

Internationalism and Anticolonialism between the Wars

Workshop
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9:00 – 15:30

Venue: Webex (online)

Max-Weber-Kolleg, Steinplatz 2, Erfurt
University of Erfurt

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Populated by a multitude of movements with common but also conflicting ideological ideals, transnational spaces between the two world wars of the twentieth century served as important arenas for developing ideas and methods towards decolonisation. Internationalism went beyond large-scale and institutionalised collaborations like the League of Nations or the Round Table conferences in London, to include informal networks of people from the metropole and the colony who shared causes and agendas in anticolonial political movements.

Focusing on radical political agendas and traditions of thought beyond Europe in transnational spaces, and the interwar period, this workshop examines how a variety of ideas and collaborations envisioned strategies, methods and governance towards decolonisation. The workshop asks questions to how ideology, context specific experiences of colonialism, and collaborations between groups with politically at times incompatible agendas united or disagreed around a common cause: decolonisation. It seeks to understand how decolonisation involved conflicts and compromises between movements, as well as participation and perspectives from the Global South, and vice versa, European approaches to the experiences and resistance of the colonised. With these and other questions in mind, the workshop welcomes a discussion on the global history of interwar anticolonialism.

Participants are welcome to register by contacting Eleonor Marcussen by February 1st, 2021:
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Preliminary programme

9:00-9:15 **Introduction**

9:15-10:00 **Willi Münzenberg and the League Against Imperialism**

Fredrik Petersson

10:00-10:15 *Coffee break*

10:15-11:00 **Anticolonialism, Antimilitarism, and the International Anarchist Movement, 1923-1935**

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11:00-11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15-12:00 **Decolonial Activism in Contemporary Germany**

Urs Lindner

12:00-13:00 *Lunch break*

13:00-13:45 **Pacifism and Decolonisation in the Interwar Period: Faith and Ideological Encounters of Pierre Ceresole**

Eleonor Marcussen

13:45-14:00 *Coffee break*

14:00-14:45 **Medical Aid as Foreign Policy Tool: The Indian National Congress' Relief Work in Southeast Asia in the Context of WWII and Decolonization**

Maria Framke

14:45-15:30 **Concluding discussion and comments**