



SOCIALIST
IDEAS OF EUROPE
IN THE WORLD
1871—1968

9am-6pm—14 June 2024

Conference Programme

The Department of International History, in partnership with the Knowledge Exchange and Impact (KEI) initiative at LSE, Another Europe is Possible, and Manifesto di Londra, is delighted to announce the conference “Socialist Ideas of Europe in the World.”

The event will be held on June 14th at LSE.

The day will begin with a lecture by Professor Donald Sassoon titled “Social Democracy: What Did it Achieve?” Professor Sassoon will explore the track record of socialism within the European context and its broader implications for global political dynamics.

We will have a great variety of papers from presenters worldwide, which will be organized into three panels: ‘Anti-Fascism in Europe and the World,’ ‘Socialism in the Age of Empire,’ and ‘Europe, Socialism, and Nation.’

These panels will explore various facets of the political thought and histories of socialism, aiming to illuminate its diverse impacts across Europe and the world and to historicize and begin thinking through the state of the contemporary international left.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the assassination of Italian socialist leader Giacomo Matteotti by the Fascist Regime, Andrea Pisauro (Manifesto di Londra) will lead a visit to the LSE Library Gallery. Attendees will see the transcripts of the preliminary inquest into Matteotti’s murder, which were smuggled to London by Italian antifascists in 1926.

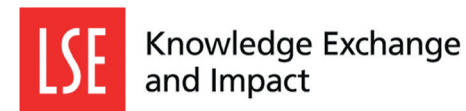
This visit offers a chance to reflect on the international significance of Matteotti’s murder, which prompted Mussolini’s totalitarian turn, and to honor the enduring legacy of a key figure in democratic socialism.

The event will conclude with a roundtable discussion chaired by Dina Gusejnova (LSE), featuring speakers from both inside and outside the academy: Matt Broomfield (Journalist, Rojava Information Center), Marzia Maccaferri (QMUL), and Rida Vaquas (Editor, Oneworld Publications).

This conference aims to:

- Foster innovative scholarly interpretations and methodologies in the study of socialist history.
- Build and strengthen networks between international scholars working on political history and theory, and the world of political thinking and practice.

We cordially invite academics, students, activists, and political history enthusiasts to join us for this enlightening exploration of socialism’s influence on European and global stages.



T I M E T A B L E

8.45 - 9.15am *Registration and Coffee*

9.15 - 9.25am *Welcome* – Edoardo Vaccari

9.30am **Keynote Lecture – Prof. Donald Sassoon**
Social-Democracy: What Did it Achieve?

10.15am **PANEL 1: Anti-fascism in Europe and the World**
Chair: Tanroop Sandhu

1. Francesca Tortorella (Lille) – The Anti-Fascist Struggle and the Ideas of a United Europe
2. Charlie Thomas (QMUL) – Hands Off Ethiopia and Palestine: 1935 and Now
3. David Klemperer (QMUL) – Proletarian nations, totalitarian states, and Anglo-Saxon finance: the French Socialist Party and the European Order 1937-1940

12.05am *Coffee Break*

12.15 pm View of Matteotti's trial documents, with Dr. Andrea Pisauro.

12.45pm *Lunch*

1.45pm **PANEL 2: Socialism in the Age of Empire**
Chair: Edoardo Vaccari

1. Lorenzo Costaguta (Bristol) – Internationalism for Whom? Race, Colonialism and the Global Second International
2. Lucas Poy (Vrije U.) – Between the Red Flag and the Yellow Peril: Socialists and Labour Migration in the Age of Empire (1870-1914)

3. Udeepa Chakravarty (NSSR) – The Theory of 'Permanent Revolution' and the Birth of Communist Anti-Colonialism
4. Charles C. H. Lee (Academia Sinica) – Seeking the Universal in the Particular: British Socialists, the 'Needham Question', and China's Place in the Modern World, 1900-1950

3.35pm

Coffee Break

3.45pm

PANEL 3: Europe, Socialism, and Nation
Chair: Dina Gusejnova

1. Helen Williams (East Anglia) – Orwell and Parkhurst: English Ideas of European Socialism in Conflict with National Hegemony
2. Alexander Zevin (CUNY) – Lineages of Saint Simon: Liberal and Socialist Ideas of Europe and the Great War
3. Nick Devlin (LSE) – What is the opposite of nationalism? A Marxist controversy
4. Marius S. Ostrowski (Nottingham) – Beyond the 'United States of Europe': The rise of Kontinentalpolitik in German Social Democracy, 1914–1933

5.15pm

Roundtable discussion/open room discussion
Chair: Dina Gusejnova (LSE)

Matt Broomfield (Journalist, Rojava Information Center),
Marzia Maccaferri (QMUL), Rida Vaquas (Editor,
Oneworld Publications)

6/6:15pm

Drinks at George IV (All welcome)

7.15pm

Speakers' Dinner