



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# Revolution and Counter-Revolution: Europe Before and After Lenin, 1915-1936

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Sala de Juntes, Facultat de Filosofia y Lletres

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Organized by: Grup de Recerca en Guerra, Radicalisme Polític i Conflicte Social (GRECS), a Research Group composed of Researchers from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and the University of Girona

The International Conference *Revolution and Counter-Revolution: Europe Before and After Lenin, 1915-1936* addresses the impact of the revolutionary model proposed by Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, *Lenin*, as well as the counter-revolutionary reaction it generated in Europe. The European continent was the epicenter of this project and a broad counter-revolutionary reaction between 1915 and 1936. One hundred years after Lenin's death, we are at the right time to reflect on the impact of the Leninist project and the reaction it provoked within a range of two war contexts with clear starting and ending points: the Zimmerwald Conference and the arrival of the International Brigades in Republican Spain.



Therefore, the conference focuses on two historical dynamics, this revolution-counter-revolution dynamic: 1915-1924, on the one hand, and 1924-1936, on the other. The first chronological block will examine the theoretical and practical essence of the revolutionary project between the Zimmerwald Conference and Lenin's death in January 1924, and the counter-revolutionary response to the new ideological, political, economic, social, and cultural scenario that opened up with the triumph of the Bolshevik project. The second chronological block will analyze the evolution and modification of the Leninist revolutionary model and the new forms of counter-revolution in Europe from 1924, especially in its most intense and complete form, fascism. The conflicting dynamics between communism and anti-communism, between fascism and anti-fascism, culminated in an international conflict like the Spanish Civil War, when, between July and October 1936, the new forms represented by both Italian and German intervention in favor of rebel Spain, and the anti-fascist response in the form of the International Brigades, became evident.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference will take place on November 7-8, 2024, at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). Researchers from Spain, Russia, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland will present their respective invited papers, which will be complemented by presentations on the first day of the conference. Proposals for presentations that fit within this thematic-chronological framework are welcome. Up to six presentations, each 15 minutes long, will be accepted, selected by the Scientific Committee of the Conference, and must be presented in person.

Presentation abstracts, in any of the three official languages of the conference - Catalan, Spanish, or English - must include a title, a summary of up to 100 words, and a brief CV of the author(s). Selected participants will be provided with accommodation and travel to Barcelona. The deadline for submitting proposals is September 9, 2024.

Proposals should be sent to [giorgia.priorelli@udg.edu](mailto:giorgia.priorelli@udg.edu) and [gabriel.rabelo@uab.cat](mailto:gabriel.rabelo@uab.cat)



## PROGRAM

**NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

09:30-11:00 INAUGURATION: JAVIER RODRIGO (GRECS-UAB)

INAUGURAL LECTURE: TO BE DETERMINED

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:45 SESSION I: 1917-1924. CHAIR: GIAIME PALA (GRECS-UDG)

JOSÉ LUIS MARTÍN RAMOS (UAB): LENIN: IMPERIALISMO Y GUERRA PERMANENTE O REVOLUCIÓN MUNDIAL

MAXIMILIANO FUENTES (GRECS-UDG): ENTRE LA GRAN GUERRA Y EL FASCISMO: DERECHAS, ANTILIBERALISMO Y EL FANTASMA DE LA DEMOCRACIA

MATTEO MILLAN (UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA) : THE INTERNATIONAL OF COUNTERREVOLUTION: CIVIL MILITIAS, STRIKEBREAKING AND ANTI-SOCIALIST NETWORKS IN POST-WORLD WAR I WESTERN EUROPE

DARIA DYAKONOVA (INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE IN GENEVA): WITHOUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST WOMEN'S MOVEMENT THE WORK OF OUR INTERNATIONAL AND ITS PARTIES CAN NEVER BE COMPLETE: REVOLUTION AND WOMEN'S EMANCIPATION IN LENIN'S TIME

16:00-18:00 PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND DEBATE. CHAIR: GABRIEL RABELO (GRECS-UAB)

**NOVEMBER 8, 2024**

09:00-10:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE: TO BE DETERMINED. CHAIR: GIORGIA PRIORELLI (GRECS-UdG)

10:00-12:15 SESSION II: 1925-1936. CHAIR: GIORGIA PRIORELLI (GRECS-UdG)

JOSEP PUIGSECH FARRÀS (GRECS-UAB): EL LEGADO DE LENIN EN LA INTERNACIONAL COMUNISTA ANTE EL ASCENSO DEL FASCISMO: ¿REVOLUCIÓN O INVOLUCIÓN?

OLGA VOLOSUYK (NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY, MOSCOW): LENIN Y LA CONSTRUCCIÓN DEL ESTADO SOVIÉTICO DESDE LA PERSPECTIVA ACADÉMICA RUSA

JOAN PUBILL BRUGUÉS (GRECS-UAB): LENIN EN EL PENSAMIENTO CONTRARREVOLUCIONARIO, 1920s-30s

MATTEO PASETTI (UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA): THE “REVOLUTIONARY CONSERVATISM”? FASCISM, CORPORATISM, AND SOCIAL STABILITY IN THE AFTERMATH OF WWI

12:15-12:30 COFFEE BREAK

12:30-14:00 CLOSING LECTURE. CHAIR: JOSEP PUIGSECH (GRECS-UAB)

FERRAN GALLEGRO (UAB): ENTRE LA TINTA Y LA SANGRE. EL DISCURSO Y LA PRÁCTICA DEL FASCISMO DE ENTREGUERRAS

**SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN CATALAN, SPANISH, OR ENGLISH**

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