

SOCIALISM, SOCIALISTS & THE STATE IN WESTERN EUROPE IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Workshop

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MATHIEU FULLA (CHSP)

PROGRAM

Dec. 07

9:00 - 9:30 am

Introduction to the Study Days:

HENRI NALLET, FONDATION JEAN-JAURÈS

MARC LAZAR, SCIENCES PO, CHSP

Dec. 07

9:30 am- 1:00 pm

SESSION 1: **THEORIZING THE STATE**

Suggested research directions:

- Who are the main theorists and what are the main theoretical sources that inspired socialists in their approach to the state in the 20th century?
- What main influences did socialists have on the way of viewing the various functions of the state (internal and external security, economic, social, educational and cultural policy, etc.) throughout the century?
- Can evidence of transnational flows be detected in the ways of theorizing the state?
- What political impact did these theoretical approaches to the state have on the doctrines, programs and public discourse of socialist leaders?

Chair:

ALAIN BERGOUNIOUX,

SCIENCES PO, FONDATION JEAN-JAURÈS

Discussant:

EMMANUEL JOUSSE, SCIENCES PO, CHSP

- German Social Democracy During the First Half of the Twentieth Century (1914-1945)
STEFAN BERGER, RUHR-UNIVERSITY, BOCHUM (IBS)
- French ambiguities: the economy as a case study
MATHIEU FULLA, SCIENCES PO, CHSP
- Discussion

Coffee break

Discussant:

ANNE-LAURE OLLIVIER, PROFESSOR IN HISTORY («CLASSES PRÉPARATOIRES AUX GRANDES ÉCOLES»)

- The British Exception?
MARK WICKHAM-JONES, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
- Swedish Social Democracy and Question of the Nation-state: Historical Legacies vs Contemporary Crises
LARS TRÄGÅRDH, ERSTA SKÖNDAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
- Discussion

Dec. 07

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Lunch

Dec. 07

2:00 - 5:30 pm

SESSION 2: **SOCIALISTS AND THE CIVIL SERVANTS**

Suggested research directions:

- To what extent and how do socialist and social democratic parties rely on civil servants to try to conquer power?
- Reciprocally, what influence do civil servants and public (or parapublic) sector workers have in devising the strategy of socialist organizations (including parties as well as trade unions and other organizations) and/or their campaigns?

Chair: **ALAIN CHATRIOT**, SCIENCES PO, CHSP

Discussant : **NOËLLINE CASTAGNEZ**,
UNIVERSITÉ D'ORLÉANS

- SFIO and the civil service in the days of the Popular Front
LAURE MACHU, UNIVERSITY OF PARIS OUEST-LA DÉFENSE
- The political stances of Spanish socialism before the Civil War: from Corporatism to Leninism (1923-1936)
JUAN FRANCISCO FUENTES, UNIVERSITÉ COMPLUTENSE,
MADRID
- Discussion

Coffee break

Discussant: **ISMAËL FERHAT**,
UNIVERSITY OF PICARDIE JULES VERNE

- The Attlee and Wilson Labour governments and the civil service (1945-1970)
KEVIN THEAKSTON, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
- Swedish SAP, civil servants and social engineers
KJELL ÖSTBERG, UNIVERSITY OF STOCKHOLM
- Discussion

Dinner

Dec. 08

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

SESSION 3: **IN POWER: WHAT TO DO WITH THE "LEVIATHAN"?**
SOME EXPERIMENTS IN GOVERNMENT

Suggested research directions:

- Do the socialists perceive the state as a lever or as an obstacle to exercising power?
- Socialists and state reform: pious hope or concrete reality?

Chair: **GERD-RAINER HORN**, SCIENCES PO, CHSP
Discussant : **MICHELE DI DONATO**,
INSTITUT GRAMSCI, ROME

- Labour, the Trade Unions, Socialism and the State in the 1960s and 1970s
PETER DOREY, UNIVERSITY OF CARDIFF
- The SPD and the State in the 1960s and 1970s
SEBASTIAN VOIGT, INSTITUT FÜR ZEITGESCHICHTE,
MÜNCHEN-BERLIN
- Discussion

Coffee break

Discussant: **MASSIMO ASTA**, UNIVERSITY OF PARIS 1

- The Palme governments (1968-1976 ; 1982-1986)
KJELL ÖSTBERG, UNIVERSITY OF STOCKHOLM
JENNY ANDERSSON, SCIENCES PO, CEE, CNRS
- Towards Capitalism with a Human Face? The Austrian Example of the 70s
MARIA MESNER, UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA
- Discussion

Lunch

Dec. 08

2:00 - 5:30 pm

SESSION 4: **WITH THE “NEOLIBERAL TURN”, IS IT TIME TO PROMOTE A DIFFERENT CONCEPTION OF STATE POWER?**

Suggested research directions:

- Did the advent of the Reagan and Thatcher prompt the socialists to rethink the state?
- Is the question of the state a source of political tension or even discord within socialist and social democratic movements?
- Has there been a convergence of views about the state between the socialist left and governing right since the 1980s?

Chair: **FRANÇOIS DENORD**, EHESS

Discussant: **SILKE MENDE**, UNIVERSITÉ DE TÜBINGEN

- “Was it Social Democratic Indeed? PASOK, the State and the Shipwreck of the Greek Economy”;
“The Portuguese State: from the revolution to the end of social pact (1974-1986)

GERASSIMOS MOSCHONAS, UNIVERSITY OF PANTEION

RAQUEL VARELA, RESEARCHER AT THE INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY HISTORY AT THE NEW LISBON UNIVERSITY

- Italian socialists: what to do with a “weak” state?
MARC LAZAR, SCIENCES PO, CHSP

- Discussion

Coffee break

Discussant: **THIBAUT RIOUFREYT**,

LABORATOIRE TRIANGLE-ENS LYON

- La gauche, l’État et la regulation des relations professionnelles en France: un tournant néolibéral (années 1970-milieu des années 1980)?

MATTHIEU TRACOL, UNIVERSITY OF PARIS 1

- What’s Left of Blairism? The Labour’s Party changing conception of the State since the 1980s

EMMANUELLE AVRIL, UNIVERSITY OF LA SORBONNE NOUVELLE (PARIS 3)

Dec. 09

09:00 am - 1:00 pm

SESSION 5 : **IN THE 21ST CENTURY: SOCIALISTS AND THE CHALLENGE OF A RECONFIGURED STATE**

Chair: **GÉRARD GRUNBERG**,
SCIENCES PO, CEE, CNRS

Discussant: **PHILIPPE BEZÈS**, SCIENCES PO, CEE, CNRS

- La social-démocratie au pays de l'or noir: la gauche, l'État et le pétrole en Norvège
YOHANN AUCANTE, EHESS

- Western European socialists and the civil service: a divorce?
LUC ROUBAN, SCIENCES PO, CEVIPOF, CNRS

- Discussion

Coffee break

- Reconfigured state in the post-crisis EU - dilemmas of social democrats and their proposals for the future
ANIA SKRZYPEK,
FONDATION EUROPÉENNE D'ÉTUDES PROGRESSISTES

- What role for the state in a socialist economic policy?
DANIEL COHEN, ENS ULM, FONDATION JEAN-JAURÈS

- Discussion

General conclusion

MARC LAZAR, SCIENCES PO, CHSP

GILLES FINCHELSTEIN, FONDATION JEAN-JAURÈS

ERNST STETTER, FONDATION EUROPÉENNE D'ÉTUDES PROGRESSISTES