

USPC-NUS Conference
The Asian Arc of the Russian Revolution: Setting the East Ablaze?
Yale-NUS College, National University of Singapore, 16-17 November

Programme

Thursday, 16 November

- 09:20 Conference registration opens
- 09:45 Opening remarks and introduction on USPC-NUS collaboration
- 10:00-12:00 Session 1: Revolution in Central Asia and the Caucasus
Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre
Chair: Mate Rigo (Yale-NUS College)
Cloe Drieu (École des hautes études en sciences sociales)
“Revolutionary Situation in Turkestan (February 1917-February 1918): The Local Rationales of the Russian Revolutions”
Etienne Peyrat (Sciences Po Lille)
“Freedom on the Fence: Dynamics of Revolution in the Caucasian Borderlands, 1917-1919”
Aude-Cecile Monnot (Sciences Po)
“‘Down with Imperialist Legality’? Mapping the 1917 Revolutionary Turn in the Field of Justice in Central Asia”
Aminat Chokobaeva (Australian National University)
“The Broken Trough: Revolution and Civil War in Semirechye, 1917-1921”
- 12:00 Lunch (all welcome)
- 13:00-15:00 Session 2: Making Revolution in Asia
Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre
Chair: Yuexin Rachel Lin (National University of Singapore)
Anna Belogurova (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
“The Prewar Philippine Communist Movement”
Jérémie Tamiatto (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)
“Comintern Agents in the Chinese Revolution”
Radityo Dharmaputra, M. Anugrah Pratama and Tisa Larasati
(Universitas Airlangga)
“Russian Revolution and Indonesian Communist Movement: Understanding the Relationship between Islam and Communism in Indonesia”
Alisa Shablovskaia (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3)
“Bandits, Patriots and Nomads: Early Soviet Revolutionary Designs in Iran”
Aleksandr Korobeinikov (Higher School of Economics St Petersburg)
“Revolutionary Processes on the Northeast: Post-Imperial Political Projects of the Yakut Intelligentsia, 1905-1919”
- 15:00 Tea break (all welcome)
- 15:30-17:30 Session 3: Revolutionary Currents across Borders and Communities
Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre
Chair: Per Anders Rudling (Lund University)
Yoshiro Ikeda (Tokyo University)

“The Provisional Government and the East Within and Outside Russia”

Xavier Hallez (École des hautes études en sciences sociales)

“The Revolution in the ‘Orient’ by Soviet Russia’s ‘Orientals’”

Ivan Sablin (Ruhr University Bochum)

“A Revolution for Asia: Koreans and Buryat-Mongols between the Russian Imperial Revolution and the Soviet New Imperialism, 1917-1926”

Xie Kankan (University of California, Berkeley)

“Estranged Comrades: Communism, Identity Politics and Interwoven Networks of the Late Colonial Malay World, 1927-1942”

17:30

Break

18:00

Public keynote: “Transnational Communism and Anticolonialism: Reassessing the Comintern in Asia”

Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre

Chair: Naoko Shimazu (Yale-NUS)

Speaker: Professor Sabine Dullin (Sciences Po)

19:30

Dinner in Cendana Rector’s Common Room

Friday, 17 November

10:00-12:00

Session 4: The Revolution in Images, Places, Texts, Ideas

Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre

Chair: Maria Taroutina (Yale-NUS College)

Alison Carroll (University of Melbourne)

“The Impact of Soviet Arts Practices through the Asia-Pacific Region”

Zhang Jianhua (Beijing Normal University)

“The Memory of Moscow Restaurant in Beijing: Changing Images of the October Revolution and Soviet Culture in China”

Steven Lee (University of California, Berkeley)

“Writing Revolution across Northeast Asia”

Nachiket Kulkarni (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

“Bolshevik Revolution and Anti-Caste Movements: Possible Alternative Paths to Socialism in India”

12:00

Lunch (all welcome)

13:00-15:00

Session 5: The Revolution’s Legacy in South and Southeast Asia

Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre

Chair: Claudine Ang (Yale-NUS College)

Farabi Fakhri (Universitas Gadjah Mada)

“Responses to the Revolution in the Indonesian and Dutch Press”

Jittipat Poonkham (Thammasat University)

“The Russian Revolution and Anticommunism in Thailand: A Genealogical Trajectory”

Tuong Vu (University of Oregon)

“The Russian Revolution and Vietnam”

Vinay Lal (University of California, Los Angeles)

“The Russian Revolution in the Indian Nationalist Imaginary”

15:00

Tea break (all welcome)

15:30-16:30

Roundtable and conclusion

Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre

Chair: Sabine Dullin and Naoko Shimazu

Cloe Drieu (École des hautes études en sciences sociales)

Yoshiro Ikeda (Tokyo University)

Tuong Vu (University of Oregon)

16:45

Bus departs from Yale-NUS to Kampong Glam