



11th Annual Conference on Asian Studies:

Commemorating October 1917: Re-thinking Marxism and the Russian Revolution in East and Southeast Asia

Organizers: Department of Asian Studies, Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic

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It is undoubtable that Marxism and the Russian Revolution of 1917 changed the nature and course of the entire Russian empire. However, the revolutionary wave also spread to different places as the news of it reverberated around the globe, including East and Southeast Asia. However, Asian governments, social groups, organizations, artists, activists, intellectuals, and last but not least workers, interpreted both the Marxian revolutionary ideas as well as the Russian Revolution in divergent ways. Hence, the objective of this conference is to analyze how Marxism and the Russian Revolution were communicated, understood and interpreted in East and Southeast Asia (with special emphasis on China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and Indonesia). More concretely, the conference aims to discuss the following questions:

- How did Marxism and the Russian Revolution transform East and East Asian societies? What kind of changes did they trigger in local societies? How did they reflect in politics, economics, language, literature, culture and art in East and Southeast Asia?
- How did the leaders of revolutionary movements in East and Southeast Asia respond to Marxism and the Russian Revolution? How did they perceive Marxism and the Russian Revolution and integrate them into their discourses? How did they conceptualize both the phenomena?
- Which strategy did the Asian Marxists use to popularize and spread the notions of Marxism and the Revolution of 1917 to the masses? Why had Marxism become a relevant ideology for Asian activists?
- What kind of reactions/actions did revolutionary events in Russia trigger in East and Southeast Asia among different governments, social groups, organizations, artists, activists, intellectuals, and workers?

Papers on the above-mentioned topics but **also other related topics are welcome.**

This conference is inter-disciplinary and welcomes research findings in fields such as political science, history, sociology, literature, art history, anthropology, gender studies and cultural studies. We welcome not only individual presentations that can be part of conventional panels, but also proposals for roundtable debates. We cordially invite teachers, researchers, and postgraduate students to propose presentations, which should be 20 minutes in length. **The application for the conference should include: (1) title and abstract of the paper, 300 words maximum; and (2) full name, title, affiliation and contact details of the presenter(s).**

Registration and submitting your proposal:

Please register [here](#).

Deadlines:

- The deadline for registration and submitting abstracts: **July 31, 2017**
- Information for notification of acceptance of abstracts: **August 15, 2017**

Participants will cover all their personal costs, including transportation, accommodation, visas, etc. Our staff can provide you with an invitation letter for embassies if necessary.

Conference fee:

- Standard fee: 1600 CZK / 60 EUR
- Reduced fee for students: 800 CZK / 30 EUR.

The registration fee includes:

- Admission to all conference sessions
- Conference materials (conference bag, badge, programme, etc.)
- Receipt of payment (on request only in pdf format)
- Coffee breaks
- Certificate of Attendance

Contact person:

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Publication possibilities:

Selected papers can be peer reviewed for publication in Department of Asian Studies' Journal *Far East* (website in Czech) and *Asian Ethnicity* (Routledge).

About the city of Olomouc:

Olomouc is the capital of the region of Central Moravia and belongs to one of the oldest cities in the Czech Republic. The region is distinguished for its agriculture, industry and beautiful countryside, as well as its historical and cultural traditions. The city dates back to the ninth century, when it was a power centre of the Great Moravian Kingdom, the oldest Slavonic state. Today Olomouc has over 100,000 inhabitants and its long history makes it one of the most beautiful cities of the Czech Republic, mainly due to its well preserved historical inner city, which after Prague, is the second largest in the Czech Republic.

About Palacky University:

Palacky University Olomouc is one of the oldest universities in Central Europe. Drawing on more than a 400-year tradition of higher education, it is nowadays an important centre for teaching and research with almost 23,000 undergraduate students in eight faculties. You can find more details about the city and the University on the following web pages: www.upol.cz/en; www.olomouc.eu/eng/.



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