

**THE LEGACY OF GEORG LUKÁCS:
AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

April 27-29, 2017

**Eötvös Loránd University
And
Central European University**

Final Program

THURSDAY APRIL 27
Eötvös Loránd University
Building A and Building I
(Budapest, Múzeum krt. 4, 1088 Hungary)

9:00 – 10:30: Welcome and Introduction – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Gábor Boros – Eötvös Loránd University
Janos Kelemen – Eötvös Loránd University
Michael J. Thompson – William Paterson University (USA)

11:00 – 12:30

Panel 1 – Lukács, Literature and Politics – Building I, Room -109

Presider: Ádám Takács
Norman Arthur Fischer: “The Political Meaning of Lukács’ *Historical Novel*”
Jack Coopey: “Idea of Form: Lukács and the Theory of the Novel: A Radical Foundation to Theories of Form and towards a Revolutionary Philosophy of Literature”
Federico Sollazzo: “Lukács’ Legacy in the Work of Art as a Pathway to Otherness”
Anita Zsurzsán: “. . . but not everyone, of course, was a citizen.’ Lukács on Robert Musil”

Panel 2 – Labor, Hegel and the *Ontology of Social Being* – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Presider: Michael J. Thompson
Michalis Skomvoulis: “Late Lukács’ Assessment of Hegel and its Philosophical Implications: Hegel in the *Ontology of Social Being*”
László Ropolyi: “Social Ontology vs. Ontology of Web-Life: How to be a Materialist in the Age of the Internet”
Monika Woźniak: “Lukács and the Discussion of *Entäußerung/Entfremdung* in Hegel”

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 15:30

Panel 3 – Lukács, Reason and Irrationalism – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Presider: Greg Zucker
G.M. Tamás: “Leaps of Faith, Leaps of Reason”
Cristian Nichitean: “Lukács’ Late Philosophy and the Critique of Irrationalism”

Panel 4 – Reification: The Legacy of a Concept – Building I, Room Bence (228)

Presider: Cody Inglis

Andraž Jež: “‘The Nature of Humanity, or rather the Nature of Things’ – Reification in the Works of Lukács and Benjamin”

Sean Winkler: “Lukács’ Account of Reification and the Hessen-Grossmann Thesis”

Tivadar Vervoort: “Lukács’ *Verdinglichung* and the Critique of Late Capitalism”

Arthur Bueno: “Reification, Commodification, Exploitation: A Lukácsian Critique of Nancy Fraser”

16:00 – 17:30

Panel 5 – Lukács and the Theory of Democracy – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Presider: Csaba Olay

Joseph Santiago Benavides: “Democratization in Georg Lukács’ Political Theory”

Man-kong Li: “Reconsidering the Normative Foundation of Democratic Socialism: Themes from Lukács and Márkus”

Konstantinos Gousis: “Capitalism vs. Democracy: Lukács and the Democratic Dimension of Contemporary Struggles”

Panel 6 – Ethics, Ontology and Human Rights (In Portuguese) – Building I, Room Bence (228)

Presider: Janos Kelemen

Toni Infranca: “Ontologia dell’essere sociale e Etica della Liberazione”

Fátima Maria Nobre Lopes, Adauto Lopes da Silva Filho and Valdemarim Coelho Gomes: “Elementos de uma Ética Histórica e Social na Ontologia de Lukács”

Alexandre Aguiar dos Santos and Lucineia Scremin Martins: “‘Direitos Humanos’ Entre a Particularidad burguesa e a Emancipação Humana”

Joeline Rodrigues de Sousa: “As Bases Ontológicas da Filosofia da Práxis”

18:00 – 19:15: Keynote Lecture – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Andrew Feenberg (Simon Fraser University): “Lukács’ Concept of Nature”

FRIDAY APRIL 28
Central European University
Building N15
(Budapest, Nádor utca 15, 1051 Hungary)

9:00 – 10:30

Panel 1 – Explorations in the Concept of Totality – Room 101

Presider: **Ádám Takács**

Mateus Soares de Souza: “Method and Totality in Lukács: From *History and Class Consciousness* to the *Ontology of Social Being*”

Michael Hauser: “Lukács’s Notion of ‘Concrete Totality’ in the Age of Fragmentation”

Kun Bence: “Transcendental homelessness and longing for totality in Thomas Mann”

Kaveh Boveiri: “Lukács’s Totality Contextualized”

Panel 2 – Lukács and Literary Theory – Room 106

Presider: **Greg Zucker**

Bruno Giancarli: “Reading *The Theory of the Novel* Today”

Yusuke Akimoto: “Is the Thought of the *Heidelberger Ästhetik* a New Kantian Dualism?”

Christian Lemuel Magaling: “Situating Georg Lukács in Philippine Literary Criticism”

Karolina Jesień: “The Popular Basis for Art in the Brecht-Lukács Debate”

11:00 – 12:30

Panel 3 – Irrationalism, Racism and Religion – Room 101

Presider: **Janos Kelemen**

Greg Zucker: “Lukács’ Critique of Racism in *The Destruction of Reason*”

Lindberg S. Campos Filho: “Lukács’ Early Critique of the Postmodern World View”

Juan Ignacio Castien Maestro: “Georg Lukács and his Analysis of Religious Phenomena”

Panel 4 - *History and Class Consciousness* and Dialectics Revisited – Room 106

Presider: **Csaba Olay**

John Rees: “An Examination of Lukács’s Defense of *History and Class Consciousness* in *Tailism and the Dialectic*”

Ivan Landa: “Orthodoxy beyond Limits? Lukács and Dialectics”

Wei Xiaoping: “The Evolution of Lukács’ Concept of the Historical Subject-Object and Its Modern Significance”

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 15:30

Panel 5 – The Political Dimensions of Reification – Room 101

Presider: Cody Inglis

Mariana Teixeira: “Unlimited Reification: Lukács on *Zerissenheit* and Resistance”

Joseph Grim Feinberg: “The Standpoint of the Proletariat”

Csaba Olay: “Reification in *History and Class Consciousness*”

Pepijn Scheepers: “Alienation and Reification in *The Ontology of Social Being*, Criticism and New Pathways”

Panel 6 – New Perspectives on Lukács’ Marxism – Room 106

Presider: Greg Zucker

Frank Engster: “Lukács’ Existentialism: The Three Formula of a Revolution: Classical Marxism, Lenin and Lukács”

Pu Wang: “From ‘Commodity Fetishism’ to ‘Teleological Positioning’: Lukács’ Concept of Labor and its Relevance”

Noah Bremer: “De-Alienation as Total Personality: Placing Lukács within Contemporary Debates on the Subject/Object Split in Marxist Ontology”

16:00 – 17:30

Panel 7 – Lukács Studies in Brazil (In Portuguese) – Room 101

Presider: Vidaclir Ortigara

Rinaldo Lara: “Lukács e a crítica da decadência da burguesia”

Vidaclir Ortigara, Patricia Torriglia and Astrid Baecker Avila: “Educação e conhecimento: uma necessária e urgente reivindicação ontológica a partir de Lukács”

Marlon Garcia da Silva: “O avanço contraditório da desantropomorfização da realidade nascida na modernidade burguesa”

Panel 8 – Lukács, Leninism and Stalinism – Room 106

Presider: Jordan Skinner

Chris Nineham: “The Actuality of Revolution Today”

Eugen Gabor: “György Lukács and Stalinism: A Complex Relationship and its Relevance for the Politics of the 21st Century”

18:00 – 19:15 – Keynote Lecture – Auditorium B

Stephen Eric Bronner (Rutgers University): “Lukács, Anti-Fascism and the Legacy of the Popular Front

19:00 – 20:00 – Reception – N13 Ground Floor Lobby

SATURDAY APRIL 29
Eötvös Loránd University
Building A
(Budapest, Múzeum krt. 4, 1088 Hungary)

9:00 – 10:30

Panel 1 – Lukács and Neo-Marxism – Building A, Lecture Hall 47

Presider: Ádám Takács

Endre Kiss: “Georg Lukács’ Ontology as Attempt to Reshape Neomarxism”

Georgiana Perlea: “*History and Class Consciousness* Meets French (neo-)Marxism, 1960”

Robert Jackson: “Lebowitz, Lukács and Postone: Subjectivity in Capital”

Panel 2 – Lukács, Method and Social Science – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Presider: Csaba Olay

Ágnes Kovács: “Lukács’ ‘Philosophy of Science’: The Implications of His Thought for Contemporary Debates on the Value-Laden Character of Scientific Inquiry”

Tamás Demeter: “*The Overcoat* of Hungarian Philosophy: Lukács’s Legacy for the Sociological Tradition of Hungarian Philosophy”

11:00 – 12:30

Panel 3 – The Actuality of György Lukács – Building A, Room 329

Presider: Cody Inglis

Ronaldo Rosas Reis and Juarez Duayer: “Postmodern Irrationalism and Critical Realism”

Paulo Henrique Furtado de Araújo: “Lukács and Mészáros: Critics of Weber”

Mário Duayer: “Unlikely Affinities: Borges, Kuhn, Lakatos and the Ontological Critique”

Marcia Regina Goulart S. Stemmer “The Importance of Lukács’ Ontology for Research in Education in the 21st Century”

Panel 4 – Reconsidering Lukács’ Theory of Reification – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Presider: Greg Zucker

Rüdiger Dannemann: “Lukács’ Reification Theory and the Idea of Socialism”

Richard Westerman: “Populism and the Logic of Commodity Fetishism: Lukács’ Theory of Reification and Authoritarian Leaders”

Panel 5 – Reflections on Lukács and the Crisis of the Archives in Budapest – Building A, Lecture Hall 47

Presider: Janos Kelemen

Janos Weiss: “*Mein Weg zu Marx* als geistige Biographie”

David Kettler: “Cultural Revolutionism: Lukács as Mentor”

Miklós Mesterházi: “Noch einmal über Größe und Verfall des Georg-Lukács-Archivs”

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 15:30

Panel 6 - Materialism, Ontology and Marxist Theory – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Presider: Jordan Skinner

Murillo van der Laan: “György Lukács’ Ontological Interpretation of Marx’s Theory of Value”

Jiří Růžička: “Lukács and the New Conception of Historical Materialism”

Thomas Telios: “The Syntactic Subject: Lukács, the New Materialisms, and Beyond”

Christoph Henning: “Lukács’ Ontology and Latour’s ‘New Monism’: A Defense of the Nature-Culture Distinction”

Panel 7 – Theoretical Origins and Methodological Motifs of Lukács’ Early Marxism – Building A, Room 329

Presider: Cody Inglis

Saulius Jurga: “What is the Function of Historical Materialism? Lukács on Method”

Eric-John Russel: “Georg Lukács: An Actually Existing Antinomy”

Panel 8 – The Presence of Lukács in the Experience of the Labor, Education and Class Struggle Research Group in Northeastern Brazil – Building A, Lecture Hall 47

Presider: Ádám Takács

Susana Jimenez: “IMO’s experience and Lukács’ Ontology: historical landmarks and main repercussions”

Valdemarin Coelho Gomes: “Theoretical production within Marxism, Education and Class Struggle Research Group: the analyses concerning the educational complex”

Edna Bertoldo: “Lukács’ contributions to contemporary education”

Helena Freres: “The ideological turn from centrality of labor to centrality of knowledge: a mechanism in favor of capital reproduction”

16:00 – 17:30

Panel 9 – Lukács and Political Theory – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Presider: Michael J. Thompson

Alexander Minotakis: “No Dead End in Class Struggle: Lukács against T.I.N.A.”

Victor Strazzeri: “Alienation and the *Polis*: Lukács’ Contributions to Political Theory and Their Role in a Revolutionary *Realpolitik* for our Time”

Jakub Nikodem: “Spinning Around Its Own Tail. Marek J. Siemek and His Reception of György Lukács in the Light

of Current Crisis of Liberal Democracy”

Tibor Szabo: “The Spirit of Europe: Lukács in Geneva”

Panel 10 – Ontologie, Wahrheit, und Kritik (In German) – Building A, Room 329

Presider: Csaba Olay

Claudius Vellay: “Georg Lukács’ Kategorie der Ontologie in seinem Alterswerk *Ontologie des gesellschaftlichen Seins* in Unterschied zu derzeit florierenden Ontologie-Begriffen”

Ryu Okazaki: “Hegel und Lukács über ‘das identische Subjekt-Objekt’”

Jean-Pierre Morbois: “Knowledge, Truth and Science According to Lukács”

Panel 11 – Lukács and the Structure of his Thought – Building A, Lecture Hall 47

Presider: Cody Inglis

Deodáth Zuh: “The Quest for Synthesis: Lukács as a Comprehensive Writer and the Reinvented Tradition of Grasping an Extensive Body of Knowledge

György Péter Hárs: “Sigmund Freud Reading Lukács”

Werner Jung: “The Continuity of Something (*Die Fortsetzung von etwas*) - Lukács’ early writings”

18:00 – 19:15 – Keynote Lecture – Building A, Faculty Council Room (039)

Agnes Heller (New School for Social Research): “Before the Fall: On Lukács’ *Soul and Form*”