

Legacy of the Russian Revolution Program

Date: November 16-18, 2017

Conference Venue: Chestnut Hill College, The Commonwealth Chateau at Sugarloaf Hill

Thursday, November 16th

7:00-9:30 pm **Film: "Bridge of Spies" and Discussion (Fitzsimmons Hall Lounge, Main Campus)**

Friday, November 17th

12:00-1:30pm **Conference Registration/Light Lunch**

1:30-3:00pm

Session I: Panel I Salon B

The Influence of Marxist-Leninist Thinking on War
Chair: Richard Leiby, Rosemont College

1. The Operational Art: A Military Legacy of the Russian Revolution
Keith Dickson, National Defense University
2. Guomindang China, the Comintern & Jiang Jishei: China's pre-World War II Struggle for Autonomy Seen in Andre Malraux's Novels *The Conquerors & Man's Fate*
Tom Lansburg, Essex County College
3. The View from Spain: Perceptions of the Russian Revolution on the Communist Left During the Spanish Civil War
Jonathan Sherry, University of Miami

Session I: Panel II Grand Salon

Unleashing and then Managing Class Consciousness
Chair: Frank Jacob, Queensborough Community College (CUNY)

1. Worker Oppositionists in Ukraine, 1920-1938
Barbara Allen, La Salle University
2. Labour in the Soviet Union: From the Revolution to Perestroika
Donald Filtzer, University of East London, England, UK

Session I: Panel III Salon A

The Politics of Post War Hunger Relief and Bolshevism
Chair: David K. McQuilkin, Bridgewater College

1. "A Bunch of Dreamers and Murderers": Herbert Hoover, the Rise of Bolshevism, and the Global Politics of American Aid to Rural Russia, 1917-1923
E. Kyle Romero, Vanderbilt University

2. Hunger and the Spectre of Creeping Bolshevism During the Paris Peace Conference in 1919
Phillip Dehne, St. Joseph's College
3. Bolshevism "cannot be stopped by force but it can be stopped by food:" The Impact of the 1917 Revolution on American Food Aid in Europe and Russia, 1917-1923
Maria Fedorova, University of California – Santa Barbara

3:00-3:30pm

Refreshment Break

3:30-5:00pm

Session II: Panel I Grand Salon

American Reaction to the Russian Revolution (I)

Chair: Alexander Varias, Villanova University

1. The Legacies of the Bolshevik Revolution on Churches of Christ
Roger Chapman, Palm Beach Atlantic University
2. The Wilson Administration and the Russian Revolution of 1917
Michael Fischer, Temple University
3. The Russian Revolution and the Crisis of Wilsonian Liberalism
Thomas Mackaman, King's College

Session II: Panel II Salon B

International Relations and the Effects of Other States on the USSR

Chair: Patryk Reid, University of Pittsburgh

1. What Went Wrong: Brest-Litovsk and the Interpretation of German Occupation the Interwar Period
Mikhail Akulov, Kazakh-British Technical University, Kazakhstan
2. Economic Cooperation between the U.S. and the Soviet Union: the Trajectory of Changes in the 1920s -1930s
Julia Sweet, Rutgers University
3. Twenty Five Years and Counting: What Will It Take for the US-Russia Relationship to Move Beyond the Events of November 1917?
Jeffrey Procak, Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines

Session II: Panel III Salon A

The Cultural Legacy of the Russian Revolution

Chair: Erwin Erhardt, Cincinnati University

1. Aleksander Blok's *The Twelve*: a Mirror of the 1917 Revolution
Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ, Chestnut Hill College

2. **A Pivotal Year: Serge Koussevitzky, Musical Migration, and Socialist Idealism in the United States**
Jamie Blake, University of North Carolina
3. **Deconstructing the Cultural Legacy of the Russian Revolution**
Roann Barris, Radford University

5:00pm **Reception & Book signing**

6:00pm **Dinner**

Welcome

Lorraine Coons, PhD,
Chair, Department of History & Political Science, Chestnut Hill College

Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, PhD,
President, Chestnut Hill College

7:30pm

Keynote Address:

Sheila Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., University of Chicago, emerita; University of Sydney
Reflections on the Russian Revolution and its Centenary
(Dr. Fitzpatrick's presentation has been made possible in part by a gift from Ms. Louise Bradley'52).

Saturday, November 18th

8:30– 9:30am

Continental Breakfast

9:30–11:30am

Session III: Panel I Grand Salon

Spreading a “Russian” Revolution to Other National Contexts

Chair: Barbara Allen, La Salle University

1. **The Grand Duchy of Finland and The First Socialist International State Treaty**
Juho Korhonen, Brown University
2. **Making a River Border on the USSR's Cotton Frontier: Engineering Economic Change and Political Reality on the Amu Darya, 1917-1937**
Patryk Reid, University of Pittsburgh
3. **Revolution as Ritual: Tradition and Commemoration in Irkutsk**
Amy Garey, University of California – Los Angeles
4. **Soviet Cuba's Representational Fashion and the Construction of a State Socialist Figured World of Power in the Caribbean**
Maria Cabrera-Arus, New York University

Session III: Panel II Salon A

Anti-Bolshevism in U.S. and British Politics after the Revolution

Chair: Jeff Procak, Georgetown University

1. "The Tyrannic Government of these Jew Commissars": The Russian Revolution and British Politics between the Wars
Alan Allport, Syracuse University
2. Anti-Communism and the Distortion of American Foreign Policy during the Cold War
David Contosta, Chestnut Hill College
3. The Idea of Containment of Soviet Russia in American Political Thought in the Aftermath of the Bolshevik Revolution
Stefano Livi, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

Session III: Panel III Salon B

Theory vs. Practice following the Russian Revolution

Chair: Michael Clinton, Gwynedd Mercy University

1. The Historiography of the Russian Revolution
Brant Roberts, University of Houston
2. Sociology in the Shadow of War and Revolution
Andrea Grant-Friedman, Kellogg Community College
3. The Legacy of the Russian Revolution for Small Comrades
Suzanne Conway, Chestnut Hill College
4. "You Are Our Pride and Our Glory!" Legacies of Revolution in Women's Letters to Valentina Tereshkova
Roshanna Sylvester, De Paul University

11:45– 2:15pm

Luncheon

Welcome

Jacqueline Reich, PhD,

Coordinator, Political Science Program, Department of History & Political Science,
Chestnut Hill College

Keynote Address:

Wendy Goldman, PhD., Carnegie Mellon University

*Revolutionary Ideas and Experiments in Free Love:
The Lasting Legacy of the Russian Revolution*

2:30– 4:00pm

Session IV : Panel I Grand Salon

Marxist Critiques of the Russian Revolution

Chair: Donald Filtzer, University of East London

1. A Revolution Against *Capital?*: A Fractured History of Marxism as the Enduring Legacy of the October Revolution

David Sockol, Drew University

2. Looking Back On Adorno's Late-Marxism
(On the Centennial of the Russian Revolution)
Domenic Hutchins, Western University, London, Ontario, Canada
3. Emma Goldman and the Russian Revolution
Frank Jacob, City University of New York - Queensborough Community College

Session IV: Panel II Salon A

Revolutionary Times and the Russian Orthodox Church

Chair: Juho Korhonen, Brown University

1. The Legacy of the Revolution of 1917 for the Russian Orthodox Church
Marie Conn, Chestnut Hill College
2. "Death to old law and its old servants": The Orthodox Church, Canon Law, and the Development of Soviet Law in NEP
Francesca Silano, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada
3. Patriarch Tikhon, the Russian Orthodox Church and the Bolshevik Revolution
Scott Kenworthy, Miami University

Session IV: Panel III Salon B

American Reaction to the Russian Revolution (II)

Chair: Keith Dickson, National Defense University

1. A Horse Derby, A Missed Connection, and Hiking through the Alps: John Dewey's 1928 visit to the Soviet Union
Vladislav Ryabyy, Temple University
2. American Legacy: The Impact of the Russian Revolution in the United States
Vernon Pedersen, American University in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
3. Fear of the Red Revolution: American television culture from the 1950s to the end of the Soviet Empire
Erwin Erhardt, University of Cincinnati

4:15 – 5:30pm

Reception

5:30pm

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