

From the post-war debates on institutionalised cooperation in Western Europe to the current dynamics of the European Union in the post-Cold War era, this conference investigates the impact of socialist networks on European construction and integration, as well as the role of European socialism in international (dis-)orders. Focusing on policy-making and international theory, and on their interplay, panelists will assess how socialist networks were influenced by relations with socialist parties and groups outside Europe (from America and Latin America to Asia, Africa and the Pacific) as well as with communist parties, and with parties on the right.

Re-assessing the tensions between internationalist and Europeanist outlooks across the defence, diplomacy and development agendas of parties and groups that define themselves as socialist, the conference will discuss the role of socialists in imagining alternative forms of European cooperation and institutions, shedding light on the legacies of empire in contemporary international policies (and on EU politics). Connections beyond the state, both above (through supranational, transnational and global frameworks) and below (with grassroots movements acting in parallel, support or defiance of official institutions) are of particular importance to analyse the drivers and limits of socialist and European identities and the recasting of Europe's global place since 1945. While this conference does not intend to centre on Britain or debates over "Brexit", investigating patterns of transnational socialisation in Europe in the wider context of decolonisation and the Cold War / post-Cold War, might shed light on contemporary dynamics and suggest some ways forward.

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EUROPEAN SOCIALIST NETWORKS AND THE REMAKING  
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AFTER 1945: POWER, SOLIDARITY AND NORMATIVE  
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SCHEDULE

## Thursday 21 November

9.40 Registration and coffee

10.00 Welcome and introduction

### 10.15-11.45 Keynote lecture

Chair : **Andrew Williams**, University of St Andrews

- **Luke Ashworth**, Memorial University, Newfoundland and Labrador  
“The roads to and from 1945. The British Labour Party and the postwar settlement”

### 12.00-1.30

**Panel 1** - European socialism in war and peace

Chair : **Philip Murphy**, Institute of Commonwealth Studies

- **Andy Williams**, University of St Andrews  
“The Labour Party and the SFIO in London in the 1940s”
- **Tommaso Milani**, Sciences Po Paris  
“Planning for Europe ? The interwar planist network and the Socialist Movement for the United States of Europe (MSEUE) after 1945”

Lunch

### 2.30-4.00

**Panel 2** - Socialist networks and the struggle for the liberation of Africa

Chair : **Richard Bourne**, Ramphal Institute

- **Mélanie Torrent**, Université Picardie Jules Verne / Institut universitaire de France  
“Imagining another Europe? The British networks of the French New Left during the war of Algerian independence”
- **Pedro Aires Oliveira**, New University of Lisbon, IHC-FCSH  
“The Fellow Traveller: Basil Davidson and the liberation struggles in Lusophone Africa”

Tea break

### 4.30-6.00

**Panel 3** - Europeanising socialist action: perspectives on solidarity and antiracism

Chair : **Richard Bourne**, Ramphal Institute

- **Thomas Mainault**, Sciences Po Paris  
“European socialists and international solidarity with Palestine: towards a socialist European network of solidarity in the 1970s and 1980s?”
- **Pamela Ohene-Nyako**, University of Geneva  
“Black British Socialists and the Europeanization of Antiracism, 1986-1993”

## Friday 22 November

### 10.00-11.30. Keynote lecture

Chair : **Mélanie Torrent**, UPJV, Institut universitaire de France

- **Christian Salm**, European Parliamentary Research Service  
“European Socialist networks in European integration in the 1970s”

Coffee break

### 12.00-1.30

**Panel 4** - New foreign policies? The impact of European socialists in the formulation of objectives and practices

Chair : **Sue Onslow**, Institute of Commonwealth Studies

- **Lubna Qureshi** (independent scholar)  
“Prime Minister Olof Palme, Sweden, and the Vietnam War: A Diplomatic History”
- **Pedro Ponte e Sousa**, New University of Lisbon, FCSH-UNL & IPRI  
“How the international context influenced Portuguese foreign policy in the revolutionary process (1974-76): change and continuity in NATO and the EU”

Lunch

### 2.30-4.00

**Panel 5** - Transnational conceptions of the “social”:  
Europe’s international image revisited

Chair: **Andrew Williams**, University of St Andrews

- **Aurélie Andry**, University of Glasgow  
“European socialists and ‘Social Europe’ in the long 1970s’: the story of a defeat”
- **Mathieu Fulla**, Sciences Po Paris  
“Transnational socialist networks in the age of the ‘Thatcher-Reagan revolution’: an attempt to influence the European policymaking under the Delors Commission”

4.00 Conclusions and publication plans

