

# *The International Echoes of the Commemorations of the October Revolution (1918-1990)*

**Switzerland, University of Lausanne, Géopolis  
(Room: 2227)  
14-16 September 2016**

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# PROGRAMME

## DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

**Welcome** **14h30-15h00**

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**Introduction** **15h00-16h00**

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*Presentation of the research project*

Stefanie Prezioso, University of Lausanne

*Introduction to the conference*

Jean-François Fayet, Universities of Lausanne and Fribourg

**BREAK** **16h00-16h30**

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**SESSION 1** **16h30-18h00**

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### **Commemorations in a civil war context**

Chair: Norman LaPorte, University of South Wales

- Ottokar Luban, Berlin: *The echoes of the Russian October Revolution 1917 under the state of siege in Germany, October/November 1918*
- Daniel Kowalsky, Queen's University, Belfast: *Exporting Soviet Commemorations: The Spanish Civil War and the October Revolution, 1936-1939*
- Anastasia Koukouna, University of Lausanne: *Commemorating the October Revolution in Athens, 1918-1945*

**EXHIBITION** **From 18h30**

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### **Opening of the exhibition:**

*"30 years of commemorative manifestations on the Red Square"*

## DAY 2: THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

**SESSION 2** **09h30-11h00**

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### **October is our history too**

Chair: Kevin Morgan, University of Manchester

- Eric Aunoble, University of Geneva: *To commemorate an event that didn't occur: October in Ukraine in the 1920s*
- Kasper Braskén, Abo Akademi University, Finland: *The International Workers' Relief and the commemorations of the October Revolution in Germany, 1921–1932*
- Nicolas Offenstadt, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne: *Russian Revolution, German Revolution: The Red Sailors of 1917 and 1918 in the commemorations of the GDR*

**BREAK****11h00-11h30****SESSION 3****11h30-12h30****Commemorations in Western democracies**

Chair: Korine Amacher, University of Geneva

- Jesper Jørgensen, The Workers' Museum and The Labour Movement's Library and Archives, Copenhagen: *The Commemorations of the October Revolution in Denmark during the Cold War – a marker of radicalism?*
- Matteo Bertelé, University of Venice: *Venice 1977: (counter)celebrations of the October Revolution*

**BREAK****12h45-14h15****SESSION 4****14h30-15h30****Commemorations in socialist parties**

Chair: Stefanie Prezioso, University of Lausanne

- André Liebich, Universities of Geneva and Vienna: *The Mensheviks commemorate October*
- Virgile Cirefice, Universities of Paris 8 and Bologna: *Celebrating the Russian Revolution? A socialist dilemma. France – Italy, 1945-1956*

**BREAK****15h30-16h00****SESSION 5****16h00-17h00****Under the gaze of foreign experts**

Chair: Brigitte Studer, University of Bern

- Carola Tischler, University of Konstanz: *Between exaggeration and underestimation – German military reports about the November parades before World War II*
- Valérie Gorin, University of Lausanne: *The journalist as a foreign expert – American TV correspondents reporting on the November parades (1960s-1980s)*

**DAY 3: FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER****SESSION 6****9h45-11h15****Echoes in the printed press**

Chair: Valérie Gorin, University of Lausanne

- Stephan Rindlisbacher, University of Bern: *Echoes of the echoes: Constructing Soviet self-image in the mirror of the international commemorations of the October Revolution 1918-1991*
- Korine Amacher, University of Geneva: *Commemorations of the October Revolution in the Swiss-French press (1918-1990)*

- Alexander Höbel, University of Naples: *Anniversaries of the October Revolution in the political-cultural magazine of the Italian Communist Party: Rinascita, 1957-1987*

**BREAK**

**11h15-11h45**

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**Conclusion**

**11h45-13h15**

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Kevin Morgan, University of Manchester

*Information on publications*

Jean-François Fayet, Universities of Lausanne and Fribourg