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23 MARCH 2024
BIRKBECK, UNIVERSITY
OF LONDON

10.30am - 11am Registration

11am - 12.30 pm Opening Plenary

The many faces of imperialism and colonialism in the 21st century

Ending impunity, confronting hypocrisy & supporting universal human rights of all

• **John McDonnell MP** Former Shadow Chancellor • **Mira Hammad** Palestinian human rights & protest lawyer • **Yuliya Yurchenko** Ukraine Solidarity Campaign • **Elia.J.Ayoub** The Fire These Times Collective • **Chair: Mohammed Elnaiem** The Decolonial Centre

Russia and Israel both practice settler colonialism outside their international borders. Yet this commonality in shared practices of dispossession is rarely acknowledged let alone seriously discussed. As war crimes and genocide spiral, how do we dismantle imperial and colonial systems, end impunity for all that commit crimes against humanity, confront hypocrisy and reclaim a genuinely universal human rights system? These questions will be discussed in a broader international and historical context amid the ongoing global threat from authoritarian nationalism.

12.30pm - 13.15pm Lunch / Stalls / Informal Discussion

1.15pm - 2.45 pm

What does a 'climate internationalism' look like?

• **Hamza Hamouchene** Transnational Institute • **Cleodie Rickard** Global Justice Now
• **Harpreet Kaur Paul** Tipping Point • **Chair: John Feffer** Institute for Policy Studies

Climate change demands internationalist thinking and collective action. Yet as the crisis deepens, we face various new challenges. The race to secure critical resources risks new imperialist dynamics. At the same time, the far right is insisting on the global north's right to use fossil fuels. In this context how do we end the fossil fuel era globally?

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System change in the 21st century: what comes after neoliberalism?

• **James Meadway** Economist, Macrodoze podcast
• **Mary Kaldor** Professor in Global Governance, LSE
• **Chair: Luke Cooper** Another Europe Is Possible / LSE

How do we make sense of this unfolding moment of global system change? Is neoliberalism over? Is 'what comes after' neoliberalism necessarily better? This session will discuss how we find a new and transformative path ahead in a world in crisis.

1.15pm - 2.45 pm

Migration, decolonisation & dismantling borders

Co-facilitated by: • **Julia Tinsley-Kent** Migrants Rights Network • **Munya Radzi** Regularise • **Seema Syeda** Another Europe Is Possible / European Alternatives

Europe's past and present political challenges can't be addressed without a deeper understanding of colonialism, its influence on migration patterns, and what anti-colonial politics can do to unite migrant communities and allies against oppression. Join in to disrupt and reject established narratives of migration and borders and begin to imagine a world beyond them.

2.45pm - 3pm Break

3pm - 4.20pm

Trump 2.0? Trumpism and the global democratic crisis

• **Seema Syeda** Author, *Creeping Fascism* • **John Feffer** Institute for Policy Studies • **Chair: Camilo Alvarez Garrido** European Alternatives (tbc)

2024 will see over two billion people in 50 countries going to the polls. A fact that has been heralded as the 'biggest election year in history'. Yet, in many of these contests – not least in the United States and India – democracy is hanging by a thread. This session will take stock of Trumpism and its global bedfellows. How do we turn the tide? And how do we work for the best but prepare for the worst?

3pm - 4.20pm

Brexit, the economy and the next UK government: what do progressives say?

• **Laura Parker** Good Law Project, Another Europe NC • **Zack Polanski** Green Party Deputy Leader, London Assembly Member • **Olaf Stando** SNP Socialists • **Klajdi Selimi** Young European Movement • **Chair: Ana Oppenheim** Another Europe NC

2024 is set to be an important moment of change in UK politics. A Labour or Labour-led government is likely, but with an unpopular leader with no mandate for real change. Public opinion now recognises that Brexit has failed, but will our politics ever catch up? This session will discuss strategy on the European question.

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Peace and justice for all: building solidarity across borders

• **Raga Makawi** LSE Researcher & Sudan democracy activist • **Ahmed Abofoul** Advocacy Officer at Palestinian human rights organisation Al-Haq. • **Chair: Maxine Betteridge-Moes** New Internationalist Magazine

In a world of growing impunity from violent authoritarians, how do we recover an internationalism 'from below' that protects fundamental human rights? Spotlighting the conflicts in Israel-Palestine and Sudan, this session will create dialogues across these frontiers with a focus on accountability, global solidarity and securing justice for all.

4.30pm - 5.15 pm Interactive Plenary

Towards a new internationalism: what next?

This interactive plenary session will review emerging themes from the day and discuss next steps.

5.15pm - 6pm Closing Plenary

Progressive politics in dangerous times

What does a progressive politics with a global, internationalist perspective look like in 2024? This concluding session will consider how lessons from history can inform our approach to the challenges of today, while also recognising the novelty of the situation that we face. With the world requiring a rapid transition away from fossil fuels at a time of growing political crisis and turmoil, how do we link the nexus of issues from human rights to climate transition and social justice to create a paradigm shift?

Nick Dearden, the Director of Global Justice Now, will be in conversation with former UK Development Secretary **Clare Short** and climate justice campaigner **Madhuresh Kumar** from the civil society network Global Tapestry of Alternatives.

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