

WORKSHOP PROGRAM:

Rethinking United Fronts and the Far Right

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DAY 1 – Friday, July 20, 2018

9:30-10am

Coffee, pastries, fruits and greeting: Introduction

10:00-11:30am

Fascism Across Time and Space

Chair: Cynthia Wright

Ishay Landa, The Open University, Israel

The Magic of the Extreme: On Fascism, Modernity, and Capitalism

Himani Bannerji, York

Neoliberal Fascism Indian Style: a Comparison with the Fascism of 1920s and 30s Europe

11:30-1:00pm

Caste and Class Character of Ultra-Right Politics in India

Chair: Rupinder Minhas, York

Hira Singh, York

Hindutva and the Dalit Question: Authoritarianism and Populism

Raju Das, York

Fascism, the United/Popular Front, and Struggle for Socialism: Lenin's Theory of 'Revolutionary Compromise' in the Indian Context

Manisha Pandey, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

The Politics of Hate in India

1:00-2:00pm

Lunch

2:00-3:45pm

Crises of Contemporary Politics

Chair: Greg Albo

Lauren Langman, Loyola University of Chicago
Trump and the Politics Ressentiment

Wiebke Keim, CNRS-Researcher at SAGE, Université de Strasbourg
Family resemblances between the western European far right and Daech"

Pamela Irving Jackson, Rhode Island College
Peter Doerschler, Bloomsburg College
Right-wing parties, the empirical sources of their populist appeal in Europe, and
Muslims' response

3:45-4:00pm Break

4:00-6.00

Keynote Address:

Christopher Chase-Dunn, University of California, Riverside
Forging a Global United Front of the Left

Discussants:

Murray Smith, Brock University, and
Anna Zalik, York

Chair: Pablo Idahosa, York

6:00-7:00 Refreshments

DAY 2 - Saturday, July 21, 2018

8.45-9.00

Coffee/tea, pastries, fruits

9.00-11.00

Historical perspectives on united fronts against fascism and the far right

Chair: Sheila Delany, Simon Fraser University

Laura Browder, University of Richmond

Fighting the Normalization of Fascism: Lessons from the U.S. Left in the 1930s.

Gerald Meyer, Hostos Community College

Georgi Dimitrov: The United Front against Fascism

John Riddell, Activist and Independent Historian

Unity against the Right: A Historical Approach

11.00-1.15

Putting the Right in its Place

Chair, David Fasenfest, Wayne State University

Abigail B. Bakan, OISE

Rethinking United Fronts and the Far Right in the Contemporary World

Sonia Lawrence, Osgoode Law

Accelerants and inhibitors: legalism, the far right, and united fronts

Tanner Mirrlees, UOIT

Doxxing, Trolling and Swarming the Alt-Right: A Digital United Front against Platform Fascism?

Enakshi Dua, York

Racisms, The Far right, united fronts

1.15-2:15 LUNCH

Brown Bag Session:

Chair, A.T. Kingsmith, York

William Robinson, University of California, Santa Barbara

Global Capitalist Crisis and Twenty-First Century Fascism: Beyond the Trump Hype

2:15-3:45

Facing right populism and neofascism: constellations of resistance at multiple scales

Chair: Mizhar Mikati

Stefan Kipfer, York

The United Front as political grammar for our times? Notes on antifascism in France, then and now

Steve Tufts, York

Labour, Populism, and the City

Smriti Upadhyay, Johns Hopkins University

What's the matter with the right?' Understanding Hindu Rightwing efforts to organize labor in Gujarat and Kerala

3:45-4pm Break

4-5:30pm

Rethinking the Logics of a United Front - What is to be done?

Chair: Karen Murray

Vishwas Satgar, University of Witwatersrand

Climate Fascism - The Challenge of the Red-Green Alliance in Uniting Mass Forces

Gokboru Sarp, York

A Communism Made to the Measure of the World: Sexual Politics at the Crossroads of Comprehension and Action

Robert Latham, York

New approaches to united fronts and changes in capitalism in North America and Europe

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