



THE NEW POLITICS PROJECT

Research Agenda Setting Workshop



Transnational Institute - 13-14 February 2016

Day 1 / Seminar

Introduction to the New Politics Project

- 9:00 Arrival and coffee
- 9:10 Welcoming remarks *Fiona Dove*
- 9:20 Introduction to the New Politics Project and objectives of the workshop *Daniel Chavez*

1. The global and regional contexts of the project

- 9:40 The global context: the nature and scope of transformative politics around the world today *Christophe Aguiton*
- 10:00 Europe – Counter-hegemonic politics in times of austerity, ideological uncertainty and regressive policies *Andreas Karitzis
Vedran Horvat*
- 10:30 Africa – Is there any hope for progressive politics and economics in the sub-Saharan region? *Olmo van Meijenfeldt
Brian Ashley
Dinga Sikwebu*
- 11:05 *Coffee break*
- 11:15 Latin America – Academic and political debates around ‘the end of a cycle’ *Mabel Thwaites Rey
Edgardo Lander*
- 11:45 Asia – Radical politics, political parties and social movements: what is *old* and what is *new*? *Benny Kuruvilla
Meena Menon
(via Skype, tbc)*
- 12:05 North America – Progressive politics and activism in the United States and Canada: what’s next? *Patrick Barrett
Laura Flanders*
- 12:40 Questions and answers and open discussion on session 1 topics *All participants*
- 13:00 *Lunch break*

2. Some key thematic issues

- 14:30 Current debates on forms of political organisation: parties, movements, coalitions and fronts *Hilary Wainwright
Sol Trumbo*
- 15:00 Autonomism versus state-ism? Current discussions about agency and political projects *Ana Dinerstein
Brian Ashley*
- 15:30 Rebel cities. Potentialities and limitations of the local space for emancipatory politics and policies *Alfredo Ramos
Daniel Chavez*
- 16:00 What do *left governments* and *progressive public policy* really mean today? From theory to practice... *Giannis Margaritis
Sebastián Torres*
- 16:30 Reclaiming *publicness*: why should we care about economics, public services and public finances? *Daniel Diaz Fuentes
Tom Marois
Alberto Cortes*
- 17:00 *Coffee break*
- 17:10 Rethinking left theory: How to be an anti-capitalist in the 21st century? *Erik Olin Wright
(via Skype, tbc)*
- 17:40 The *new radical agenda*: cultural politics, the commons and the solidarity economy, technological change and environmental challenges *Tomislav Tomasevic
Hilary Wainwright*
- 18:10 Questions and answers and open discussion on session 2 topics *All participants*
- 18:40 *Drinks at TNI*
- 19:30 **Group dinner**
*Homeland Brewery
Kattenburgerstraat 5*

Day 2 / Workshop

9:00 Arrival and coffee

3. Lessons from previous projects and related initiatives

- 09:15 A review of previous and ongoing initiatives in the field of 'New Politics' and 'New Economics' *Daniel Chavez*
- 9:30 The Real Utopias Project: the experience of the Havens Center *Patrick Barrett*
- 9:45 The New Politics Project – An organisational and methodological proposal from TNI *Fiona Dove*

4. Information-sharing session

- 10:00 What are we doing (or planning to do) in the broad field of New Politics? Opportunities for synergy and joint work *All participants*
- 11:30 *Coffee break* *All participants*
- 11:40 Open floor discussion: how to engage with social movements, political parties and governments? *All participants*
- 12:30 *Lunch at TNI*

5. Joint strategising and planning

- 13:45 Open floor discussion on strategy and plans. Guiding questions: *All participants*
- * *What is our common understanding of New Politics?*
 - * *What should we prioritise in the New Politics research plan for 2016?*
 - * *How could we work together with other organisations and networks?*
- 15:50 *Coffee break*
- 16:00 Open floor discussion *All participants*
Concrete activities and action plan
- 17:30 *Wrap-up and drinks at TNI*

The meeting will take place at the TNI Seminar Room
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