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Program

THURSDAY, 25 MAY

9:30 a.m. **Welcome** from James Retallack, Toronto, and Simone Lässig, Washington D.C.
(Campbell Conference Facility, South House, Munk School of Global Affairs, 1 Devonshire Place)

10:00–11:30 **Session 1** *Work, Class, and Race*

Moderator: *Swen Steinberg, Queen's University, Kingston*

Work, Class, Race, and Violence in German Southwest Africa before 1914
Steven Press, Stanford University, Stanford

Different Worlds of Work? Actors, Interests, and the Concepts of Work, Care and Violence Along the Global Commodity-chain of Diamonds from Colonial Namibia, 1908–1913
Mona Rudolph, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

Comment: *Matthew P. Fitzpatrick, Flinders University, Adelaide*

11:30–1:30 p.m. Break

1:30–3:00 **Session 2** *Labour Movements and European Emergencies*

Moderator: *Janine Murphy, College of the North Atlantic, St. John's*

Emergency Politics and the Rise of the Labor Movement in France, Germany, and Italy (1848–1898)
Amerigo Caruso, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

German Social Democrats in July 1914: The Anti-war Protests Reconsidered
Andrew Bonnell, University of Queensland, Brisbane

Comment: *David Blackbourn, Vanderbilt University, Nashville*

3:00–3:30 p.m. Break

3:30–5:00 **Session 3** *Blood, Sweat, and Food*

Moderator: *Jens-Uwe Guettel, Pennsylvania State University, State College*

Liberated from Work or Deprived of a Livelihood? Food and the Future of the Peasantry in Social Democratic Thought
Carolyn Taratko, Universität Erfurt

Becoming the Third Pillar of Socialism: The Relationship of German Social Democracy to Consumer Cooperatives at the Turn of the 20th Century
Philipp Urban, Institut für soziale Bewegungen, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Comment: *Celia Applegate, Vanderbilt University, Nashville*

5:00–6:15 p.m. Break (Musical reflections on work, class, and social democracy, *The Rose Orchestra Wind Quintet*, Debates Room, 2nd floor, Hart House)

6:15–7:45 **Keynote Address** (Debates Room, 2nd floor, Hart House, 1 Hart House Circle)

Moderator: *Simone Lässig, German Historical Institute, Washington D.C.*

“A Workers’ Emperor and a Workers’ President? Germany’s August Bebel and Brazil’s Luis Inácio Lula da Silva in Comparative Perspective”

Speaker: John D. French, Professor of History and African and African-American Studies, Duke University, Durham

This event is hosted by the Jackman Humanities Institute Program for the Arts

FRIDAY, 26 MAY

10:00–11:30 **Session 4** *Resistance in the Workplace, Resistance to the State* (Munk School)

Moderator: *Philipp Urban, Institut für soziale Bewegungen, Ruhr-Universität Bochum*

Establishing Order in the Workplace: Legal Negotiations of Industrial Relations in Nineteenth-century Germany

Johanna Wolf, Max-Planck-Institut für Rechtsgeschichte und Rechtslehre, Frankfurt a.M.

Work and Work Ethics of a Craftsman, Businessman, and Socialist Politician: August Bebel’s Relationship to Work and Labour

Jürgen Schmidt, Karl-Marx-Haus, Trier

Comment: *Stefan Berger, Ruhr-Universität Bochum*

11:30–1:00 p.m. Break

1:00–2:30 **Session 5** *Labour, Class, State Security, and Violence*

Moderator: *Amerigo Caruso, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn*

Joining the Histories of Labour and Security: Class Formation, Negative Integration, and State Security in Britain and Germany

Christine Krüger, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

‘Now the only thing left for us to do is to take the path of violence’: Resistance and Rebellion in the German Empire from 1900 to 1914 and Beyond

Jens-Uwe Guettel, Pennsylvania State University, State College

Comment: *Anja Kruke, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Bonn*

SATURDAY, 27 MAY

9:00– **Session 6** *Class, Religion, and Modernization* (Munk School)

10:30

Moderator: *Carolyn Taratko, Universität Erfurt*

Precarious Integration: The Making and Unmaking of Working-Class Gymnasts in the Transatlantic German Gymnastics Movement, 1860–1900

Janine Murphy, College of the North Atlantic, St. John's

August Bebel, Islam, and the Pre-History of Socialist Modernity

Matthew P. Fitzpatrick, Flinders University, Adelaide

Comment: *Andrew Bonnell, University of Queensland, Brisbane*

10:30–11:00 a.m. Break

11:00– **Roundtable**

12:30

Moderator: *Stefan Berger, Ruhr-Universität Bochum*

David Blackburn (Vanderbilt University), Jürgen Kocka (Freie Universität Berlin), James Retallack (University of Toronto), and the audience

12:30– **Closing Remarks**

1:00

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