



*European Labour History Network  
Labour and Empire Working Group*

## **Working-class Anti-Imperialism and the Global Left: New Directions of Study**

30 June, 2023  
University of Bristol  
Room G.H03, Arts Complex, 7 Woodland Road, BS8 1UJ,  
Bristol, United Kingdom

*9.00 Registration*

*9.15 Welcome*

### **Panel 1 - Global Marxisms (9.30-10.50)**

- Natalie Berhends (Harvard University): For Your Freedom and Ours: Diasporic Polish, Yiddish, and Ukrainian Anti-Imperial Socialism, 1870-1919
- Daria Dyakonova (International Institute, Geneva): “If you, working women, want to destroy slavery in colonial countries your place is in the ranks of the Communist International”: the International Communist Women’s Movement’s Anti-colonialism and Anti-imperialism in the 1920s.
- Vanessa Corrado (independent scholar): De-institutionalizing politics: activists’ agency and activists’ work in a Marxist-Leninist movement of India (1967-1975)

*10.50-11.10: Break*

### **Panel 2 - Anti-colonialism and the African Left (11.10-12.30)**

- Steven Parfitt (Independent scholar): White “Workers” on the South African Diamond Fields (1888-1893)
- Giulio Fugazzotto (University of Urbino), The ‘mission’ of Velio Spano in Egypt between anti-colonialism and antifascism (1935-1936)

- Fatima Chorfi (University Oran2, Mohamed Ben Ahmed, Algeria): The Role of the Trade Unions in the Decolonisation of Algeria

*12.30-13.30: Lunch*

**Panel 3 – Projected Revolutions (13.30-14.50)**

- Richard Cleminson (University of Leeds): Pan-Africanism, anarcho-syndicalism and the colonial question in Portugal (1910-1933)
- Joshua Newmark (University of Leeds): The Mexican Model: Spanish Anarchist Idealisation of Revolutionary Mexico, 1910-1939
- Fatma Çingi Kocadost (EHESS-Centre Maurice Halbwachs) and Camille Fauroux (Université Toulouse 2): Revolutionaries in Diaspora: Contributing to the anti-imperialist Struggle in Turkey and organising Migrant Workers in Europe.

*14.50-15.10: Break*

**Panel 4 - On the Global Waterfront (15.10-16.30)**

- Peter Cole (Western Illinois University): Dockers, anti-imperialism, and left internationalism
- Justine Cousin (independent scholar): Lascar activism in Britain and international movements (1925-1944)
- Mae Miller-Likhethé (University of California at Berkeley): The International and the Waterfront: Revisiting Otto Huiswoud's Political Work in Hamburg, Cape Town, and Antwerp

**Wrap Up Session** – The EHLN Labour and Empire Working Group: Current and Future Plans (16.30-17.30)

*19.00: Dinner (location TBA)*

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