

International workshop “From the Commune to Communalism? The Paris Commune and its Meaning for Democratic Theory and Practice.” (19-20 May 2022)

Day 1 (19 May)

09:30-10:45. Welcome and Introduction: Communalism as a Democratic Repertoire?

- Gaard Kets (Radboud University)
- Laura Roth (Universitat Jaume I)
- Mathijs van de Sande (Radboud University)

11:00-12:30. Session 1: Commemorating the Paris Commune: Why does the Commune Matter Today?

- Quentin Deluermoz (Université Paris Cité): “The Astonishing Persistence of the Commune.”
- Carolyn Eichner (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): “Many Paths to Justice, Many Types of Justice to be Pursued: The Commune as Multidimensional Map to Egalitarianism.”

12:30-14:00. Lunch break

14:00-15:30. Session 2. Communalism and the State I: between Anarchy and Confederalism?

- Ruth Kinna (Loughborough University): Anarchists and the Commune: Memorialisation and Constitutionalisation.
- Joost Jongerden (Wageningen University & Research): “The Commune Beyond the Commune: Abdullah Öcalan, the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), and Democratic Confederalism.”

16:00-17:30. Session 3. Whose Commune? The Dèmos in Communalism.

- Martin Breugh (York University): “A Democracy Without Titles? 1871 Against the Politics of the Few.”
- Sonja Lavaert (Vrije Universiteit Brussels): “Horizontality of a Spatial Event: The Commune from the Perspective of the Multitude.”

Day 2 (20 May)

09:00-11:00. Session 4. Communalism and the State II: Institutions, Legitimacy and Political Representation.

- Paul Raekstad & Enzo Rossi (University of Amsterdam): "Political Naturalism: Legitimacy Without Sovereignty."
- Sixtine van Outryve d'Ydewalle (UCL Louvain): "Rethinking Representation as Delegation in the Framework of Communalist Direct Democracy."
- Artemy Magun (European University at St. Petersburg): "The Institutional Design of Communal Democracy: Problems and Inventions."

11:30 – 13:00. Session 5. Communalism as Mobilization and Political Pedagogy.

- Matthias Flatscher (University of Vienna): "Revolutionary Clubs. Reflections on Political Mobilization in the Run-Up to the Paris Commune."
- Femke Kaulingfreks (Inholland University of Applied Sciences): "The Revolution Will be Live: Towards a Pedagogy of Radical Imaginaries beyond the Paris Commune."

13:00-14:15 Lunch break

14:15-15:45 Session 8. Communalism, Municipalism and the Commons.

- Sophie Bloemen (Commons Network): Title T.B.A.
- Christina Flesher Fominaya (Aarhus University): "Commons Thinking and Practice in the 15-M Movement and Spanish Municipalism."

16:15-17:15. Closing discussion: What is Communalism?