

The

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International

8th annual conference of the Danish  
Society for Marxist Studies

University of Southern Denmark  
6-7 October 2023

PROGRAMME &  
PRACTICAL INFO

Abstracts:



09:00 **REGISTRATION OPENS** (*DIAS AUDITORIUM: V24-501a-0*)

09:50-09:55 **WELCOME BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**  
(*DIAS AUDITORIUM: V24-501a-0*)

10:00-11:00 *ROOM V24-501a-0*  
**Marxism and Law**

Why Pashukanis was right -  
Abstraction and form in the  
general theory of law and  
Marxism  
*Carl Wilén*

*ROOM V24-411-0-A*  
**Scandinavian Social Policy**

The deplorable and the  
respectable: Economic ideas in  
Danish social policy 1891-1933  
*Anders Sevelsted & Troels Krarup*

The begging question: Sweden's  
social responses to the Roma  
destitute  
*Erik Hansson*

*ROOM V24-411-0-B*  
**Book panel: *Dialog med de døde***  
(In Danish)

*Mikkel Bolt, Tobias Dias,  
& Cecilie Ullerup Schmidt*

11:00-11:30

**BREAK**

11:30-12:30

**BENNO TESCHKE:**  
WHAT IS GEOPOLITICAL MARXISM?  
RADICAL HISTORICISM AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN MARXIST IR  
*DIAS AUDITORIUM: V24-501a-0*

12:30-13:30

**LUNCH BREAK**

13:30-15:00 *ROOM V24-501a-0*  
**State, Market, and Beyond**

The separation of state and  
corporation in capitalism  
*Mathias Hein Jessen*

Every cook can plan: Governing  
the global polis  
*Troy Vettese*

Fantasies of the state: Some  
thoughts on the work of Begoña  
Aretxaga and Yael Navaro  
*Birke Friedländer*

*ROOM V24-411-0-A*  
**Gender, Race, and Class**

The transit fix: Border  
externalisation and the interplay  
of capital and race in the transit  
'migration' state  
*Timor Landherr*

A typology of elites and classes  
*Christoph Houman Ellersgaard*

*ROOM V24-411-0-B*  
**Capitalism and Family**

Moving children, moving costs -  
The geography of forced adoptions  
in the Danish welfare state  
*Nanna Dahler*

Sexuality, solidarity, and  
strategy - How capitalism has  
shaped intimate relations globally  
and the possibilities of  
progressive forms of relating  
*Jeannette Søgaard*

**BREAK**

15:00-15:30

15:30-16:30 *ROOM V24-501a-0*  
**Arbejdsmarkedsinstitutioner**  
(In Danish)

Markedsmekanismer eller  
planlægning? Institutionelle  
konflikter indenfor den danske  
sundhedssektor under den  
neoliberale vending  
*Niklas Zenius Jespersen*

Af med Hovedaftalen -  
Deindustrialisering og  
atomisering af det danske  
arbejdsmarked  
*Eskil Halberg*

*ROOM V24-411-0-A*  
**Trade and Development**

The Viking social formation in a  
world systems perspective  
*Morten Ougaard*

Means of capitalist development:  
a Marxist political economy  
critique of the trade regime  
debate  
*Yannis Bougiatiotis*

*ROOM V24-411-0-B*  
**Digital Capitalism**

Platform cooperativism and the  
renewal of G.D.H. Cole's guild  
socialism  
*Tim Christiaens*

Productive labor in the era of  
digital capitalism  
*Søren Bøgh Sørensen*

09:45 **REGISTRATION FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT YET REGISTER** (DIAS AUDITORIUM: V24-501a-0)

10:00-11:00	<i>ROOM V24-501a-0</i> <b>Marxism and Corporeality</b>  Marxism and the body <i>Søren Mau</i>  Cannibals and animals of Capital: On dehumanisation and the capitalist grotesque <i>Magnus Møller Ziegler</i>	<i>ROOM V24-411-0-A</i> <b>Climate Mobilisation</b>  Ecological Marxism as a new form of internationalism <i>Georganna Ulary</i>  Capitalocene didactics: On the revolutionary potential of schools <i>Martin Hauberg-Lund Laugesen</i>	<i>ROOM V24-411-0-B</i> <b>Ghetto Laws and Migrant Workers</b>  Reclaiming the urban housing common: 'Common Resistance' against Denmark's 'Ghetto Law' <i>Bjarke Skærlund Risager &amp; Søren Christensen</i>  <i>Women and migrants in the Italian labor market</i> <i>Gianmaria Brunazzi</i>
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11:00-11:30

**BREAK**

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**CAROLINA ALVES:**  
WHAT IS NEEDED FOR A  
RADICAL THEORY OF FINANCE  
*DIAS AUDITORIUM: V24-501a-0*

12:30-13:30

**LUNCH BREAK**

13:30-15:00	<i>ROOM V24-501a-0</i> <b>Perspectives of the Global South</b>  '...a very good way of separating the sheep from the goats': The national question between South Africa and the Comintern <i>Daniel Badenhorst</i>  Imperialism and the militarization of Africa <i>Karen Helveg Petersen</i>  Autonomy through national industrialization as the form of international surplus transfer to industrialized countries: the case of VW do Brasil <i>Luis Cortés</i>	<i>ROOM V24-411-0-A</i> <b>Climate Policy</b>  How member-based democracy helped integrate climate concerns in investment policies: The case of AkademikerPension's wide-ranging divestment decision <i>Johannes Lundberg</i>  The transnationalization of the wind energy sector and the international fragmentation of the working class <i>William Westgard-Cruise</i>  The EU Taxonomy's sustainable corporate subject: The politics in financialising sustainability in order to finance the sustainable transition <i>Tessa Barnow</i>
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**BREAK**

15:30-16:30	<i>ROOM V24-501a-0</i> <b>History of the International Workers' Movement</b>  What was socialization? <i>Jacob Blumenfeld</i>  The internationalism of the Communist Women's Movement <i>Ksenia Arapko</i>	<i>ROOM V24-411-0-A</i> <b>Climate Catastrophe</b>  Roots or branches of the climate crisis <i>Lotte Schack</i>  Emergency environmentalism: Purpose, pleasure and politics in a catastrophic time <i>Ulrika Winter</i>	<i>ROOM V24-411-0-B</i> <b>Authoritarian neoliberalism</b>  The theory of the firm and the spectre of Marx <i>Benjamin Ask Popp-Madsen</i>  Peter Thiel's <i>From Zero to One</i> and the end of neoliberal internationalism <i>James Rushing Daniel</i>
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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Welcome!

Welcome to the 8th annual conference of the Danish Society for Marxist Studies! We are happy to once again welcome a wide array of scholars, students, and guests to what has become the seminal yearly event in critical scholarship in Denmark. Despite popular claims to the contrary, nationalism still penetrates all aspects of political and cultural life. For this year's conference, we look forward to presentations discussing aspects of the national and international in many different ways - as well as presentations on a host of other topics.

### Conference venue

The conference takes place at the main campus of the University of Southern Denmark (SDU), Campusvej 55, 5230 Odense M. There is a light rail service that runs from the city centre to campus. There is only one line (L), and the stop is called Campus Odense.

More info here:

<https://www.odenseletbane.dk/english>

### Conference dinner

the conference dinner is on Friday at 19:30 at Café Biografen (Amfipladsen 13, 5000 Odense C). It is only possible to participate if you pre-registered and paid for the dinner when registering for the conference. The meal will be vegetarian and vegan and consists of a set menu shared at

the tables. The price is DKK 155,- (drinks not included). There will not be a waitlist.

### Lunch options

The SDU campus is located outside the city, so there are no options to buy lunch immediately nearby. On Friday, the canteen will be open and it will be possible to buy snacks, sandwiches, etc. On Saturday, however, the canteen will be closed and we strongly advise you to bring a packed lunch.

### Wi-fi

Wi-fi is available across the premises with 'Eduroam' and 'SDU Visitor'.

### Hotel suggestions

If you have not yet booked accommodation in Odense, we have managed to secure a last-minute 10% discount from the following hotels:

- Hotel Ansgar
- Hotel Mini 19
- Hotel Mini 11
- Hotel Windsor

To use the discount, write directly to the reception at the relevant hotel and use the promo code 'SMS8th'. It does not work with their online booking system.

The conference is organised by Danish Society for Marxist Studies together with Sune Vork Steffensen (SDU). The steering committee of SMS currently consists of the following members:

- Marie Louise Krogh
- Mikkel Flohr
- Esben Bøgh Sørensen
- Lotte List
- Søren Mau
- Magnus Møller Ziegler
- Signe Leth Gammelgaard
- Charlotte Cator
- Markus Christian Hansen
- Dominique Routhier

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