



Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities

"It's just the simple thing that's hard, so hard to do" (B. Brecht)

ON THE IDEA OF COMMUNISM (Updated programme!)

13th/14th/15th March 2009

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"The intellectual impulses of the 90s will come from women"

Annette Frick. Action with Gaby Kutz in front of Gerhard Richter's 48 Portraits
Ludwig Museum, Cologne, 8.8.1990

Communism in the 2010s: a world where many worlds fit?

In solidarity,
riverside cells



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Friday March 13

Registration opens at 11.30am

	Costas Douzinas	Welcome to the people
2pm	Stuart Hall	Opening Remarks
	Alain Badiou	Introductory remarks
	Angela Davis	"Women, race and class"
	Michael Hardt	"The REproduction of the Common"
	Lynne Segal	"What Feminism did to Communism"
	Bruno Bosteels	"The Postcolonial Hypothesis: Frightened Communism?"
	Nancy Hartsock	"The Proliferation of Radical Standpoints"
	Peter Hallward	"Communism of the Intellect, Communism of the Body"

Jean-Luc Nancy, Christine Delphy and members of migrant and feminist groups will be present throughout the conference and will intervene in the discussions.

6 pm End



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Saturday March 14

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- 10am Starhawk "Thinking with worms: Reclaiming the communist soil"
Alessandro Russo "Did the Cultural Revolution End Communism?"
Subcomandante Marcos "Intergalactic Decentralized Communism"
Alberto Toscano "Communist Power / Communist Ignorance"
Toni Negri "Communisme: reflexions sur la pratique"
Silvia Federici "Creating Communities of Care"
- 1pm Lunch
- 3pm Vandana Shiva "Ecofeminism and the challenge to Western Communism"
Terry Eagleton "Communism: Leontes or Paulina?"
Jacques Ranciere "Communism without Communists?"
Sheila Rowbotham and Huw Beynon "Communists without Communism"
Alain Badiou "Communism: an empty name"
Hilary and Steven Rose "Alas, Poor Marx"
- 6pm End
Drinks Reception and Street Party – Jeffery Hall and outside



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Sunday March 15

- 10am ~~Slavoj Žižek~~ ————— ~~"The view from up here: Communism from above is no communism at all"~~
- Sandra Harding "Communisms from below"
- Donna Haraway "On Interspecies Communism"
- Gianni Vattimo "Weak Communists"
- Judith Balseo "Communism: a hypothesis for philosophy, an impossible name for politics?"
- bell hooks "Ain't I a Communist?"

12am Skill sharing workshop: *Alter-communisms!*
Bring your experiences and visions from local and transversal struggles

Concluding Collective Trance: Channelling Karl Marx

2pm End