An online symposium on the life and legacy of an incredible woman, for whom “the most revolutionary thing one can do is always to proclaim loudly what is happening”.

Rosa Luxemburg was a towering figure of the classical socialist movement—a brilliant thinker, sharp-tongued rhetorician, and trailblazing leader of the proletarian cause. In a series of panels, discussions, and keynote lectures, we discuss Rosa Luxemburg’s political and economic thought, highlighting her many contributions to the socialist idea and seeking to apply those insights to our twenty-first century reality, riven by economic crisis and the social pressures wrought by a global pandemic. What can Luxemburg teach us about economic crisis, gender relations, revolutionary patience, and the struggle for a world beyond capitalism? Where have her ideas remained relevant, and where do they require modification?

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11:00 OPENING REMARKS FROM JOHANNA BUSSEMER (RLS) AND OTTOKAR LUBAN (IRLG)

11:15 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL LÖWY, “EITHER/OR: ROSA LUXEMBURG’S RADICAL COMMITMENT TO SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM”

13.00 ROSA LUXEMBURG’S RECEPTION ON THE ASIAN CONTINENT
Chair: Sobhanlal Datta Gupta
- Xiong Min, “What can Rosa Luxemburg tell us about being an intellectual today?”
- Ravi Kumar, “Rosa Luxemburg and the pedagogy of revolution: reflections from the Indian Left”
- Sibok Chang, “Rosa Luxemburg’s reception and impact in Korea”
- Michael R. Kraetke, “Rosa Luxemburg’s heterodox view on the Global South”

15:00 THE ENDURING QUESTION: FEMINISM AND ROSA LUXEMBURG
Chair: Sandra Rein
- Ankica Čakardić, “What is Luxemburgian feminism?”
- Frigga Haug, “How to use Luxemburg’s thoughts for feminist politics?”

17:00 ROSA LUXEMBURG IN LATIN AMERICA
Chair: Pablo Slavin
- Rosa Rosa Gomes, “An analysis of the Brazilian Left from Luxemburg’s point of view”
- Marina Kabat, “Rosa Luxemburg, the mass strike debate, and its implications for understanding contemporary labor unrest and political dynamics in Latin America”
- Juliana Tumini, “The role of the right to the city as an instrument of revolution in Latin America: A view from Rosa Luxemburg’s perspective”
- Tomás Várnagy, “Rosa Luxemburg, a Central European revolutionary”

19:00 BOOK LAUNCH: CREOLIZING ROSA LUXEMBURG
Chair: Albert Scharenberg
- Drucilla Cornell and Jane Gordon, “’I Have a Thousand More Things I Want to Say to You’: An introduction to Creolizing Rosa Luxemburg”
- Paget Henry, “Claudia Jones, political economy, and the creolizing of Rosa Luxemburg”
- Robin D.G. Kelley, “Walter Rodney’s Russian Revolution and the curious case of Rosa Luxemburg”
- Siddhant Issar and John McMahon, “Rosa Luxemburg and the primitive accumulation of whiteness”

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11:15 OPENING REMARKS FOR DAY 2 FROM LOREN BALHORN (RLS)

11:30 ROSA LUXEMBURG AND THE CHALLENGE OF POLITICAL STRATEGY
Chair: Johanna Bussemer
- Lea Ypi, Michael Brie, Joshua Wavrant (tbc)

14:00 ROSA LUXEMBURG AND THE WRITTEN WORD
Chair: Julia Killet
- Kate Evans, “Writing Red Rosa: creating the graphic biography of Rosa Luxemburg”
- Helen Scott, “Rosa Luxemburg’s literary analysis”
- Dana Mills, “By itself every book is something terrible unapproachable: Rosa Luxemburg as a reader & culture enthusiast”

16:00 ROSA LUXEMBURG TODAY: THE ACCUMULATION OF CAPITAL AND THE MASS STRIKE IN THE CRISIS OF NEOLIBERAL CAPITALISM
Chair: Ingo Schmidt
- Riccardo Bellofiore, “Stagnation and progress in Marxism after Rosa Luxemburg”
- Radhika Desai, “Capitalist contradictions and imperialism in Rosa Luxemburg’s thought”
- Rida Vaquas, “Rosa Luxemburg’s political mass strike and the international labour movement today”
- Robert Ovetz, “The continuing relevance of The Mass Strike: Reading Rosa Luxemburg as strategy”

18.00 CLOSING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION BY PETER HUDIS, “USING ROSA LUXEMBURG TO UNDERSTAND RACIALIZED CAPITALISM”