General Issues

SOCIAL THEORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE


Drawing on narratological insights, the eight contributors to this interdisciplinary volume (based on a workshop in Leipzig in June 2013) examine how social scientists, historians, and philosophers discuss work within their respective disciplines, addressing the question of which forms of work are examined and which are excluded. It also considers what narrative patterns appear in academic discourses about work. One contributor examines how the history of work and technology is presented in museums.


This collection of essays in honour of the German jurist and social scientist Leo Kißler contains seven contributions about labour relations, including: an essay about new concepts of labour policy; another about workers’ representation; an article about occupational training; and one about organizations and social inequality. Nine essays address issues of democracy and political participation, mainly in Europe; one contribution is about the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), and one is a history of public governance in Brazil. The volume also includes a bibliography of Professor Kißler’s works.


The German Ideology was never published as a book by Marx and Engels, according to Professor Carver and Dr Blank. Rather, it is a literary collage constructed by many different editors from an odd collection of manuscripts, originally produced in 1845–1846. This study (based on a dissertation, Bristol 2008) sets out to explain how these manuscript materials, discarded by the authors after 1847, emerged in the 1920s as a one-volume work, exploring the reasons and motivations for the many different editions. The companion volume presents a new translation of the manuscripts misleadingly known as the first “chapter” on Feuerbach. The changes and corrections by the translators are visible within the text.

Professor Fischer analyses texts such as Marx’s excerpts from works by Machiavelli, Montesquieu, and Rousseau, along with Marx’s notes on Lewis Henry Morgan’s study of ancient societies. Using the term “alternate tradition Marxism”, Fischer sets out to uncover, through intellectual history and abstract philosophy, a tradition of Marxist ethics in the debates in Western political theory, particularly those that emphasize the republican value of public spiritedness, the communitarian value of solidarity, and the liberal values of liberty and equality.

Global Capitalism and Transnational Class Formation. Ed. by Jason Struna. [Rethinking Globalizations, Vol. 54.] Routledge, London 2015. xii, 120 pp. £90.00; $150.00.

Studying social class formation across borders, the seven chapters in this volume (first published in 2013 as an issue of Globalizations) include: an examination of the use of race by the “transnational capitalist class”; an essay warning of the danger of a transnational capitalist class-based fascist regime; and articles about sixteen transnational alternative policy groups (e.g. the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam, the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Berlin, and the India Institute for Critical Action in Delhi), ownership of large corporations, the relationship between the transnational capitalist class and national states, and iconic architecture and capitalist globalization.

HALEWOOD, MICHAEL. Rethinking the Social through Durkheim, Marx, Weber and Whitehead. [Key Issues in Modern Sociology.] Anthem Press, London [etc.] 2014. 174 pp. £60.00; $99.00.

Although Durkheim, Marx, and Weber had no fixed conception of “society” and rarely mentioned the notion of “the social” in their texts, Dr Halewood uses the phrase “the social” in this book as a conceptual device, to compare how these writers describe society. After closely examining texts of Durkheim, Marx, and Weber, he also briefly discusses the work of Georg Simmel. In the final chapter, he uses the work of the philosopher Alfred North Whitehead to develop a possible theoretical approach to the concepts of society, social order, and the social.


Investigating the relationship between capitalism and work time, based on the persistence of long work hours, Dr Hermann discusses neoclassical, Weberian, Marxist, feminist, and other work-time theories; traces changes in production and reproduction systems (Fordism, lean production) and their influence on work time; discusses the fragmented world of service work and the transformation of domestic work; reviews work-time struggles in Europe
and North America from the mid-nineteenth century onwards and the rise of part-time work; explores the impact of neoliberalism on the length and distribution of work hours and advocates shorter work hours.


William Thompson (1775–1833), one of the founding theorists of socialism, was a friend of Jeremy Bentham, a theorist of liberal capitalism and the founder of utilitarianism. Although their theories had the concepts of happiness and utility in common, their models of happiness were very different, according to Professor Kaswan, who examines Thompson’s utilitarian philosophy, his political theory, and his ideas that paved the way for the cooperative movement.


In this volume, Professor Howarth presents a selection of texts by the late post-Marxist political theorist and philosopher Ernesto Laclau, written between 1990 and 2007. The first five essays in this collection focus on Laclau’s concept of discourse and its implications for social and political analysis, while three others are about populism. In the remaining five essays, Laclau engages with the work of Alain Badiou, Jacques Derrida, Antonio Negri, Richard Rorty, and other thinkers of the left. The concluding chapter consists of an interview with Ernesto Laclau.


In this book, Dr Motakef introduces the sociological concept of precarization to German readers. She discusses various definitions of the term, ranging from “erosion of male standard employment” to all possible forms of insecure, non-guaranteed, flexible exploitation. Motakef examines debates about precarization in gender studies as well as in industrial sociology and sociology of work, highlighting issues such as the breadwinner principle and heteronormativity. One chapter is about the role of precarization in the theoretical-political movement of “post-operaismo” (“post-workerism”).


Based on the insights of Marx, Weber, Bourdieu, and Luhmann and illustrated with – unpublished – empirical social research conducted in South America and Asia, this book presents a theory of social inequality in contemporary societies. Professors Rehbein and Souza contend that capitalist societies command a symbolic world based on science and present inequality as the meritocratic result of competition between equal individuals.
thereby concealing and reproducing traditional symbolic inequality between groups of people. The book’s central thesis is that symbolic mediation of power lies at the root of inequality in all capitalist societies.


Seventeen contributions to this volume examine ways of using tools and concepts from the social sciences to study social movements in history (e.g. structural strains and Berlin environmental movements in the 1960s; communication theory and the early anti-nuclear protest movement; collective identity and the Allgemeine Jüdische Arbeiterbund; framing and the xenophobic movements of the 1990s; and resource mobilization theory and the Ku Klux Klan). The introductory section includes an overview of the state of social movement studies.

HISTORY


Countering mainstream Eurocentric accounts of the rise of capitalism and drawing on L. Trotsky’s theory of uneven and combined development, Dr Anievas and Dr Nişancioğlu offer an interdisciplinary and international historical analysis, covering: the Mongolian expansion; the Black Death of the mid-fourteenth century; sixteenth-century Ottoman-Habsburg rivalry; the New-World discoveries in 1492; the rise of Dutch capitalism; the English Revolution; the French Revolution; and the Dutch East India company. In the final chapter they review the debate about the origins of the Great Divergence.


Following the careers, ideas, and influence of Antonio Loredo, Diego Abad de Santillán, Manuel Villiar, and other migrating anarchists, in this book Professor Baer examines the exchange of anarchist ideas between Spain and Argentina through both immigration and return migration, aiming to demonstrate how supranational connections influenced the rise of the anarchist movements in both countries between 1868 and 1939, including the anarchist revolution in Spain. See also Andrew H. Lee’s review in this volume, pp. 165–168.

Based on a conference held in Taipei in August 2010, this volume offers a general method for quantifying and qualifying cross-cultural migrations worldwide from 1500 onwards. The editors introduce this method in the opening chapter, which uses categories such as immigration and emigration; migration to cities and to rural areas (colonization); and seasonal and multi-annual migration. The method is tested in twelve case studies by specialists on Russia, China, Japan, India, Indonesia, and South East Asia.


In this book, Professor Mendes provides a systematic historical and political overview of the relationship between Jews and the Left, tracing the Jewish-Left alliance from the French Revolution of 1789 onwards. He argues that the association of Jews with the Left may be attributed to a combination of the following factors: class and ethnic oppression; Jewish cultural values; support from the Left for Jewish equality; and, possibly, the urbanization and intellectualism of Jews. He also discusses socialist and communist attitudes to Jews, including Leftist anti-Semitism, the myth of Judeo-Communism and the rise of contemporary Jewish anti-Zionism.


The fifteen contributors (geographers, historians, and ethnographers) to this volume (based on a conference held in London in September 2010) consider the significance of mobility for socialist interpretations of modernity and challenge the assumption that mobility and freedom of travel were reserved for citizens of western states. They examine various aspects of travel, tourism, public transport, and automobility in socialist and post-socialist societies, for example, Soviet Central Asia, Estonia, Romania, Albania, Slovenia, and Serbia.


As a result of the international debate about “native welfare” and the responsibilities of empire, anti-slavery organizations emerged in Britain, Italy, France, and Switzerland during the European expansion in Africa between 1880 and 1940. In this book, in which the campaign against slavery in Ethiopia is pivotal, Dr Ribi Forclaz aims to demonstrate that this anti-slavery activism represented a new type of faith-based humanitarian imperialism that combined the traditional Nonconformist and Protestant networks with new Catholic groups that had ties with religious and political powers and with diplomatic and military circles.

Using autobiographical materials from the Comintern archives, Professor Studer focuses on the individual and collective experiences of men and women serving in the Communist International from its foundation in 1919 to its dissolution in 1943. She examines, for example: the everyday lives of these foreign professional revolutionaries in Moscow; gender organization of communist activity; mechanisms of control over the “Cominternians”; and techniques of “work on the self” employed in the formation of Bolshevik cadres. See also Fredrik Petersson’s review in this volume, pp. 171–173.


Examining domestic work in the contexts of migration, gender, and ethnic and colonial relations, this volume (based on a conference held in Linz in September 2013) includes nineteen case studies of domestic workers in modern history across the world, including: Slovenian domestic work in Italy; Philippine domestic workers in Canada; a domestic workers’ strike in India; slavery and servility in The Cape of Good Hope; household slavery in twentieth-century Morocco; domestic service in Yemen, Chile, and Brazil, respectively; and domestic worker organizing and the ILO. Three introductory essays provide a historical and historiographical framework. See also Silvia Federici’s review in this volume, pp. 161–165.

**COMPARATIVE HISTORY**

ClARK, Tom, with ANTHONY HEATH. Hard Times. Inequality, Recession, Aftermath. Yale University Press, New Haven (CT) [etc.] 2015. xxiii, 303 pp. £9.99; $22.00.

Comparing the financial crisis of 2008 to the Great Depression of the 1930s, and drawing on a joint research project by the universities of Manchester and Harvard, Mr Clark and Professor Heath analyse the social consequences of economic stagnation in Britain and the United States, aiming to demonstrate that in these unequal societies the poor suffer disproportionally. This paperback edition is a revised and updated version of the original edition from 2014.


Dr Studer contends that the rise of Europe as the world’s economic leader was not an outcome of the Industrial Revolution or colonial exploitation. Comparing market integration in Europe with that in India at both macro and micro levels and using newly analysed price and wage data, he aims to show that the Great Divergence originated in the seventeenth century. He argues that interacting factors, such as better institutions, favourable geographical features, political stability, and advanced science and technology may explain the early economic rise of Europe. See also Pim de Zwart’s review in this volume, pp. 156–158.
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES


The nine chapters in this volume (first published in 2013 as an issue of Nationalities Papers) explore the development of post-socialist urban centres, which, the editors argue, were originally designed by central planners to meet the demands of command economies. The contributors aim to demonstrate that, among the various economic, cultural, and political forces influencing the new urban centres (including Bucharest, Budapest, St. Petersburg, Yerevan, Astana, and Ulaanbaatar) nationalist aspirations have emerged as dominant factors shaping the new urban landscape. One contributor analyses memory politics in Estonia; another describes the fate of Lenin monuments in the Kyrgyz Republic.


According to Dr. O’Carroll, a key factor of working time within high-tech industries is unpredictability, which affects all aspects of time, from working hours and work organization to career and the distinction between work and life. In this case study of software workers in Ireland, whose time culture is based on principles of unpredictability and uncertainty, rather than on routine and standardization, O’Carroll explores the impact of unpredictability of working time. She concludes that while many people desire variety in work and the ability to control working hours, a culture of unpredictability causes dissatisfaction.


Exploring activism as a leisure activity and protests as events, the twelve contributions to this volume (based on a symposium held in Leeds in 2013) include: four chapters on media strategies (e.g. those applied by the 2011-2012 SlutWalk movement in Hong Kong and the 2008 British Plane Stupid action against airport expansion); four others using concepts of identity, embodiment, and categorization to explain protests as events (e.g. in urban protests in Istanbul); and four essays considering how events may be construed as protests (music as protest and Occupy Wall Street, 2011).

Continents and Countries

AMERICA

In 1804, off the Chilean coast, West African slaves seized control of the Tryal (the slave ship that carried them), executed most of its crew and tried, in vain, to sail to Senegal. After travelling around for a few months, they encountered another ship, the Perseverance, and tricked its captain, Amasa Delano, into giving them food and water. When Delano realized the deception, he instructed his crew to retaliate with violence. In this book, Professor Grandin tells the story of the Tryal slave ship rebellion.


After the passage across the Atlantic, hundreds of thousands of captive Africans were purchased by colonial merchants and then transhipped from disembarkation ports in Barbados, Jamaica, Dominica etc. to other British, Spanish, and French colonies for resale. Using records from the colonial American Naval Office Shipping Lists, as well as accounts from people who witnessed or survived the slave trade, Professor O’Malley identifies and quantifies the main routes of the intercolonial slave trade of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.


In this book about Italian anarchists in North America, Dr Tomchuk focuses on Detroit, Newark, and New York City in the United States and on three cities in Ontario, Canada. He explores anarchist publications and other cultural activities, analyses the influence of class, gender, and ethnicity, examines factional disputes, and considers how the anarchist movement responded to the victimization of comrades. The opening chapters present background information about Italian anarchism, the causes of Italian migration, and the creation of transnational anarchist networks. See also Andrew H. Lee’s review in this volume, pp. 165–168.


From 1627 onwards, English, Scottish, and Irish convicts, prisoners, and vagrants were transported to the Caribbean island of Barbados to work on the plantations as bound labourers; from the mid-1640s increasing numbers of enslaved Africans arrived at the island. Comparing the brutal white servant regime with the West African institution of slavery, Professor Newman aims to demonstrate that the coerced labour system provided the foundation for the system of racialized black slavery, and that class as much as race informed the establishment of plantation slavery in Barbados and British America. See also Richard Drayton’s review in this volume, pp. 153–156.
Brazil


Focusing on the Landless Rural Workers Movement (MST) and featuring contributions by seventeen scholars, journalists, and development workers, this anthology is about the causes and consequences of and contemporary reactions to the inequality in Brazil’s agrarian sector. The fifteen chapters include essays providing the historical background of the MST; case studies of landless peasants demanding land distribution by the government, information on the establishment of official agricultural settlements, and efforts to develop productive rural communities; and analyses of the MST’s relations with governments and the rule of law, as well as the influence of the MST on other Brazilian social movements.

Cuba


In this book about the historical dynamics of Cuban race relations, Professor Morrison, using archival, oral-history, and literary sources, and focusing especially on perspectives among people of African descent, examines the Cuban intersections of race, nation, and reproductive sexuality from 1750 to the present within the context of Spanish colonialism, slavery, late nineteenth-century Cuban nationalism, early twentieth-century modernizing nationalism, African-based religions, and revolutionary socialism, aiming to demonstrate that throughout history individual Cuban women and men have made their own racially-oriented choices in family formation.

Jamaica


In this volume, Dr McCahill makes available the correspondence of Stephen Fuller, Britain’s agent for Jamaica from 1764 to 1794, who was pivotal in the efforts of the West India lobby to justify and preserve the slave trade. Fuller’s letters contain information about the slave trade, the conditions in which Jamaican slaves lived and worked, and the attitudes of planters and their representatives. The volume also reproduces letters from a few of his correspondents and materials from the printed journals of both houses of parliament and the Jamaican assembly; the sixty-page introduction provides background information about the lobbying campaign.
United States of America


The Chicano Movement, which began with the famous 1965 San Joaquin Valley grape farm workers’ strike, was the largest civil rights and empowerment movement by people of Mexican descent in the United States between 1965 and 1975. Based, in part, on a conference held at the University of California at Santa Barbara in February 2012, this volume offers samples of recent historiography on the *Movimiento* in eleven studies addressing various episodes in and aspects of Chicano activism, countering, for example, the view that the Chicano Movement was a monolithic group.


This is a collection of advertisements to find indentured servants who fled bondage in early America. The editors have collected ca. 1,000 “notices” that appeared in newspapers in Virginia between 1736 and 1789, aiming to shed light on the history of indentured servitude in early America, especially on the lives of fugitive servants. The notices are printed without explanatory notes, but the introduction provides some historical background information. The volume also includes a historiographical note, a glossary, and a subject index.

Gourevitch, Alex. From Slavery to the Cooperative Commonwealth. Labor and Republican Liberty in the Nineteenth Century. Cambridge University Press, New York (NY) [etc.] 2015. x, 213 pp. $80.00; £55.00. (Paper: $27.99; £19.99.)

The Knights of Labor regarded wage-labour as a form of dependent labour, different from chattel slavery but still based on relations of mastery and subjection, and therefore sought to abolish the wage system and to replace it with co-operation. In this book, Professor Gourevitch reconstructs how the Knights of Labor and their predecessors the “labor republicans”, who derived their definition of freedom from a long tradition of political theory, appropriated and radicalized the republican tradition. He argues that the Knights of Labor were not just a passing phase in American working-class formation, but contributed substantially to republican political thought.


American antebellum slaves purchased goods and services unnecessary for subsistence, according to Professor Hilliard, and appeared to have gained emotional satisfaction from both the goods and the process of acquiring these goods. She studies the political economy
of the master-slave relationship in plantation communities of the coastal states from Virginia to Georgia between 1815 and 1860 through the lens of consumption and forms of exchange (buying, gift-giving, contraband, and theft), revealing complex ties of informal, illicit, and underground exchange. She also considers the “paternalist thesis” advanced by Eugene Genovese in Roll, Jordan, Roll (New York 1974).


In this social, cultural, and political history of race-based slavery in Georgia from the eighteenth century to the eve of the Civil War, Professor Jennison traces the history of slavery in Georgia from the emergence of a slave society based on rice cultivation in the “low country” to the expansion of slavery to the “upcountry” in the decades that followed. He argues that long-term economic and demographic changes, including the forced removal of Native Americans, account for the hardening of the racial system in Georgia. This book is the paperback edition of a study originally published in 2009.

**King, Shannon.** Whose Harlem Is This, Anyway? Community Politics and Grassroots Activism during the New Negro Era. [Culture, Labor, History Series.] New York University Press, New York [etc.] 2015. xi, 255 pp. $49.00; £35.00.

This is a thematically organized book about black politics and community rights in Harlem from 1900 to 1930, a period when Harlem transitioned from a white to a black neighbourhood. Professor King examines the roles of New York City’s political economy, labour unionism, and black labour activism; Harlem tenant campaigns; intraracial and interracial conflicts and cooperation in debates about the use of public space; and black responses to racial violence and police brutality in black Manhattan and Harlem. He argues that mobilizations for community rights raised the black community’s racial consciousness and established Harlem’s political culture.

**Laurie, Bruce.** Rebels in Paradise. Sketches of Northampton Abolitionists. University of Massachusetts Press, Amherst (MA) [etc.] 2015. xi, 177 p. Ill. $22.95; £18.95.

In the mid-nineteenth century, the town of Northampton, Massachusetts, became a centre of political abolitionism and a hub in the Underground Railroad, the network of secret routes and safe houses for people escaping slavery. In this book, Professor Laurie presents political biographies of five men who started the Northampton abolitionist movement: Sylvester Judd Jr.; John Payson Williston; Erastus Hopkins; Henry Sherwood Gere; and David Ruggles, the only African American among them.

Aiming to explain the economic ascent of Jewish immigrants to the United States, Professor Mendelsohn compares the history of Jewish participation in the American garment industry with that of Jews in the same business in England from 1820 to 1924. He discusses different specializations, such as the second-hand trade, manufacture, and sale of new clothing, and highlights the opportunities resulting from the westward and southward expansion and the Civil War, concluding that while social and cultural factors were significant, the nature of the clothing trade \textit{per se} was instrumental in the economic success of Jews in the United States.

\textsc{Pargas, Damian Alan.} Slavery and Forced Migration in the Antebellum South. [Cambridge Studies on the American South.] Cambridge University Press, Cambridge [etc.] 2015. xii, 281 pp. Ill. £55.00; $80.00. (Paper: £19.99; $29.99.)

Forced migration, Professor Pargas argues, was significant in the lives of American-born slaves, who were often reallocated to accommodate demand in various slave economies. In this book, he compares and contrasts the experiences of long-distance, local, and urban slave migrants in the American South before the Civil War; examines how different groups reacted to their new destinations and work regimes; and describes how forced migration influenced identity formation among American-born slaves.

\textsc{Vials, Christopher.} Haunted by Hitler. Liberals, the Left, and the Fight against Fascism in the United States. University of Massachusetts Press, Amherst (MA) [etc.] 2014. xi, 280 pp. Ill. £80.00. (Paper: £26.95.)

Examining newspapers and periodicals, television shows, Off-Broadway theatre, popular works of history, and other media; and focusing especially on the use of the word \textit{fascism}, Vials, a professor of English, traces the history of antifascism in the United States, from its origins in the 1930s through the struggle against McCarthyism in the 1950s, the Black Power movement in the 1960s, and the gay and lesbian movement in the 1980s.


Eliza Wigham (1820-1899) was a Quaker philanthropist, suffragist, and abolitionist in Edinburgh, Scotland, and supported the abolitionist cause in the United States. In 1863, she published this history of the American abolitionist movement from its beginnings in Philadelphia in 1775, through the founding of the American Anti-Slavery Society in 1833, to the Civil War. She intended to influence the British government, which, she feared, might side with the Confederates in the American Civil War and thus support slavery. This digitally printed version of her book appears in a series about slavery during the colonial era.

\textsc{Yarrow, Andrew L.} Thrift. The History of an American Cultural Movement. University of Massachusetts Press, Amherst (MA) [etc.] 2014. 248 pp. Ill. £80.00. (Paper: £24.95.)

The American thrift movement of the early twentieth century brought together people from diverse backgrounds, including YMCA leaders, temperance advocates, and business leaders, as well as civil rights pioneers, credit unions, and other progressive activists. This
book examines the intellectual and institutional aspects of the thrift movement in the United States within the context of other moral and social reform currents of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the rise of consumer society, and the conflict between “pre-modern” values and those of “modern” urban society.

ZIMMER, KENYON. Immigrants against the State. Yiddish and Italian Anarchism in America. [The Working Class in American History.] University of Illinois Press, Urbana (IL) [etc.] 2015. x, 300 pp. Ill. $95.00. (Paper: $30.00.)

Focusing on Italian and Eastern European Jewish immigrants in San Francisco, New York City and Paterson, New Jersey from the 1880s through the 1940s, this book explores the history of anarchism in the United States from the perspective of migration history. Using sources from both sides of the Atlantic, Professor Zimmer investigates how and why thousands of Yiddish and Italian immigrants became anarchists in America, and how their adoption of an anticapitalist, antistatist, anticlerical, and cosmopolitan ideology influenced their experiences, identities and actions. See also Andrew H. Lee’s review in this volume, pp. 165–168.

ASIA


According to this book (for general readers but fully annotated), until well into the eighteenth century, more slaves were employed in Asian areas dominated by the Dutch East India Company (VOC) than in the Dutch West Indies, while the Dutch slave trade in Asia was larger than that in the Atlantic. Using VOC archives and testimony by VOC officers, civilians, and slaves, Dr Van Rossum describes the extensive VOC slave trading around the Indian Ocean and the Indonesian archipelago and recounts how slavery impacted life in homes and at workplaces.

China


As most of the Chinese Trotskyists’ archive has been lost or destroyed over the years, the texts and documents in this volume are mainly analyses and reminiscences. The compilation includes: a study by Wu Jimin on Chinese Trotskyism (2008); autobiographical accounts by Chen Duxiu, Zheng Chaolin, Wang Fanxi and others; Chinese Trotskyist reflections on Mao Zedong’s revolution; articles and speeches by Trotsky about Chinese Trotskyists; and some correspondence, prefaces, and introductions to memoirs, biographies, and obituaries. In the introduction the editor provides a history of Chinese Trotskyism.

India

Exploring the history of coal in India, the third largest coal producer in the world, the fifteen contributions to this interdisciplinary volume examine social, economic, legal, environmental, and political aspects of mining, including land ownership and moral resource rights, safety issues and protective legislation for indigenous and local communities. One chapter is about the consequences of coal mining in colonial Assam; another about mining and migrant labour along the India-Bangladesh borderlands; and one essay focuses on gender in coal mining-induced displacement in Jharkhand. Three chapters address policy issues regarding coal in India.

Indonesia

INGLESON, JOHN. Workers, Unions and Politics. Indonesia in the 1920s and 1930s. [Brill’s Southeast Asian Library, Vol. 2.] Brill, Leiden [etc.] 2014. xvii, 352 pp. € 125.00; $163.00.

In this book about the history of the Indonesian labour movement between 1926 and 1942, Professor Ingleson describes how the Dutch colonial state managed the urban workforce and analyses the colonial labour movement in terms of politics, race, class, and gender. He discusses: different types of unions; the impact of the 1930s Depression; labour protests and the repression by the state; and the rebuilding of the labour movement in the years before the Japanese occupation, demonstrating that labour unions were more active in the colony than is often assumed.


Dutch colonial Java in the early nineteenth century was a minor centre of pre-industrial, artisanal cane sugar manufacturing; by the 1880s it had evolved into a world leader in the industrialized manufacture of sugar. Sugar (alongside coffee) had become pivotal in the Cultuurstelsel, the colonial state’s cultivation system. In this book, Professor Knight sets out to explain how this came about, describing the industrial revolution in sugar manufacture on Java, the agrarian basis for this project, financing methods, exploitation of peasants, and the role of the colonial bourgeoisie.

Turkey


In this revised and enlarged edition of a history of Turkey from 1800 to the present (originally published in Amsterdam in 2006), previously published in English as Turkey: A Modern History (London 1993), Professor Zürcher focuses on the key themes of Turkey’s integration into the capitalist world system and the modernization of the Turkish state and society. In a newly added chapter he discusses how Turkey has been transformed under the rule of the AK Parti over the past twelve years.

AUSTRALIA AND OCEANIA

TEAIWA, KATERINA MARTINA. Consuming Ocean Island. Stories of People and Phosphate from Banaba. [Tracking Globalization.] Indiana University Press,
Banaba is a solitary Pacific island now part of the Republic of Kiribati. From 1900 to 1980 it was mined for rock phosphate, an essential ingredient in fertiliser. As mining by the British Phosphate Commissioners stripped away most of the island’s surface, the land was rendered uninhabitable, and the indigenous Banabans were relocated to Rabi Island in Fiji. In this book, Dr Teaiwa presents stories, maps, and photographs related to this human and ecological catastrophe from 1900 to the present, drawing attention to the ethical and moral implications of unbridled resource extraction for indigenous peoples and global consumers.

EUROPE


Considered by some to be the most controversial labour market institution, job security regulations also influence the balance of power between capital and labour, according to Professor Emmenegger. Focusing on the private sector, he analyses the historical development of job security regulations in Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland, aiming to explain, for example, by emphasizing the significance of trade unions, why Nordic countries first regulated job security through collective agreements, while continental and Southern European countries relied on labour law.

France


The twenty articles in this volume focus on different aspects of the life and work of the republican and feminist writer André Léo (pseudonym of Léodile Béra, 1824-1900). This includes: her exile after the fall of the Paris Commune; her friendship with Pauline Prins and her relationship with Grégoire Champseix and Benoît Malon; her journalism; her feminism; her ideas about education; her fictional work and her connections with libertarian writers of her time. The volume includes the text of a manifesto concerning women’s work (1868), a chronology and a bibliography of André Léo’s novels, stories, essays, and articles.

Germany


Theodor Bergmann, the son of a liberal Berlin rabbi, and his five brothers and two sisters were more interested in politics and science than in religion. This small book features twenty (double) portraits, in which Professor Bergmann, a historian of twentieth century socialist and communist movements, tells the story of his parents, his siblings and their children,
most of whom were socialists, Zionists, or critical communists (supporting the Kommu-
nistische Partei Deutschlands-Opposition, for example). He sketches the background to
this family history in the introduction.

BOCK, NORMAN. Zwischen Verdrängung und Verklärung. Die ‘junge Welt’ in
der Auseinandersetzung mit der Geschichte des europäischen Kommu-

In this dissertation (Chemnitz, 2013), Dr Bock examines how publications by the far left
have presented the history of European communism. Focusing especially on recent issues of
junge Welt, launched in 1947 as a newspaper for youth in the GDR, he studies how this
periodical depicted the Russian Revolution, the Spanish Civil War, Stalinism, and the
German Peaceful Revolution of 1989, also addressing the question of whether the concept
of “left historical revisionism” applies in the case of junge Welt.

BUGGELN, MARC. Slave Labor in Nazi Concentration Camps. Transl. by Paul

Drawing on eyewitness accounts and written documents, in this book (largely based on a
dissertation, Universität Bremen 2008), Dr Buggeln examines the use of concentration camp
inmates for the German war economy in the Nazi concentration camp system, especially at
the Neuengamme subcamps in Hamburg. He traces the negotiations between those who
were responsible for the establishment of the Neuengamme subcamps, compares conditions
in the various subcamps, and considers the prisoners and their survival strategies.

FELSCH, PHILIPP. Der lange Sommer der Theorie. Geschichte einer Revolte.

In 1970, when the market for leftist books was thriving in West Germany, Peter Gente
founded the Merve publishing house. During the two decades that followed he provided
latecomers in the West-German student movement, squatters and punks, as well as aficio-
nados of avant-garde art with theoretical works, written mainly by Italian Marxists and
French poststructuralists. In this book, Dr Felsch describes the intellectual history of
Peter Gente, his companion Heidi Paris, and their publishing house, also addressing the
question of why difficult, “glamorously incomprehensible” theoretical texts appealed to
their readers.

JUNG, YONG SUK. Strukturwandel im sozialen Feld. Bergarbeiterfamilien im
Ruhrgebiet 1945 bis 2000. [Veröffentlichungen des Instituts für soziale
Bewegungen. Schriftenreihe A: Darstellungen, Band 54.] Klartext, Bochum
2015. 218 pp. € 29.95.

Miners’ families in the Ruhr region from the late nineteenth century onwards were char-
acterized by early marriages, many children, and housewives without paid employment. In
this book, an abridged and edited version of a dissertation (Ruhr-Universität Bochum,
2011), Dr Jung investigates how family structures among miners in this region changed
between the end of World War II and 2000, examining factors such as the influence of housing conditions and growing labour market opportunities for women.


Although Max Weber is often perceived as an interpreter of the present world, Professor KAESLER emphasizes that the world that inspired his theories differed significantly from ours. In this biography, KAESLER reconstructs the development of Weber's work within the context of contemporary ideas and controversies, traces Weber's scholarly and political activities, and sheds light on his personal life, aiming to demonstrate how his family background shaped his life and work. In doing so, he also presents a social and political history of Weber's Germany.


Based on files from the former East-German Ministry for State Security (Stasi), memoirs, and interviews, this book focuses on the daily routines and private lives of Stasi officers, describing their recruitment, training, and Stasi modes of operation; the required “social commitment”; Stasi members’ remuneration, bonuses and privileges; family life and recreational activities; and issues such as conflicts with colleagues, alcohol abuse, sexuality, and disciplinary measures. The authors conclude that despite numerous privileges, Stasi officers often found their work to be frustrating.


Die Linke, also known as die Linkspartei, was founded in 2007 following a merger between the Partei des Demokratischen Sozialismus (PDS, the legal successor to the SED) and the Wahlalternative Arbeit & soziale Gerechtigkeit (WASG, a spinoff from the SPD). After outlining the history of the SED and the PDS, Professor OPPELLAND and Dr TRÄGER examine the structure and decision-making policies of the ideologically divided Linkspartei and analyse its electoral results and strategic options.


Henry Ormond was a German-born lawyer who, between 1950 and 1973, represented victims of the Holocaust in damage claims and restitution lawsuits. The test case of former forced labourer Norbert Wollheim against I.G. Farben, the company that had employed
Auschwitz prisoners as forced labourers, led to damage compensation payments to former forced labourers from Buna-Monowitz, a subcamp of Auschwitz owned by I.G. Farben. This volume brings together Ormond’s pleadings in the Norbert Wollheim case and in trials against Nazi criminals. Each case is introduced by the editors. The book opens with a biographical sketch of Ormond.


Using autobiographical materials as well as academic literature and discussing sociological conceptions of how a society is constituted, in this book about everyday social life in Nazi concentration camps – daily activities and routine, social relationships, and networks – Dr Suderland explores the “hidden social practices” of Nazi concentration camp prisoners, through which they attempted to preserve their human dignity and a sense of individuality and social identity. This book is a translation of Ein Extremfall des Sozialen (2009).

Great Britain


The Book of Fallacies was written by Jeremy Bentham (1748–1832) to promote radical reform of the political, legal, and ecclesiastical establishments of Britain. The “fallacies” he had in mind were political arguments invoked in the Houses of Parliament to prevent reform measures. According to the editor, this edition of The Book of Fallacies, which has been reconstructed from Bentham’s manuscripts, is the first that follows Bentham’s structure in the work and includes material omitted from previous versions. The editor has provided indexes of names and subjects.


This series of photomechanical reprints of texts by Lord Beveridge (1879–1963) comprises: Changes in Family Life, the printed version of a survey in conjunction with a BBC series broadcast in 1932; The Pillars of Security And Other War-Time Essays and Addresses (1943), which includes a discussion of the 1942 Beveridge Report and influenced the conception of the British welfare state; Voluntary Action. A Report on Methods of Social Advance (1948), in which Beveridge expounds his idea of a “voluntary action” sector to ensure a buffer between the state and the market; The Evidence for Voluntary Action (1949), a supplementary volume to Voluntary Action; The London School of Economics And Its Problems 1919–1937 (1966; Beveridge was Director of the LSE from 1919 to 1937); and Full Employment in a Free Society. A Report (1944; a second edition was published in 1960). The seventh volume (A Beveridge Reader) is a reprinted anthology of texts by Beveridge, selected and introduced by Karel and John Williams (1987).

This book about changing ideas about the criminal underworld from the early eighteenth until the early twentieth century features case studies focusing on individual lives and criminal networks, in which Dr Shore emphasizes the significance of kinship and ethnic and community networks. It also includes chapters about themes such as the evolution of print culture; changes in policing and law enforcement strategies; the relationship between criminality and the press and courtroom constructions of criminal typologies; and the significance of urban space and territory. One chapter is about organized crime in Interwar London. See also John Welshman’s review in this volume, pp. 158–161.


This book is about the transnational connection between Italian democrats (especially Giuseppe Mazzini) and British radicals between 1837 and 1890. Mainly drawing on sources from the industrial North of England and emphasizing the significance of the adult education movement, Dr Sutcliffe traces how Mazzini’s writings on democracy, education, association, and citizenship, published in the radical press, influenced Victorian radicals, ranging from Chartists, early co-operators, and Oxford social reformers to self-improving skilled workers and artisans, highlighting figures such as George Jacob Holyoake and forms of education such as the “co-operative tours” to Italy in the 1880s.


Using personal testimonies of servants, factory workers, miners, and housewives and emphasizing that there never was a homogeneous “white working class”, Professor Todd recounts the experiences of people who pertained to the British working class from the period between 1910 and 1945, when “the poor” became “the people”, through the after-war years of a National Health Service, free education, social security, and full employment to the Thatcher period and its legacy: the end of full employment and extensive welfare provisions.


This book is about gardening in Britain, from subsistence horticulture to recreational gardening. Drawing on reconstructions of early modern gardens, as well as on manuscripts and printed sources, Ms Willes presents an account of ordinary gardeners in British history, including: Tudor husbandmen, who combined horticulture in their gardens with cultivating strips in common fields; market gardeners; housewives who cultivated plants for the kitchen and herbs for medicinal use; gardeners employed in elite households; nineteenth-century craftsmen who grew flowers in their backyards; working-class floricultural societies; and fruit and flower shows.
Italy


Though not democracies in the modern sense, the communes of northern and central Italy have been widely viewed as stepping stones to the modern world for their non-monarchical forms of government, their institutional creativity or their secular culture. Focusing especially on Milan, Pisa, and Rome, Professor Wickham describes how these autonomous city-states emerged in the twelfth century, ruled by consular elites, unaware, he argues, that they were creating a new form of collective government. See also Stefania Montemezzo’s review in this volume, pp. 151–153.

Russia – Union of Soviet Socialist Republics


The Russian communist Alexander Shlyapnikov (1885–1937) was a skilled metal worker, labour organizer and leader of the Workers’ Opposition, which, during the Russian Civil War of 1918–1921, advocated workers’ control of production. Despite the rejection of his proposals by Communist Party leaders, Shlyapnikov continued to express dissenting views about the Soviet socialist project. He was executed during Stalin’s Great Terror. Using various primary sources, including NKVD files, Shlyapnikov’s correspondence with Lenin and other Bolsheviks and diaries of Alexandra Kollontai, in this biography Professor Allen examines the life of the “Old Bolshevik” Shlyapnikov through his political education and positions.

Spain


This book describes the long and difficult process of the institutionalization of collective bargaining in Spain from 1850 to 2012, which paralleled efforts to democratize the political system. Only in the late 1970s, during the transition to democracy and after independent labour unions were legalized, was industrial democracy established in Spain, once the Moncloa Pact was passed in 1977. The implementation of the 2012 labour reform by the Rajoy government, argues Professor Barrio Alonso, marks the end of thirty years of uninterrupted social dialogue.


In the twentieth century, according to Professors Casanova and Gil Andrés, Spain experienced the end of the demographic transition, the disappearance of the traditional peasant world, the spread of education, women’s emancipation, a revolution in transport and...
communications, the rise of public opinion, and the extension of citizen’s rights. This book, a translation of Historia de España en el siglo XX (Barcelona 2009), presents a history of twentieth-century Spain within the context of these changes. Intended for a general readership, it includes a list of key figures, a time line, and a guide to further reading.


Aiming to show why the Francoist past remains problematic for people associated with either side of the conflict, this volume about the Spanish Civil War and its aftermath features: three articles about violence committed by the nationalist rebels, including one about aggressive Francoist antifeminism and the reversal of women’s liberation; two essays about violence in the Republican zone, including one about anticlerical violence; three studies focusing on repression and resistance in the postwar period (e.g. the prison system and the Church); one contribution about memory cultures of the Civil War and another about anti-Francoist historiography of the repression.


This translation of Gibraltar y la Guerra Civil española (Seville, 2009) offers a detailed account of the role of the strategically significant British colony of Gibraltar in the Spanish Civil War. Although formally neutral, Professor Ponce Alberca argues that the British authorities as well as the businesses present on Gibraltar favoured a Nationalist victory and, in practice, provided support for the Nationalists. He concludes that Gibraltar exemplified the calculated non-intervention policy promoted by Great Britain.