

Schedule
Tropical Marxism Conference
March 1-2, 2024
The University of Chicago Center
6 Rue Thomas Mann, 75013 Paris

FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024

9:30-10:00: Welcoming coffee/tea

10:00-10:30: Introduction by Arwa Awan, Jennifer Pitts, Lisa Wedeen, Julian Go

10:30-12:45 Panel 1: Marxism in the (Post)Colonial world: Theory Immanent in Practice

Chair: Jennifer Pitts (University of Chicago)

- ❖ Worldly Marxism: Rethinking Revolution from Pakistan's Peripheries
Noaman G. Ali (University of Bath) & Shozab Raza (University of Toronto)
- ❖ Free Speech and the Road to Socialism: Insights on a Liberal Idea from Revolutionary Vietnam
Kevin Pham (University of Amsterdam)

Short break

- ❖ Haunted Histories of the Left: Anticolonialism and collective memory in Egypt
Sara Salem (LSE)
- ❖ Third World Marxist Ecology: The Thought of Ismail-Sabri Abdallah
Max Ajl (University of Ghent/MECAM/Université de Tunis)

12:45-2:15 — Lunch for speakers

2:15-4:00 Panel 2: Epistemology, Scale and Temporality: The Challenges of Stretching Marxism

Chair: Julian Go (University of Chicago)

- ❖ De-historicizing Marxism: Indian Marxists and the problem of historical difference/ difficulties with difference
Sudipta Kaviraj (Columbia University)
- ❖ 'Caste' and the Passive Revolution: Synchronicity of the Non-synchronous
Aditya Nigam (Delhi Center for the Study of Developing Societies)
- ❖ Mariátegui's last resort. "Inca communism" as the failure of cosmopolitan Marxism in 1920s Perú.
Peter Morgan (University College London)

4:00-4:30 — Coffee break

4:30-6:15 Panel 3: Tropical Marxism: Charting the Concept

Chair: Lisa Wedeen (University of Chicago)

- ❖ Tropical Marxism and Racial Capitalism
Kolja Lindner (Paris-8)
- ❖ Thinking the Plurality Within Tropical Marxism
Luciano Concheiro San Vicente (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México [UNAM])
- ❖ Resistance to Theory: Against the Habermas-Foucault consensus
Nadia Bou-Ali (American University of Beirut)

SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2024

10-12:30 Panel 4: Marxism in Translation: Intellectual Genealogies and New Syntheses

Chair: Kolja Lindner (Paris-8)

- ❖ Work and Alienation: Marxist humanism in Fanon's thought
Arwa Awan (University of Chicago)
- ❖ Epistemology, Marxism, and Alienation in Haiti
Jean-Jacques Cadet (ENS—Université d'État d'Haïti)

Short break

- ❖ René Depestre's Marxist-Surrealist-Négritude in the Cuban 1960s
Jackqueline Frost (University of London)
- ❖ René Depestre's Poète à Cuba and the prose of the Tricontinental
Jorge Lefevre Tavárez (Universidad de Puerto Rico)

12:30-2 — Lunch for speakers

2-3:30 Panel 5: Tropical Marxism Today: Pan-Africanism and 21st Century Socialism

Chair: Arwa Awan (University of Chicago)

- ❖ Neoliberal trap or Socialist renewal? Pan-Africanism is back in the agenda
Amzat Boukari-Yabara (Independent researcher)
- ❖ Revolutionary Pan-Africanism and the Formation of a Multicentric and Pluripolar World
Layla Brown (Northeastern University)

End of public program

Short break

3:45-4:15 Closing Discussion for participants

Conference ends by 4:30pm