefebvre's *Methodologie des Sciences* In and Out of Context

Massimiliano Tomba – The Future Now: Interpretations of Marx's Fragment on Machines

Room 6304

**NEOLIBERALISM IN
CRISIS**

Chair: Asher Dupuy-Spencer

Gérard Duménil – Capital Income and Upper Wages in Neoliberalism: From Prosperity to Crisis

Hester Eisenstein – Neoliberalism and the Political Economy of Gender

David Laibman – Conflict, Social Evolution, Finance: Perspectives on the Current Crisis

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**Friday 15th Jan
4pm to 6pm**

Room 6112

**SEXUALITY AND
MARRIAGE**

Chair: Cathy Borck

Chris Chitty – Late Capitalism and the Antinomies of Sexual Discourse

Dana Cloud – Marriage Equality and the Left

Justin Gilmore – Communization and the Negation of Sexual Identification

Discussant: **Jen Giesekeing**

Room 6417

CRISIS THEORY

Chair: John Clegg

Duncan Foley – Notes on Capitalist Crisis and Social Change

Max Gasner – There is No Such Thing as an Economic Crisis

Tony Smith – Beyond the Keynes Solution

Room 6494

(PRE-) AND (POST-) OPERAISMO

Chair: Laura Silverman

Sara R. Farris – Italian Heterodox Marxism: on Mario Tronti's Weberianism

Ben Trott – What Defines the (Post-)Operaist Approach?

Nina Power – Feuerbach for the 21st Century

Room 6495

NEO-LIBERALISM IN PRACTICE

Chair: Banu Bargu

Ozgur Ozturk – Global Crisis and the 'New' Imperialism: Turkish Finance Capital in the 21st Century

Melda Ozturk – The Impact of the Global Crisis on the Accumulation Process in Turkey : Rethinking the Capitalist Crisis in the Context of Late Development

Aylin Topal – Neoliberal State Restructuring and Decentralization in Mexico and Turkey

Discussant: **Banu Bargu**

Room 6496

OIL AND WATER

Chair: Jesse Goldstein

Mathew T. Huber – Enforcing Scarcity: Oil, Violence, and the Making of the Market

Gideon Fink Shapiro – Incomplete Revolution: Architecture, Landscape, and Labor in the Tennessee Valley 1936-1945

Enrique Lanz-Oca – The Ecological Industrial Complex: Federal-Corporatism and Hydro-Militarism behind the Elwha Dam River Restoration Project

Discussant: **George Cafentzis**

Room 6304

DIALECTICAL METHODS

Chair: Arya Zahedi

Bertell Ollman – The Role of Marx's Dialectical Method and Theory of Alienation in His Economic Theories (or Why Marxist Economists Have So Much Difficulty Understanding Marx's Economics)

Antonio Y. Vázquez-Arroyo – Wayward Dialectics: on Frederic Jameson

Discussant: **Stanley Aronowitz**

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plenary **3**

**Friday 15th Jan
7pm to 9pm**

Room 6112

Room 6304

CRISIS AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

LINEAGES OF THE PRESENT CRISIS

Chair: Geoff Bailey

Chair: Jesse Goldstein

Peter Thomas – Confronting the Crisis: Gramsci and the Politics of Hegemony

Yves Smith – ECONNED: How Unenlightened Self Interest Caused the Global Financial Crisis

Alberto Toscano – Democracy and Catastrophe

Anwar Shaikh – The First Great Depression of the 21st Century: Causes and Implications

Paul Blackledge – Ethics and Anti-capitalism: Crisis, Revolution and the problem of Organisation

Gérard Duménil – Neoliberalism Adrift: A Historical Perspective

Discussant: **Banu Bargu**

10pm till late: Verso/Haymarket Party @ Verso Lofts

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**Saturday 16th Jan
10:15am to 12:15pm**

Room 6112

THE POLITICS OF OIL

Chair: Mathew T. Huber

Michael Schwartz – Oil in Iraq and the War without End

Deepa Kumar – Saudi Arabia and 9/11: The History of a "Special" Relationship and its Contradiction

Room 6417

MONEY, FINANCE AND FICTITIOUS CAPITAL

Chair: Jesse Goldstein

Ted Winslow – Marx on "Monetary Crises": The "historical materialist" approach to financial crises.

Riccardo Bellofiore – From Marx to Minsky. The Universal Equivalent, Finance to Production and the deepening of the Real Subsumption of Labour to Capital in Money Manager Capitalism

Geoffrey McDonald – The Fetishism of "Fictitious Capital": On the Economic Might of Illusory Wealth

Discussant: **Duncan Foley**

Room 6494

THE COMMONS

Chair: Francesca Manning

Jason E. Smith – Communism, Common, Common

Jason Read – Figures of the Common: Species Being, Transindividuality, Virtual Action

Sylvia Federici – Women, Computers and Potatoes: feminist reflections on the discourse of the common/s.

Discussant: **Hasana Sharp**

Room 6495

IMPERIALISM

Chair: Alex Aneivas

Anna M. Agathangelou – "New" International Liberalism, Neoconservatism and Legacies of the "New" Imperium: Bodies of Desire, Terror, and the War in Eurasia

Hamid Dabashi – TBA

Gayatri Spivak – TBA

Room 6304

BOOK LAUNCH: THE GRAMSCIAN MOMENT

Chair: Joel Wainwright

Benedetto Fontana

Geoff Mann

Jan Rehmann

Peter Thomas

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**Saturday 16th Jan
1:15pm to 3:15pm**

Room 6112

GLOBALIZATION

panel sponsored by the
journal *Critical Sociology*

Chair: Sara Farris

Marko Ampuja – Globalization Theory, Media-Centrism and Neoliberalism: a Critique of Recent Intellectual Trends

Mi Park – Analyzing Competing Visions of Another World: Alternatives to Global Capitalism

Nicole Trujillo-Pagan – Hazardous Constructions of Mexican Immigrant Masculinity

Room 6417

THEORIES OF EXPLOITATION

Chair: Jonathan Cogliano

Gary Mongiovi – On the Concept of Exploitation in Marxian Economics

Nancy Holmstrom – Exploitation: Marxist and Other Theories

Discussant: **Duncan Foley**

Room 6494

THE HUMAN AND MATERIALISM

Chair: Kate Perkins

Joel Wainwright – Gramsci's Conception of the World

Hasana Sharp – Desire for Man?: Spinoza's Anti-humanism

William Clare Roberts – Aristotle's Communism: Paolo Virno on the Political Animal

Discussant: **Peter Thomas**

Room 6495

THE PARTY, THE NATION, AND "THIRD WORLD" MARXISM

Chair: Geoff Bailey

Noaman Ali – Africa and Marxism: Toward an intellectual history of the political thought of the Mozambique Revolution

Dhruv Jain – Badiou and Mazumdar: On the Problem of Democracy and Organization

Nagesh Rao – Marxism, Nationalism, and Third Worldism

Room 6304

CAPITALISM, SLAVERY AND THE CIVIL WAR

Chair: John Clegg

August Nimitz – Marx and Douglas versus Progressive Skeptics of Lincoln and the Civil War

Paul Heideman – Walter Johnson, Marxism, and the History of Slavery

Charles Post – Democracy Against Capitalism in the Post-Civil War United States

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**Saturday 16th Jan
3:30pm to 5:30pm**

Room 6112
MACHIAVELLI

Chair: George Shulman

Banu Bargu – The Problem of the Republic in Marx and Machiavelli

Gopal Balakrishnan – The Problem of Historical Time in Machiavelli

Robyn Marasco – Passion and Revolt: Machiavelli and the Meaning of Politics

Room 6417
CRISIS OF VALUE

Chair: John Clegg

Paul Mattick – Does Marx's Theory Explain the Current Crisis?

Sander – Crisis of Value

José A. Tapia Granados – Economists, recessions, and profits

Room 6494
NEO-BARBARISMS

Chair: Francesca Manning

Robert Hullot-Kentor – What Barbarism Is?

Christopher Wright – Nightmare Without End?: Notes from the Vanguard of Revanchism

Alberto Toscano – Faticism in and Against History

Room 6495
**FINANCIAL
IMPERIALISM**

Chair: Jesse Goldstein

Ramaa Vasudevan – Dollar hegemony, Finance and Imperialism

Karl Beitel – The End of Neoliberalism? The Current Crisis in Historical Context

Geoff Mann – Hobbes Redoubt: Money, Monetary Policy and the Reign of Value

Room 6496
**THE AESTHETICS OF
PRACTICE**

Chair: John-David Scott

Tim Kreiner – One More Try: On the Poverty of Everyday Life

Marina Vishmidt – Imperative degeneration of how: The Congealment of Labour and Art

Jeff Kinkle – Neoliberalism as Horror: *Wolfen* and the Political Unconscious of Real Estate

Room 6304
**LEGACIES OF THE 3RD
INTERNATIONAL**

Chair: Aaron Hess

John Riddell – The Comintern Women's Movement

Paul Le Blanc – Radical Labor Sub-Culture and Revolutionary Organization

**5:30 to 7:30: Happy Hour at O'Reilly's Pub
21 West 35th Street**

DINING INFORMATION AND LOCATION

Oxford Cafe

Sandwiches, paninis, salads, soups, coffee, breakfast
375 5th Avenue, New York City, NY
(212) 889 7757

Woorijip

Fast busy korean buffet with large selection of hot and cold foods
12 West 32nd Street New York,
(212) 244-1115

Guy and Gallard

Sandwiches, salads, soups, coffee, panini, breakfast
34th Street between 5th and Madison, south side of street

Keko Cafe

Good coffee
121 Madison Ave between 30th & 31st St

Ali-Baba

Good sit-down Turkish Cuisine
212 East 34th Street
New York, NY 10016

HanGawi

Gourmet Vegetarian Korean
12 E 32nd St. (Between 5th and Madison)
(212) 213 0077

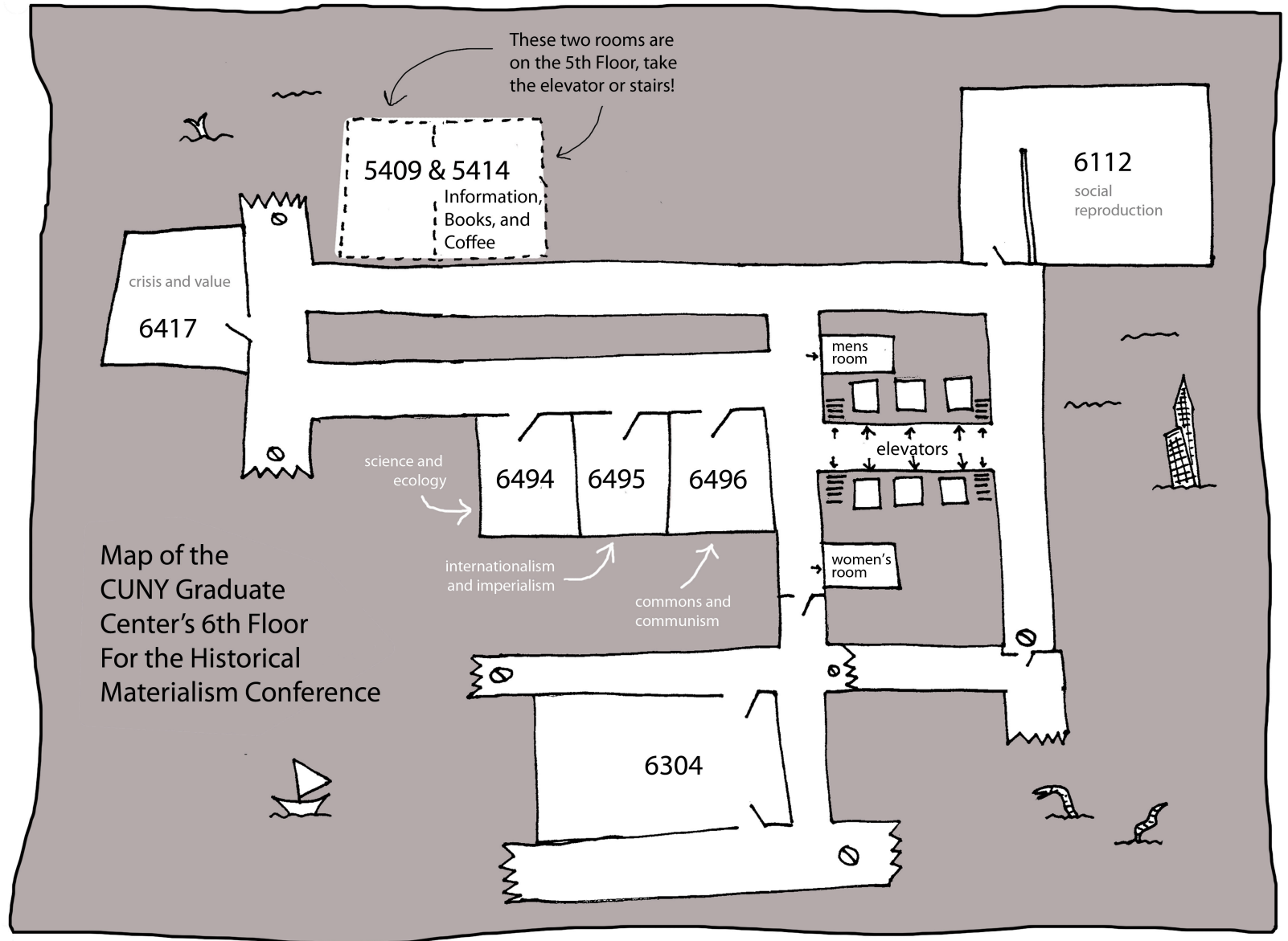
Pizza: 5th Ave. just below 32nd street or on 35th street between 5th and 6th
Many **Korean** restaurants on 32nd st. between 5th Ave. and Broadway
Good **Indian** Food on Park and Lafayette between 23 and 30
Best **bagel/breakfast/deli:** On the corner of madison and 33rd



A: CUNY Graduate Center, 365 5th Avenue. Phone: (212) 817-7000

Located on Fifth Avenue between 34th and 35th Streets, the building is two blocks east of Penn Station, one block east of Herald Square, and two blocks west of the 33rd Street and Park Avenue station. The closest subway station, located at 34th Street and Avenue of the Americas, is served by the B, D, F, N, R, and Q trains.

FLOOR PLAN



HISTORICAL MATERIALISM TORONTO

Historical Materialism Toronto, May 13-16, 2010

Join Terry Eagleton, Andrea Smith, Vijay Prashad, Dorothy Smith, Johanna Brenner, David Roediger, Himani Bannerji, Leo Panitch, Delia D. Aguilar, Alfredo Saad-Filho, Shahrzad Mojab, E. San Juan Jr., Kevin Anderson, Ursula Huws, David McNally, Nick Dyer-Witheford and many more radical scholars from Australia, Brazil, Britain, Canada, Germany, Greece, India, Mexico, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United States at the Historical Materialism Toronto conference at York University.

The conference will take place against the backdrop of a profound destabilization of global capitalism alongside significant challenges for labour and social movements. Imperialist wars abound and culture, including religion, has been drawn into the service of empire. Robust theorizations and critical innovations are needed.

In this context it is vital to develop the resources of historical materialism in addressing the pressing problems of the day and informing all forms of activism, including the intellectual. The conference seeks to combine rich development of historical materialist analysis with critical innovations in areas where such analysis has lagged. The organizers welcome presentations from scholars and activists that reflect the current state of theoretical work and activist mobilization.

We welcome individual submissions as well as panel proposals. For individual papers, please send an abstract of no more than 250 words; for panel proposals. **Please note, the extended deadline for proposals is January 29, 2010.** Proposals can be sent to torontohm@gmail.com.

Themes include:

- Marxism and Philosophy
- Political Economy of Capitalism and the Global Crisis
- Gender, Sexuality and Social Reproduction
- Race, Empire and Resistance
- Ecology and the Environment
- Working Class and Social Movements
- Labour Processes and Class Relations
- Art, Marxism, and Everyday Life
- Revolutionary Experiences
- Fascism, Militarism, Fundamentalism
- State, Culture and Ideology
- Land, Food and Accumulation by Dispossession
- Marxism and the Urban Experience