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during the Peace Event
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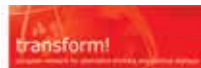
Saturday,
7th of June 2014,
10:00h – 13:00h

Rosa Luxemburg and the European Left on the Eve of World War One

Patriotic enthusiastic crowds who go to war, and a socialist movement that was not up to its historical responsibilities; this is true but one-sided at the same time. Not only in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, but in almost all of the European socialist parties individuals and groups resisted war hysteria. Even if they remained in the minority, their opinions would still significantly impact the further development of European socialism. We will discuss this dispute and its current meaning with:

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This workshop is organized by RLS in
cooperation with Transform



Chair: Barbara Steiner (transform!)

Jean- Numa Ducange (University of Rouen). Research interests: history of socialism in France and the German-speaking countries.

Sia Anagnostopoulou (Panteion University, Athens). Her main research interests are in the area of nationalism in Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, and colonialism in Cyprus.

Derek Weber (University of Vienna and University of Economics). He specializes in the history of the Austrian labour movement and Austro-Marxism.

Holger Politt (Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Berlin). Specialist on Rosa Luxemburg.

Ankica Čakardić (University Zagreb). Research interests: Social and political Philosophy, Feminist theory.

Saturday, 7th of June 2014,
14:30 – 18:00h

100 Years of World War One – The Socialist Anti-War Movement and the Idea of the Balkan Federation

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Opposing the imperialist hegemonic politics, since the Congress of Berlin in 1878, when the great powers agreed upon their influence over the region - the slowly emerging socialist movement in the Balkans developed the idea of the “Balkan Federation”. At the “First Balkan Socialist Conference” in 1910 in Belgrade, parties of the workers’ movements proclaimed a “Democratic Balkan Federation” as their goal. The idea of the “Balkan Federation” was based on the cooperation of the people in the region, the resistance against colonial/ imperial projects of the great powers, and in the sense of socialist internationalism opposing the nationalist/expansionist projects of various local elites in the newly formed Balkan states of the 19th century. The socialist movement oriented towards a Balkan Federation was the leading anti-war movement in South East Europe during the Balkan Wars 1912/1913 and during World War One 1914-1918, serving as a positive example of the anti-war movements in all of Europe.

The Workshop has four goals: (1) Based on new historiographical works it will provide an overview of the complex situation in the Balkans on the eve of World War One and show how the socialist movement positioned itself. (2) It will discuss the interaction between Balkan socialists and the anti-war movement in other European countries (Luxemburg/ Liebknecht, Zimmerwald, the 1915 Conference etc.). It will also discuss the relationship between ideas of a Socialist Balkan Federation and the Austro-Marxists’ ideas on socialist nationality politics. (3) It will explore the political significance and emancipatory heritage of the historic anti-war movement for Balkan politics and the left in the region. (4) It will try to contribute to an emancipatory narrative against revisionist reinterpretations of World War One in the Balkans.

Speakers:

Olga Manojlović-Pintar, Institute for Recent History of Serbia, Belgrade

Chair

Krunoslav Stojaković, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Southeast Europe

Presentation of the Workshop

Husnija Kamberović, Director of the Institute for History, Sarajevo

Introduction

Andreja Živković, sociologist, London, and co-author of “The Balkan Socialist Tradition and the Balkan Federation” (Revolutionary History Journal, 2003):

The Balkan Socialist Tradition and the Balkan Federation

Miloš Baković-Jadžić, Sociologist, Center for Politics of Emancipation (CPE), Belgrade:

Dimitrije Tucović and the Anti-War Position of Serbian Socialists

Fritz Weber, Historian, Austria:

The Austrian Social Democrats and the Balkan prior to 1914

Yiannis Glarnetatzis, Chairman of the Bookstores ‘Employees Trade Union’ of Thessaloniki and chairman of the Association of Greek Conscientious Objectors:

The Socialist Workers’ Federation of Thessaloniki (Federacion) and World War One

Sunday, 8th of June 2014,
10:00 - 12:00h

New Wars in the Middle East

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In the last decade was marked by the wars of the West in Afghanistan, in Iraq, in Libya and the danger of war against Iran. After the “Arab Spring” there was great hope for a better future for the peoples in the Middle East. Freedom, democracy and human rights for the people, these were the ideas. But ultimately we witnessed the war in Syria and great tensions in Lebanon, Egypt and other countries. The uprising of millions on June 30th 2013 in Egypt led to the fall of the Muslim Brotherhood. It was at the beginning a new wave of the revolution, since the January 25th 2011. Has the revolution not ceased? Or are we witnessing new tensions? The players of both sides, be they revolution or counter-revolution, had to reorient and restructure accordingly. This region is of utmost importance for achieving international peace and security. We will discuss on how to contribute to conflict resolution and a peaceful future for this region.

Speakers:

Erhard Crome, Chair: Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Critical Social Analysis of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Policy of Peace and Security Policy.

Mamdouh Habashi, Co-Founder of the Egyptian Socialist Party (ESP), Vice-President of the World Forum for Alternatives (WFA) and Board Member of the Arab & African Research Center (AARC).

Claudia Haydt, Lecturer of Sociology (University for Applied Sciences Carintia). Member of the Executive Boards of the European Left Party and of the Information Centre Militarisation (IMI) in Tübingen / Germany.

Paul Lansu, Pax Christi, Belgium



Sunday, 8th of June 2014,
13:00 - 17:00h

NATO 2014: It Talks of Peace but Wages War

Working language
English without
translation

Opening Panel

(each 15 minute presentation,
at end 30 minute discussion)

The military alliance NATO is expanding – geographically and in terms of content. NATO claims the right to global interventions – with or without a mandate from the United Nations – along with the right to hold nuclear weapons, while threatening to use them against states with nuclear capabilities. It externalizes defense, defines encompassing security threats and thereby militarizing civil areas of politics such as migration, poverty and war as well as climate change. The half-day conference will attempt to provide an analysis of the military and interventionist alliance along with alternatives to global and regional security structures. In a globalized limited world the concept of military security does not meet the needs of the people. Other forms of cooperation as well as concepts of security must be implemented.

Opening and Welcome

Chair: **Walter Baier**, transform

Lucas Wirl_____ **No to War – No to NATO**

Joseph Gerson, American Friends

Service Committee (AFSC)_____ **NATO – the Military Alliance**

Dave Webb, Campaign for Nuclear

Disarmament (CND)_____ **History of NATO**

Claudia Haydt, Information Centre

Militarization/ European Left_____ **NATO Strategy of the 21st
Century**

Expert dialogues (1 hour)

Dave Webb , CND, GB	NATO, War and Global Crisis
Ludo de Brabander , vrede vzw., Belgium	On: Nuclear Weapons Strategy
Kristine Karch , No to NATO, Germany	Women and NATO
Tobias Pflüger , Left Party Germany	NATO and EU
Erhard Crome , RLS, Germany	Worldwide Military Interventionism
Reiner Braun/ Pascal Luig , IALANA/ IPB, Germany	Alternatives to NATO

Final Panel “Alternatives to NATO”

Chair: **Reiner Braun** (IALANA)

With: **Tobias Pflüger** (Left Party Germany), **Ingeborg Breines** (International Peace Bureau), **Aurelie Royon** (Mouvement de la Paix), **Nedim Klipo** (Centar za slobodarska istraživanja Sarajevo), **Vuk Baćanović** (Editor magazine Dani Sarajevo)

This panel is organized by No to War – No to NATO and
1nes - International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility
IPB - International Peace Bureau
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung
International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA)
transform! european network for alternative thinking and political dialogue



Sunday, 8th of June 2014
18:00 - 20:30h

Social protest and the perspectives of a New Left in Bosnia-Herzegovina

In February 2014, workers, unemployed and young people in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, took to the streets, setting off a wave of protests all over the country. Within a few hours, the protests spread to other cities such as Sarajevo, Mostar, Bihać and others. The reasons for the people's discontent, among other things are the high numbers of unemployment, criminal privatizations, corruption as well as structural societal problems. This social movement resembles similar protests in other countries of the region. In this workshop activists and researchers from Bosnia-Herzegovina will discuss the current situation and the possibilities and perspectives for a New Left.

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Speakers:

Chair: Boris Kanzleiter, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Southeast Europe

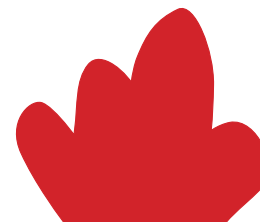
Igor Štiks, Open University Sarajevo, University Edinburgh, Co-Founder of Balkanforum

Emin Eminagić, Lijevi (The Left), Tuzla

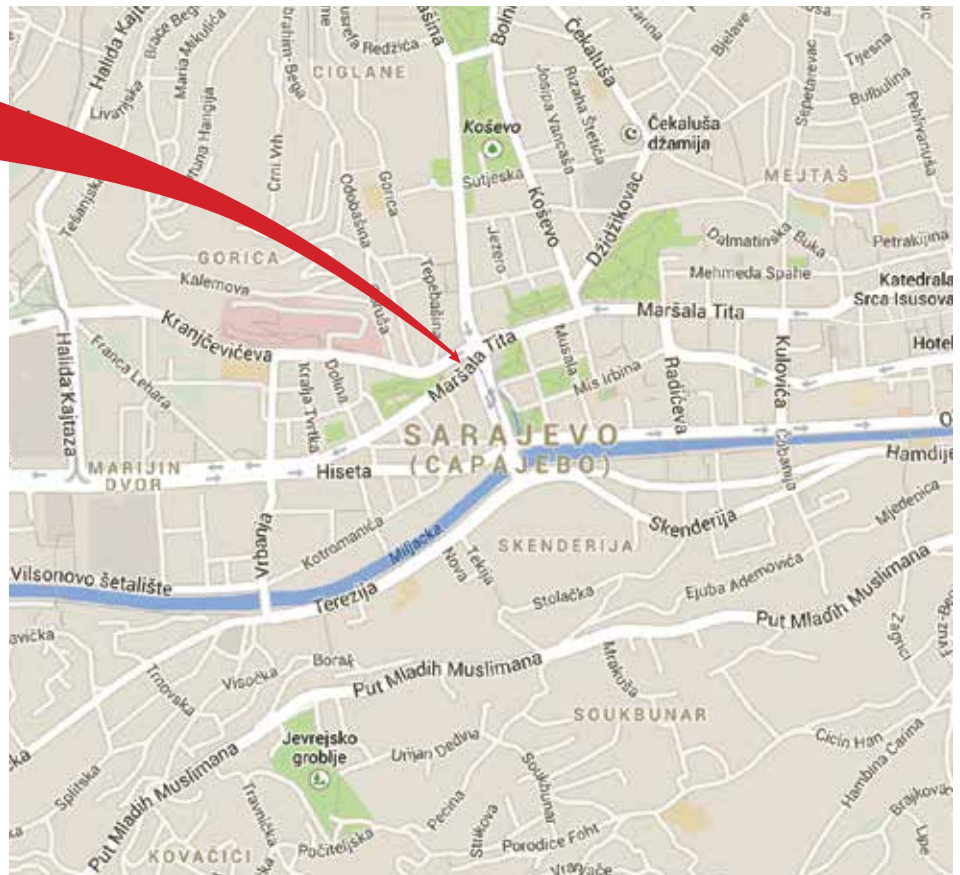
Jasmina Husanović, University Tuzla

Anita Tolić, Initiative for Democratic Socialism, Ljubljana

Svjetlana Nedimović, Active participant of the recent protest movement in Sarajevo and attendee of the Sarajevo Plenum.



All events take place in
Kamerni Teatar 55,
ulica M. Tita 56/II



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