People, Power, Politics:
(What) Can We (and Cultural Studies) Learn from British Marxism Today?
Workshop at Haus der Geschichte des Ruhrgebiets
21 March 2024
Programme

9:30 Welcome and Introduction

10:00-12:00 Comparative Readings, or The Past in the Present

‘All the Particulars There Are?’ Aimé Césaire, Edward Thompson and the Meanings of 1956
(Madeleine Davis, Queen Mary University London & Kevin Morgan, University of Manchester)

What Can Be Learnt from the Study of Thompson Studying Morris?
(Geoff Barr, The Open University)

‘Like a Nightmare on the Brain of the Living’: Generation, Time, and the Anglo-Marxist Tradition
(Ian Gwinn, Bournemouth University)

12:00-13:20 Lunch Break

13:20-15:20 Contesting the Future, or The Making of Post-Capitalism

To Call a Robbery a Robbery: E.P. Thompson on Digital Enclosures
Christian Huck (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel)

Moral Economies Revisited: Public Protest, Machine-Breaking and the Future
(Mark Schmitt, TU Dortmund)

E.P. Thompson and the New Orthodoxy: Eco-Socialism and the Desire(s) of/for an Ecological Class
(Alexander Kurunczi, Universität Wien)

15:20-15:40 Coffee Break

15:40-17:00 No Level Playing Field, or Football under Capitalism

The Moral Economy of the English Football Crowd in the 21st Century: The European Super League and the Contingency of Football Fan Activism
(Daniel Fitzpatrick, Aston University Birmingham)

Putting the People Back into ‘The People’s Game’: Rescuing European Football from Its Crisis of Capitalism
(David Webber, Solent University Southampton)

17:00-17:20 Coffee Break

17:20-18:40 Contesting Subordination, or Politics, Class and the State

In and Against the State? Lessons from Athens, London, and Preston
(Sebastian Berg, Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
The Disintegration of the Moral Economy and Far-Right Voting: Analyzing Capitalist Dominance among Italian Working Classes through the Legacy of E.P. Thompson
(Valentina Nava, Université Paris Cité)

18:40-19:00 Coffee and Cold Drinks Break

19:00-19:45 Collective Wrap-Up Discussion

20:00 Dinner