
This volume contains a biography of Max Stirner, the author of the famous work *The Ego and Its Own* (*Der Einzige und sein Eigentum, 1844*), and a discussion of this nihilistic, anarchistic critique of both liberalism and socialism, which influenced the ideas of existentialists, surrealists, and such diverse figures as Nietzsche, Zod’Axa, Georges Darien, Raoul Vaneigem, B. Traven, and Victor Serge. This discussion is supplemented by an analysis of Marx’s polemic against Stirner in *Die deutsche Ideologie* by Daniel Joubert, a text that originated in the 1970s.


Drawing on insights from social movement theory, organizational theory, and economic and political sociology, Professors Fligstein and McAdam present a theory of social organization and strategic action in this book. The authors propose that social change and social order may be understood through “strategic action fields”: general building blocks of political and economic life, civil society, and the state that are embedded and connected in a broader environment of proximate and overlapping, mutually dependent fields. They apply this theory to case studies of the civil rights movement and the American mortgage market since the 1960s.


This intellectual biography of E.P. Thompson, one of the most important social historians in the twentieth century, aims to examine and relate the different aspects of his life and work to show that they are all connected by a set of beliefs that Thompson adopted early in his life and career between 1936 and 1946. Dr Hamilton focuses his exploration of ideas and arguments on Thompson’s 1978 book *The Poverty of Theory and Other Essays* and examines his work by relating Thompson’s biography to the social and political history of his time.


Bringing together thirty-four facsimile reprints of articles originally published between 1943 and 2012, the editors of this volume present a sampling of writings that explain and


Exploring the importance of alternative philosophical and theoretical understandings of time for radical politics in the twenty-first century, this volume (partly based on a conference held in Binghamton in 2011) contains twenty-eight essays focusing on, for example, the historical memory of May 1968 in the context of more recent social rebellions such as Occupy; Canadian anti-globalization activists; Deleuze’s ideas on “becoming” (three contributions); the stereotyping of Sikhs following the 9/11 attacks; nostalgia and politics; and reading Walter Benjamin on revolutions at the time of the Arab uprisings of 2011.


This volume is organized around four themes: measuring social stratification; social stratification over the life course; demographic, institutional, and socio-economic changes; and political and policy responses to stratification. Aiming to demonstrate new or emerging techniques of analysis, the seventeen chapters include case studies focusing on, for example, occupational stratification, social mobility, ethnic and religious groups, parenthood, education and gender, in various western European countries, Russia and other post-socialist countries, the United States, and south and south-east Asia.


In this radical theory study, Professor Weeks aims to criticize the widespread practice of taking for granted work, or waged labour, and its pivotal status in life, even in many Marxist and feminist strands and movements, a belief that removes work from the realm of political critique. Focusing primarily on the United States, she first traces the rise of a broadly accepted work ethic and then proposes a number of ways in which a “postwork society” would allow people to be productive and creative without necessarily being involved in an employment relationship.

HISTORY

To the British Left China represented anti-imperialism in the 1920s, anti-fascism in the 1930s and 1940s, socialist developments in the 1950s and “revolutionary unpredictability” in the 1960s and 1970s. In this book Dr Buchanan charts the relationship between China and the British Left from 1925, when the Shanghai police fired on Chinese strikers, to the death of Mao Tse-tung in 1976, examining how the British Left (political parties, intellectuals, and the Left within the Labour Party and trade unions) understood and related to China; how China influenced the British Left; and the role of the Left in Sino-British relations.


Continuing A Social History of Knowledge from Gutenberg to Diderot (see IRSH, 47 (2002) p. 142), this “essay” surveys the changes in the world of learning from c.1750 to 2001. Professor Burke studies the social roles of “knowledge-bearing groups” and knowledge institutions such as universities, archives, think tanks, learned societies, and journals. Although he concentrates on the West, he also discusses nineteenth-century Egypt, China, Japan, and other parts of the world, pointing out that individuals and groups appropriated and adapted Western knowledge, and that Western explorers, botanists, linguists and other scholars depended on indigenous guides and maps.


The sixteen short chapters in this volume about Indigenous women's waged and unwaged work in Canada, the United States, New Zealand, and Australia between the 1830s and the late 1980s examine, for example, Anishinaabe women workers in contemporary Michigan and Wisconsin; aboriginal women in the early nineteenth-century Australian sealing industry; present-day Navajo weavers; American Indian domestic servants (1920–1940); American Indian Women and New Deal relief work; native women as federal US employees; Ojibwe women's labour and leadership in postwar Minneapolis; and Maori feminists and the New Zealand trade union movement (c.1980). The volume concludes with a “beading lesson”.

Irwin, Ryan M. Gordian Knot. Apartheid and the Unmaking of the Liberal World Order. Oxford University Press, Oxford [etc.] 2012. xi, 244 pp. £30.00; $45.00.

Focusing on the debate about South Africa and apartheid during the period of African decolonization in the mid-twentieth century, Professor Irwin explores in this book how the growth of non-European nation-states changed the international community. Examining United States foreign relations with the Third World, he aims to contribute to scholarship about the end of European imperialism and the ascendancy of the United States as a global power.


In this book the Caribbean Marxist theorist and historian C.L.R. James (1901–1989) presents a history of black resistance in the Caribbean, the United States, and Africa.
The study was originally published as *A History of Negro Revolt* in 1938, the same year his better-known work *The Black Jacobins* appeared, and republished in 1969 with a new epilogue that included, for example, the American Civil Rights movement, the independence movements in Ghana and Kenya, apartheid in South Africa, and the revolt of 1969 in Curacao. This edition includes a substantial introduction to C.L.R. James and his work.


In this concise history of migration from the earliest movements of human beings out of Africa to the twenty-first century, Professor Livi-Bacci explores factors that contribute to the successes and failures of migratory groups. He examines migration flows between Europe and the rest of the world in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and the migratory history of the Americas and the role of migration in the globalization process, demonstrating how states increasingly interfere with individual migration choices and arguing that, over the centuries, migration has been a fundamental human prerogative and an essential element in economic development.


The struggle against militarism, argues Dr Schwitanski, was one of the most important motives for founding an international organization of socialist youth movements in 1907. Based on a conference to commemorate this event in Oer Erkenschwick, Germany, in October 2007, this collection examines various aspects of the history of international peace politics. Five contributors review the early international socialist youth movement; the German peace movement until 1933; and the crisis in the socialist youth international (1934–1936). Two articles study the impact of the Cold War on the Socialist Youth International and the European trade-union movement, respectively.


This book contains six case studies analysing encounters between Australian, American, and British social workers with their clients during the 1920s and 1930s to explore how interpretations of both poverty and poverty-relief work were influenced by local circumstances and gender. Each case study is preceded by a short dramatization of the encounter written by Professor Peel to convey how the interviews proceeded and to shed light on the lives of the poor and on the convictions of the social workers. The case notes on which each story is based can be found in an appendix.

This collection offers a broad comparative approach to personal registration throughout history, from imperial China to the twentieth century. Qualifying and in many cases contradicting standard, often Foucauldian, interpretations of registration as coercive and intrinsically connected to the modern European state, the nineteen contributions explore how registration related to various forms of (social) recognition; to the development of states and legal personhood; to negotiated recognition in various historical and geographic settings; to the rise of empires; and to human rights. See also the review by Christian De Vito in this volume, pp. 521–523.


Paying tribute to the thriving historical study of slavery, this collection offers a comprehensive overview of the main themes in the history of slavery from Ancient Greece to the present day. Of the twenty chapters, the first five examine global aspects of slavery by considering different parts of the world over time. In the second part, ten chapters cover themes defining the character of slavery, including slave culture, the slave economy, slave resistance, and family and work. The last part deals with changes and continuities, including abolition, emancipation, and commemoration, as well as modern slavery. Every chapter is supplemented by a list of major relevant works.


This anthology brings together the voices and writings of early modern English-speaking women from both sides of the Atlantic, who, according to the editors, were inspired by the discourse of the revolutionary age to advocate change in women’s lives: colonists and indigenous women; religious leaders and actresses; slaves and free women of colour. The fifty-nine chapters also include texts by Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, and Toussaint L’Ouverture. Intended for teachers and students of women’s history, the volume includes historical background information, a list of further reading and an appendix featuring various images.


Focusing on the central years of his life (1889–1900), Dr Turcato explores in this study the ideas and activities of the Italian anarchist Errico Malatesta (1853–1932). Starting from the “principle of rational accommodation”, the author aims to assess to what extent the international anarchist movement is in fact the naïve and oddly ineffective political and ideological movement as interpreted by most historians, or whether a rational foundation underlies Malatesta’s intentions, beliefs and actions. See also IRSH, 52 (2007), pp. 407–444, and Constance Bantman’s review in this volume, pp. 523–525.

This thematically organized volume features approximately sixty letters, diary fragments, photos and other documents illustrating everyday life across the communist world, from China to Cuba, from Russia to Algeria, and from Vietnam to Peru. It includes, for example, letters by Spanish children evacuated to the USSR (1936–1939), an excerpt from a Hungarian student’s diary (1956), a letter from a British communist challenging Stalin on homosexuality, and letters from Soviet pensioners wishing to leave the Kommunalka. Intended for undergraduate students, the book contains introductory notes, maps, a thematic table of contents and timelines.


In this book Professor Zeitlin traces the history of the Jewish Diaspora from the time of the Babylonian exile to the present. He analyses the reactions the Jews encountered from their so-called “host peoples”, for example the attitudes of thinkers such as Voltaire, Rousseau, Hegel, Marx, and Nietzsche. He examines the Sabbatai-Zevi movement, Gershom Scholem, and the rise of Hasidism. In his discussion of Nazism and the Holocaust, he pays special attention to Max Weber on bureaucracy; Raul Hilberg’s and Leon Poliakov’s analyses of the Shoah; and Jewish resistance. The book concludes with a discussion of Zionism, Israel and the Palestinians.


Taking the 1839 Amistad slave rebellion as a starting point, this book investigates the Atlantic slave trade after its official abolition by Great Britain and the United States. Drawing on primary sources from archives on both sides of the Atlantic, including Cuba, Professor Zeuske examines the “Hidden Atlantic”, the illegal but lucrative trafficking of human beings to America, particularly Cuba and Brazil, from 1820 to 1890.

COMPARATIVE HISTORY


Based on an international conference held at Bocconi University, Milan, in October 2010, this volume provides a comparative overview of the development of cooperatives over the last fifty years in Europe, the United States, Japan, and Korea. Ten chapters discuss the successes and failures of the cooperatives and identify core issues of cooperative enterprise in a historical perspective. In the concluding chapter the editors concentrate on three factors they view as decisive for the future of cooperatives: their nature, longevity and the impact of their environment.

Focusing on Germany and Italy, this volume examines the circumstances, causes, and consequences of the social protests and the political violence of the late 1960s and early 1970s. The thirteen chapters include contributions about youth and student protests in the late 1960s; political violence in Italy in the 1970s; the mobilization of industrial workers in Italy in 1968–1969; the ideological debates among the new Left in Italy; 1968 and the beginnings of terrorism in West Germany; the RAF; “Bologna”; German and Italian public opinion on terrorism; and the Italian Left’s response to “Stammheim”.

Experiences of Poverty in Late Medieval and Early Modern England and France. Anne M. Scott. Ashgate, Farnham [etc.] 2012. xvii, 335 pp. £63.00.

Based on a conference held at the University of Western Australia in June 2010, this collection explores how the poor in medieval and early modern France and England experienced their poverty, and how others saw and judged them. The fourteen chapters include both overviews and case studies discussing survival strategies, forms of poor relief, and textual and visual representations of poverty, focusing, for example, on single women, pauper apprenticeship, and inoculation of the poor against smallpox in eighteenth-century England.


In this comparative study Professor Thomas explores colonial policing in general and in nine case studies examines local labour protest and labour control in French north Africa, Nigeria, the Belgian Congo, the rubber sector in French Vietnam and in Malaya, the sugar industry in Jamaica, the oilfields of Trinidad, and the Sierra Leone diamond industry. He argues that political economy offers the best guide to understanding the forms and functions of colonial police actions.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES


Drawing on the social sciences and popular media accounts, as well as on social history, Professor Fineman in this introduction explores the concept of work in different societies at different times, with an emphasis on the present. He addresses the question of why we work, also discussing work ethics; considers the social class and power implications of working; distinguishes types of work (paid, unpaid, voluntary, or compulsory); and examines the cultural aspects of gender issues and work. The book includes a list of books for further reading organized around themes such as age and generations, migrant labour, the black economy, and contingent workers.
Continents and Countries

AFRICA

Algeria


This issue of Revolutionairy History features materials relating to organizations and individuals in France and Europe acting in solidarity with the Algerian independence struggle between 1954 and 1962. Chapters are included from Sylvain Patieu’s Les Camarades des frères (2002), which focuses on the French Trotskyists and anarchists who expressed solidarity with the Algerian struggle; documents illustrating the different positions adopted by sections of the French far Left; accounts of solidarity actions in Britain and Austria; north African communist documents on colonialism; and an essay about the influence of the Algerian War of May–June 1968.

Benin


The documents presented in this volume pertain to a vice-consulate the British government maintained in the west African kingdom of Dahomey (situated in the southern part of present-day Benin) in 1851–1852. The material serves as a valuable historical account, not only for studying British policy, which in this period was mainly concerned with suppressing the trans-Atlantic slave trade, but also as an important source on the history of Dahomey itself, which was a powerful indigenous state in the nineteenth century. In the introduction Professor Law provides a historical context.

Kenya


During Kenya’s colonial history the British administration employed various forms of forced labour, in infrastructure projects, for example, and on settler plantations. This coercion, labelled as “minor communal services” by the ILO, was construed by the colonial state as part of the traditional work obligations that Africans would normally owe to their chiefs and hence, a communal responsibility. In this book Professor Okia examines the development of communal forced labour in Kenya from 1912 to 1930, exploring the effects of, and African reactions to, this form of exploitation.
Mozambique


Using documents from the long-lost and unexplored archive of the colonial Mozambique Company, a private company that governed central parts of Mozambique under a royal charter from 1892 to 1942, as well as interviews conducted in 1997 and 1998 with elderly Mozambicans, Professor Allina in this book sets out to uncover the Mozambique Company’s comprehensive and often brutal system of forced labour, and to reconstruct the impact of this modern form of slavery on the lives of Africans.

South Africa


In the 1830s slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire, including in South Africa’s Cape Colony. For the former Cape slaves, however, freedom was largely illusory, because they lacked an economic base on which to build an independent existence. This study compares South Africa’s relatively peaceful transition to a non-slave society to the bloody experience of the US South after abolition and examines the rise of South Africa’s racism. Although racist attitudes were largely absent in the Cape Colony while slavery persisted, Professor Watson argues, they increased after abolition, driven primarily by white people’s need for secure, exploitable labour.

AMERICA


This volume examines the African diaspora in the Spanish American colonies, including the Andes region, mainly before 1700. The nine contributions are arranged around three themes: identity construction in the Americas; the struggle by enslaved and free people to present themselves as civilized, Christian, and resistant to slavery; and issues of cultural exclusion and inclusion. One essay is about midwifery and tensions of race and gender in colonial Cuba, and another addresses the comparative differences and similarities between slave regimes in the Americas and examines how this influenced the post-manumission integration of Africans.

Latin Americans of African descent have long been excluded from ideologies of national identity according to the editor of this collection. Based in part on a conference held in Florida in 2011, this book focuses on present-day black social movements in Latin America and explores the transformations of the political situations within which they have been operating. In addition to essays on international organizations and Afro-Latin Americans’ human rights and black social movements in, for example, Honduras, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil, interviews with two black women leaders are included.


In this volume the authors discuss US-dominated globalization, neoliberalism, and the rise of social movements in Latin America; the challenges to US hegemony that emerged with the new left-wing Latin American governments; and the complex relationship between the rise of twenty-first century socialism and reliance on extractive exports that destroy the environment and marginalize regional populations. Four case studies examine Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Brazil in this context; one chapter is devoted to socialism in Cuba. The chapter on Ecuador is written by Marc Becker.


In this book Professor Madrid studies the recent emergence of indigenous parties in Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Colombia, and Venezuela. Explaining why some of these movements have been successful while others have failed, he suggests that indigenous parties, as well as some mestizo-led parties, have succeeded where they have used a combination of inclusive ethnic and populist appeals, and that they have managed to win support across ethnic lines because the long history of mestizaje (racial mixing) in Latin America blurred ethnic boundaries and mitigated ethnic polarization.

Pedrosa, Fernando. La otra izquierda. La socialdemocracia en América Latina. Capital Intellectual, Buenos Aires 2012. 482 pp. $120.00.

Based on research in, for example, the archives of the Socialist International (SI) and interviews with key operators in that organization, Dr Pedrosa examines the role and influence of the SI in democratization in Latin America in the 1970s and 1980s. Contrary to the dominant opinion that the SI had little or no positive influence on that process, the author argues that the SI contributed effectively to weakening authoritarian regimes in Latin America and to promoting democratization in the last phase of the Cold War. See also Pilar Uriona Crespo’s review in this volume, pp. 542–544.

Between c.1660 and 1760 French colonists and their native allies enslaved thousands of American Indians, keeping them in towns or shipping them to the French Caribbean. Using French- and Algonquian-language manuscripts, this book explores the relationship between indigenous and Atlantic slaveries in New France. In addition to outlining the cultural, economic, and legal structures of slavery in New France, Professor Rushforth has attempted to recover the details of enslaved individuals’ lives.

Workers Across the Americas. The Transnational Turn in Labor History. Ed. by Leon Fink. Oxford University Press, Oxford [etc.] 2011. xv, 466 pp. Ill. £45.00; $74.00. (Paper: £27.50; $39.95.)

Based on a conference organized by the journal Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas, the twenty essays in this volume aim to offer a comprehensive response from predominantly American labour and working-class historians to the transnational trend in historical research and its consequences for US-centred labour history. In the first six the theoretical and methodological challenges of this transnational turn are examined. The other essays address the themes of labour and empire; indigenous people and labour systems; international feminism and reproductive labour; labour recruitment and immigration control; transnational labour politics; and labour internationalism.

Canada


This comprehensive history of political policing in Canada is organized into five parts. The first tells of the early actions against supporters of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, Asians, and World War I enemies, including the Reds. The second part covers the period through to the end of World War II; the third the Cold War years; the fourth the question of Quebec and the scandals surrounding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and the fifth the twenty-first century. The authors contend that Canada differs from many other nations in how its security operations are run, having been concentrated for most of its history almost exclusively against its own citizens.

Cuba


This history of sexuality in Cuba from the Revolution in 1959 to the early twenty-first century explores how the revolutionary regime’s policies affected citizens’ sexual lives. Drawing on interviews conducted between 2004 and 2008, as well as on published sources, Dr Hamilton charts changing patterns in heterosexual relations, competing views of masculinity and femininity, same-sex relationships and homophobia, AIDS, sexual violence, interracial relationships, and sexual tourism. She argues that the changes resulted
less from deliberate policies on sexuality than from broader social, political, and economic transformations.

**El Salvador**


Associated Press correspondent Joe Frazier covered the civil war in El Salvador from 1979 to 1986, “the last bloody gasp of the Cold War”. Drawing on his dispatches for the AP and combining journalistic reports with personal stories and political commentaries, Mr Frazier in this memoir presents an account of the civil war, highlighting the experiences of the Salvadoran people, describing the work of the death squads and the horrors and injustices of the war, discussing liberation theology and the assassination of Archbishop Romero, and describing his life as a war correspondent.

**Haiti**


Focusing on the Code Noir, the law that regulated master–slave relations in the French empire, Professor Ghachem in this book about the Haitian Revolution (1789–1804) examines how the law of slavery evolved during the colonial period as a result of numerous interactions and disputes between administrators, jurists, white planters, free people of colour, and slaves. Rejecting the image of the Haitian Revolution as a violent and abrupt transition from slavery to freedom, he argues that emancipation in Haiti was also a long-term product of its tradition of colonial law.

**Mexico**


Dr Washbrook analyses in this book the politics of state-building and the history of land tenure and rural labour in the state of Chiapas under the Porfirio Díaz dictatorship (1876–1911). Examining the changing relationship between Indian groups and non-Indian governments and economic interests in Chiapas, she concludes that as a result of political and economic policies of the local and national elites, modernity in Chiapas was accomplished at the expense of the Indians, who were increasingly forced to labour in the export sector, and by modernizing “traditional” ethnic relations and political and economic institutions.

**Peru**

This book (based on a dissertation, Oxford, 2000) about the social politics of early twentieth-century Peru describes how intellectuals and policymakers in the 1920s and 1930s believed that industrialization and a modern workforce would transform Peru into a civilized nation. Dr Drinot argues that, even though the majority of the labouring people was indigenous, both legislation and praxis excluded Indians from the sphere of labour policy. See also Rossana Barragán’s review in this volume, pp. 536–539.


In colonial Peru the Spanish colonial authorities separated Andeans (Indians) from Africans and their descendants (blacks) by defining each according to specific labour demands (casta). In this book about race relations in northern coastal Peru during the colonial era Professor O’Toole examines the interactions between colonial authorities, indigenous communities and enslaved populations, and explores how the interplay between colonial law and daily practice shaped the nature of colonialism and slavery.

Puerto Rico


From the end of the nineteenth century to the 1920s, a vibrant radical leftist anarchist movement emerged in Puerto Rico and associated their struggle with broader international anarchist struggles. Professor Shaffer explores in this study how Puerto Rican anarchists used both trade-union and cultural politics to pursue their radical agenda, and how the most successful anarchist movement around the newspaper El Comunista was targeted by the US government from the 1920s Red Scare onward, ultimately leading to the newspaper being closed and the movement to disintegrate. See also Bieito Alonso’s review in this volume, pp. 534–536.

United States of America

BARDACKE, FRANK. Trampling Out the Vintage. Cesar Chavez and the Two Souls of the United Farm Workers. Verso, London [etc.] 2012. viii, 836 pp. Ill. Maps. £35.00; $54.95. (Paper: £30.00; $34.95; E-book: $16.99.)

This is an account of the rise and fall of the United Farm Workers’ union (UFW) and Cesar Chavez, its most famous and controversial leader. Drawing on archival and printed sources and his own experiences as a field worker in the Salinas Valley during the 1970s, as well as on interviews with farm workers, organizers, and the opponents and friends of the UFW, the author tells the story of the Union, from its beginnings with Saul Alinsky and Catholic Social Action at the Union’s founding, through the UFW’s heyday from 1965 to 1985, to the internal struggles that crippled the union.

Once considered economically marginal, by the end of the twentieth century home care had moved to the centre of the US economy. In this book Professors Boris and Klein study the history of the American welfare state from the perspective of home-care work from the 1930s to the present, also chronicling how home-care workers, predominantly African-American, “Hispanic”, and immigrant women, by transforming organizing strategy and the nature of collective bargaining, have become one of the most vibrant forces in the US labour movement. See also Marina de Regt’s review in this volume, pp. 530–532.


This volume examines how Jews as an ethnic and religious group adapted, took advantage of, and expanded particular niches of the American economy and analyses how they shaped and were shaped by America’s particular system of capitalism. The eleven case studies address such themes as the Jewish garment industry; the scrap trade; the liquor business; Blacks, Jews, and the music business; sweatshop capitalism and Jewish socialism; and how American capitalism reshaped Judaism itself by encouraging mass manufacturing and distribution of food products such as matzah.


This book examines the role of race and immigration in the development of the American social welfare system by comparing how welfare policies were applied to blacks, Mexicans, and European immigrants during the Progressive Era and the New Deal. Focusing especially on Los Angeles and Chicago, Professor Fox sets out to demonstrate that these groups were treated quite differently: European immigrants were largely included in the social welfare system, blacks were largely excluded, while Mexicans were often expelled from the country simply for requesting assistance.


This is a study of the National Negro Congress (NNC) and the affiliated Southern Negro Youth Congress, organizations that campaigned for a “second emancipation” for African Americans between 1936 and 1947. Focusing on five geographic regions (Chicago; Richmond, Virginia; Washington DC; New York City; and Columbia, South Carolina),
Professor Gellman aims to demonstrate how the NNC, acting within a coalition of interracial alliances between unions, civic groups, and the Communist Party, reoriented American protest politics, opened new sectors of employment to black workers, demonstrated against extrajudicial violence, and revived an African-American culture.


After World War II, policymakers, social scientists, and grassroots activists in the United States defended the idea of community action as a means of alleviating poverty. Analysing historical dynamics including Progressive-era reform as a precursor to community development during the Cold War, Professor Goldstein explores in this book (based on a dissertation, New York University, 2005) how the idea of community as a means of fighting poverty related to notions of self-governance, citizen participation, self-help, and self-determination. He argues that US policy on domestic poverty was closely linked to Cold War doctrines of international development and modernization.


Progressive Era reforms and New Deal policies in the United States shifted considerable power toward administrators, according to the author of this book. Dr Grisinger offers a political history of administrative law reform and a legal history of the administrative politics involved in shaping and legitimating the administrative state – a term she uses to describe the whole of federal agencies, departments, bureaus, and commissions – from the 1940s through the early 1960s.


During the decades from the 1850s through the 1870s, America shifted from being a nation of predominantly small producers and slaves to one of mainly wage-earners. Focusing on Chicago, the most dynamic industrial city of the northern states, Professors Jentz and Schneirov examine debates over the eight-hour working day and the legitimacy of wage-labour; immigrant workers and the rise of urban populism; the events surrounding the Depression of the 1870s; and the railroad strike of 1877 and its consequences.


This new biography of the American folk singer Woody Guthrie (1912–1967) aims to reclaim the politically radical profile of this iconic figure of the “Dust Bowl troubadour”. 
Tracing Guthrie’s Oklahoma family background and his political awakening and activism throughout the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War and McCarthyism, and the Civil Rights struggle, Professor Kaufman focuses on Guthrie’s role in the development of a workers’ culture in the context of radical activism led by the Communist Party of the United States, the Popular Front, and the CIO, and argues that he has been pivotal in perpetuating cultural front objectives into the postwar era.


Historians often treat anticommunism in the United States as a conspiracy of capitalists and conservatives to reverse the New Deal order after World War II, argues Dr Luff. Challenging this view, she examines in this book the history of labour anticommunism in the interwar period. Focusing on the paradoxical role of the American Federation of Labor, she aims to demonstrate how labour conservatives became reluctant defenders of civil liberties in the 1920s and proto-McCarthyists in the late 1930s.


In the antebellum era New Bedford was the world’s whaling capital, but it also experimented with industrialization, mainly in textile manufacturing. Professor Mulderink, in this economic, social, and political history of New Bedford, explores the impact of the American Civil War on both the whaling and the textile industries; the politics and policies of the city’s leaders, men whose views were mainly antislavery; and racial dynamics and New Bedford’s African Americans, whose military service during the Civil War enhanced their status.


Before the American Civil War, Dr Shields argues, Southern white people were as strongly committed to freedom for their kind as they were to slavery for African Americans. Combining biography with history and literary analysis, this book focuses on eight popular writers of poetry, fiction, and history from pre-Civil War Alabama to investigate in their work the ethical dilemma of a modernizing slave society.


In the late 1960s a loose coalition of hippies, civil rights advocates, Black Panthers, unions, Mexican-Americans, Quakers, celebrities (e.g. Marlon Brando), and others joined with Red Power activists to fight for American Indian rights. Contributing to the discussion about partnerships in social and political change, Professor Smith in this book examines how among various groups of dissatisfied Americans the Indians found supporters for
their campaign for recognition of treaty rights, realization of self-determination, and protection of reservations as cultural homelands. She argues that this coalition was ephemeral but significant, leading to political reforms that strengthened Indian sovereignty.


During the nineteenth century, New Orleans evolved from a small colonial backwater into one of the richest and most powerful cities in the American South and the “Southern Queen of Cities”. This study examines the rise and subsequent fall, after the Civil War, of the city and traces the causes of its longstanding reputation for decadence, exoticism, and illicit pleasures, despite the series of wars, epidemics, and riots that afflicted the city throughout the century. Dr Smith explores, for example, the continual and violent racial tension that persisted beneath the surface of glamour.


Arguing that America has always had a vibrant and powerful Left, Professor Zaretsky in this book, which is intended for general readers and undergraduate students, rethinks the idea of a Left by examining three key moments in American history: the Civil War, the New Deal, and the New Left movements of the 1960s and after: the civil rights movement, the women’s movement, and gay liberation. He concludes that active involvement of the Left – especially its critical interaction with mainstream liberalism – proved indispensable.

ASIA

China


Although prior to the twentieth century Confucian elites did not view poverty as a social problem, in republican-era China poverty came to be regarded as society’s most fundamental problem and became the focus of a national debate about the future of the country. In this book Professor Chen explores these changing attitudes toward poverty and, concentrating on Beijing and Shanghai, examines the experiences of the urban poor, the policing of homelessness and vagrancy, the advent of institutions such as the workhouse and the activities of organizations such as the Salvation Army.


Professors Coase and Wang describe in this book the series of events that brought about China’s economic transition from a communist system to capitalism. Drawing on interviews as well as on Chinese and English sources, they trace China’s transition to a
market economy. They argue that the reforms implemented by the Chinese leaders did not represent a concerted attempt to create a capitalist economy but in fact served to continue Mao’s (unsuccessful) efforts to decentralize the economic and political system.

**India**


Based on interviews, as well as on colonial and other archival sources, this book explores the little-studied history of artisan cloth manufacture in the small towns of the Bombay Presidency – and the post-independence Bombay State – from 1870 to 1960. Professor Haynes examines the roles of rural and small town consumers, traders and merchants, artisan households, *karkhandars*, or weaver-capitalists and wage labourers, many of them migrants, in the making of what the author describes as “small-town capitalism”.


Drawing on sociological fieldwork, party texts, fiction, and women’s personal testimonies, Dr Roy in this book studies the role and involvement of middle-class women (and men) in the late 1960s radical Left Naxalbari movement of West Bengal, the birthplace of Indian Maoism. By examining how sexual and everyday brutality are embedded in revolutionary movements, she contributes to the study of the gendered politics of left-wing cultures and practices of violence.


Drawing on case studies of storms, earthquakes, and famines that took place in colonial India between 1770 and 1935 and studying the impact these events had on the economy, politics, and science, Professor Roy argues in this book that while natural disasters weaken the capacity of the state and civil society, create gainers and losers, and destroy cooperation, disasters have also enabled new understandings of nature, state, and society, providing a foundation for growing useful new knowledge.


In the mid-nineteenth century, the Indian region of Assam was transformed from a peripheral frontier kingdom into an imperial tea garden and an important hinterland for British India, in part through large-scale migration of indentured labour from central India. This study explores how this transformation fundamentally reshaped not only
ecology and labour relations in the region but also wider relations concerning race, ethnicity, and class. Professor Sharma argues that the process led to a racialized construction of tea labourers and an imagined racially defined modernity, giving rise to competing claims to history, nationalism, and progress that remain clearly perceptible in present-day Assam.

Iran


This study focuses on the recent emergence of an environmental movement to contribute to the study of social movements in non-Western societies. Professor Fadaee explores the origins and rise of movements that have emerged around environmental problems in north-west Iran and analyses to what extent social movement theories, as elaborated in the works of Alain Touraine and Alberto Melucci, may be applied to explain the emergence of this new type of movement in Iran. She concludes that the Eurocentric bias in those theories limit their value for explaining new social movements in non-Western societies. See also Peyman Jafari’s review in this volume, pp. 544–547.

Japan


For more than 300 years Japan had tolerated and regulated the performance of sexual services for remuneration, but after World War II it appeared new and unusual to Japanese observers, according to Professor Kovner. She examines in this book how the arrival of foreign soldiers (American and Allied servicemen from Australia and elsewhere) changed the setting of the Japanese sex industry, arguing, for example, that while sex workers contributed significantly to the postwar economic recovery, they were nonetheless blamed for increases in venereal disease and charged with diluting the Japanese race by producing mixed-race offspring.

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Australia


The Peter Lalor Homebuilding Co-operative Society was a grassroots organization formed after World War II to address the chronic housing crisis in Melbourne. Named after the leader of the Eureka gold miners’ rebellion (Victoria, 1854), it was established to help its members realize the great Australian dream of home ownership. Using interviews with original residents of Lalor, as well as other sources, Dr Scollay traces the history of Lalor in this book, an edited version of a dissertation (Australian National University, 2010).
EUROPE


By studying property law, marriage, gift-giving, sumptuary legislation, and attempts to “reform” commerce, Professor Howell in this book aims to reveal how the merchants, shopkeepers, artisans, and consumers in the cities and courts of western Europe, particularly the Low Countries, understood and used property. Challenging interpretations of these people as proto-capitalists, she argues that they did not consider their property as a fungible asset, but used it to secure social bonds by intensifying market regulations and by assigning new meaning to marriage, gift-giving, and consumption.


This interdisciplinary volume about the mechanization and rationalization of industrial work in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries analyses spatial arrangements of workers’ bodies, machines, and work processes. The twelve contributions (three of them in English) include a case study using Foucault’s biopolitics concept and another focusing on Carl Arnhold’s occupational training ideas. One contributor compares safety measures in East and West German uranium mining; others analyse health and safety policies in the French lead paint industry and West German steel production, respectively. Two articles are devoted to the German works canteen.


This micro-study of early modern Igualada, an important proto-industrial centre situated within the viticultural region in Catalonia, contributes to the debate about the transition to capitalism in Europe. Dr Marfany investigates key aspects of this transformation: the agrarian roots of capitalism, proto-industrialization, family formation, and population growth, production and consumption in the household economy, and the “industrious revolution”, questioning claims that the nuclear family of north-western Europe was a better model for industrialization than the southern European extended family.

The Postcolonial Low Countries. Literature, Colonialism, and Multiculturalism. Ed. by Elleke Boehmer and Sarah De Mul. Lexington Books, Lanham [etc.] 2012. vi, 260 pp. $70.00; £44.95. (E-book: $69.99; £44.95.)
This book brings together critical and comparative approaches to the emergent field of neerlandophone postcolonial studies. Four essays suggest new ways of thinking about the postcolonial Netherlands and Belgium, one contribution offers a cultural critique of the headscarf ban in Belgium. In the section about postcolonial memory four contributors analyse Dutch motion pictures, a story by a Turkish-German writer, the work of some Afrikaans women writers, and Adam Hochschild's *King Leopold’s Ghost*. Two contributors in the third section, on literature and multiculturalism, analyse Moroccan diaspora literature.

**Austria**


This volume presents the personal memories of their working lives of twenty Austrians, eleven men and nine women, white- and blue-collar workers, civil servants, teachers, nurses, and housewives, born between 1923 and 1951. Their stories illustrate how work has changed since 1945, and demonstrate how the opportunities and challenges offered by economic and technological change varied depending on gender, age, education, and occupation. In the personal testimonies reconciliation of work and family life is discussed as well.


This book is about the opposition to the Nazi regime by men and women from the Tirol labour movement. After reviewing the current state of Austrian resistance research, Dr Hormayr, using mainly documents from the prosecution authorities, as well as some programmatic writings and personal documents, gives an account of the activities of several socialist and communist resistance groups, the arrests after discovery, and the trials, and the executions. She pays special attention to the Revolutionäre Sozialisten Josefine and Alois Brunner and a group of railway workers from Innsbruck with a Rote Hilfe background.

**France**


This volume about labour organization by the French general trade-union federation CGT in the aircraft industry of Saint-Nazaire consists of testimonies – edited by Christophe Patillon of the Centre d’histoire du travail – from several employees and CGT militants. They give detailed accounts of labour disputes at Aéropatiale and other aircraft factories mainly between 1968 and 2009. The volume opens with a brief review of union activities in the pioneering French aircraft industry during the period 1933–1967.

Inspired by Karl Marx, who did not get around to writing the history of the French Revolution he intended, German and Austrian social democrats from the 1880s onwards wrote their history of the Revolution. This interpretation of the Revolution, which was related to the novel materialist concept of history, became widely taught in handbooks, courses, and other teaching materials for the labour movement. Focusing on the works of such key figures as Karl Kautsky, Heinrich Cunow, and Hermann Wendel, Professor Ducange in this book examines the social democrats’ historiography of the French Revolution from 1889 to 1934.


Clément Duval (1850–1935) was a French locksmith, burglar, and anarchist who was sentenced in 1887 to hard labour for life in the French Guiana prison camps. He managed to escape after fourteen years and eighteen escape attempts and reached New York City in 1903, where he was taken in by Italian anarchists, particularly Luigi Galleani, who translated, revised, and published Duval’s account of his life in the penal colony. This is a translation of Ms Enckell’s French edition of Duval’s story, Moi, Clément Duval, bagnard et anarchiste (1991).


This study explores the role of anti-racism in the history of May ’68 and the relation between immigrant workers and French leftist intellectuals in the period 1961 to 1983. Dr Gordon explores how a protest movement for the rights of migrant workers arose from the massacre of around 120 Algerian demonstrators by the French police in October 1961, in which French leftist intellectuals brought immigrant rights campaigns into mainstream French politics. The author also examines how relations evolved between the immigrant workers and the French workers’ movement in this period. See also Michael Seidman’s review in this volume, pp. 540–542.


The seventy-one contributions to this encyclopaedic survey of social movements in French history are divided into four sections, covering the periods 1814–1880s; 1880s–1930s; 1930s–1970s; and 1980s–present. Within each section, the articles focus on various themes, episodes, and social movements in French history, including Luddism, internationalism, the revolt of the Lyon canuts, the Paris Commune, the rise of the
May Day tradition, and many instances of campaigns, strikes, and riots by workers, peasants, students, Catholics, feminists, sexual minorities, and other groups. All the chapters conclude with bibliographic notes, while the volume also includes a general bibliography and an index.


In this history of the French Left from the eighteenth century to the present day, the author focuses on key moments in French history to provide an overview of the ideas the Left has preserved from each historical period, for example, the belief in progress from the end of the eighteenth century; human rights from the French Revolution; and universal suffrage from 1848. Each chapter concludes with a double portrait of two figures representative of the period, for instance: Robespierre and Danton, and Tiers and Blanqui.


This book contains statistical data about women’s work in France during the twentieth century, particularly women’s occupations, employment, and unemployment. The authors, a sociologist and a statistician, have amassed and analysed data from many different statistical publications, also examining changes in how labour was divided by gender. Contrary to commonly held assumptions, they find that women’s labour market participation over the years has been remarkably constant, even through periods of war and recession: never dropping below one-third and now accounting for nearly one-half of the labour force.


From the 1870s onwards many Breton migrants began arriving in Paris. An example of successful integration into Parisian life, at the turn of the twentieth century Bretons were still “the pariahs of Paris”. In this monograph Professor Moch traces the changing status of Bretons from 1871 to 1940, placing their history in the context of internal migration, integration of national minorities, and the French state’s inclusionary and exclusionary policies, and relating the role of the Bretons of Paris to the long-term history of the urban labour force.


This book offers a social and political history of workers’ lives in France from the early twentieth century, when the number of industrial workers for the first time surpassed that of farmers, through the de-industrialization that began in the late 1970s. Professor Vigna discusses everyday working-class life, the impact of the two World Wars, the Depression of the 1930s, the Front populaire, and May 1968, also considering women and migrant labour and questioning the common assumption that the working class was inseparable from the parties of the Left.
Germany


This volume about the German Revolution of 1918–1919 features annotated manifestos, speeches, articles, and letters from Rosa Luxemburg, Karl Liebknecht, and the Sparta­kusgruppe, as well as from Gustav Landauer and Erich Mühsam, the Munich anarchists involved in the Bavarian Council Republic. The collection also includes reports from the Berlin Revolutionary Stewards and documents from other German cities that were taken over by workers’ uprisings or mutinying sailors and soldiers. The volume also contains a thematically arranged bibliography, a timeline, and a glossary of key organizations, persons, journals, and historical terms.


Mining was pivotal in Germany’s post-World-War-II economic recovery, according to Dr Adamski, and provided a model for reconstructing and democratizing the German economy. A similar role was played by the German mining union, the Industriegewerkschaft Bergbau. In this thematically organized volume, over 180 documents illustrate the founding and early history of the Industriegewerkschaft Bergbau, the union’s organizational structure, its relations with other social and political actors, and its fields of action. The editor introduces each theme and provides explanatory footnotes to the documents.


This commemorative collection comprises four essays dealing with the history of the group of 400 Japanese miners who came to work in the German coal-mining industry in the Ruhr area between 1957 and 1965 as a result of a German-Japanese government programme. Complementing the essays are sections with testimonies from the miners and contemporary documentary materials, such as newspaper articles. In addition to a general overview of this historical migration phenomenon (Hiromasa Mori), the essays examine the economic context (Werner Pascha), the broader historical context (Regine Mathias), and the impact of the programme on the Ruhr area. See also Ad Knotter’s review in this volume, pp. 532–534.


This book contains the memoires of the German historian Horst Lademacher (b. 1931), founder and former director of the Zentrum für Niederlande-Studien at the Westfälische
Wilhelms-Universität Münster. In conversations with Herr Dietz and Herr Gabel, Professor Lademacher looks back on his life from his working-class childhood in the Sauerland to his academic career in Germany and the Netherlands. He also describes the International Institute of Social History, where he worked in the Central Europe Department from 1958 to 1962.


In August 1939 Harvard University organized the “My Life in Germany Before and After January 1933” competition, for which more than 250 submissions were received from all over the world. The Harvard sociologist Edward Hartshorne, one of the initiators, intended to publish the reports on the November pogroms, but after he joined the Secret Service the accounts he had gathered were forgotten. Twenty-one of the testimonies from Hartshorne’s collection are published here for the first time.


The seventeen case studies in this volume about the resistance (overlooked, according to the authors) by the labour movement against the Nazi regime focus on various protest actions, for example, protests among Berlin metalworkers’ unions and the International Transport Workers’ Federation; opposition among freethinkers (e.g. Hilde Schimschok and Paul Winzen’s group), social democrats, communists, Trotskyists, and anarchists; and resistance by foreign and German forced labourers. Two chapters discuss the role of the resistance in the German collective memory. The volume also contains biographical notes.

WINTER, MIRIAM. Das Dolmetscherwesen im Dritten Reich. Gleichschaltung und Indoktrinierung. [Inter Partes, Band 10.] Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main [etc.] 2012. 111 pp. € 19.95.

The book deals with the profession of interpreters in the Third Reich. Using contemporary sources, the author, a professional interpreter, investigates how the Nazis sought to monopolize the profession for their own purposes, and how this affected the interpreters’ training, licensing, working conditions, and professional organization. She also analyses teaching materials published by the Nazified Reichsfachschaft für das Dolmetscherwesen, concluding that the RfD English-language booklets were intended not only for further training but also for indoctrination.

Great Britain

In 1991 the Communist Party of Great Britain held its last Congress. Seventy-one years after the foundation of the party, the Congress voted to replace the party of Lenin with a loose and short-lived structure called Democratic Left. In this volume eight former members, combining personal and political history, analysis and autobiography, anecdote and argument, consider the consequences of the CP’s dissolution for British political and intellectual life.

Eccles, Audrey. Vagrancy in Law and Practice under the Old Poor Law. Ashgate, Farnham 2012. xii, 249 pp. Ill. £65.00.

Drawing on the Quarter Sessions records of six counties, as well as on Parliamentary Papers and other sources, and focusing on the 1744 Vagrant Act, this book traces the changes in English vagrancy law from 1700, when the Vagrant Removal Costs Act made vagrancy a county charge, to the passing of the New Poor Law in 1834. Highlighting the impact of wars and immigration from Ireland and Scotland, Dr Eccles aims to reveal the causes of the vagrancy problems and the incongruity between the law and social reality.


In the 1980s the Labour-controlled City Council of Liverpool, as opposed to other socialist councils that eventually came to an accommodation with Mrs Thatcher’s Conservative government, refused to implement its spending cuts. In the eyes of Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock and others, the Labour Party in Liverpool had been hijacked by ruthless revolutionaries playing politics with people’s lives in a doomed attempt to overthrow the elected Conservative government. Drawing on testimonies from both supporters and opponents of the Council’s actions, this book aims to present a balanced account of Liverpool’s “Militant Tendency” years.


In this memoir the trade unionist and militant communist Kevin Halpin (b. 1927) gives an account of his life, including his childhood in Preston, his wartime service in minesweepers, his membership of Britain’s Communist Party, his Marxist education, his work at Ford Motors, and his experiences as a union organizer and party militant. He also discusses the Twentieth Soviet Communist Party congress and its impact on political thinking in Britain.


After Britain abolished slavery in 1834, the British government tried to suppress the slave trade through a combination of diplomacy and force. Victorian objectors to the use of violence were concerned more with the principles of international law and free trade than with collateral African victims of raids against slave-trading chiefs, according to Dr Huzzey. This study aims to explain how the philanthropic, imperial, and economic
interests that underlay Britain’s anti-slavery zeal shaped racist and imperialist prejudices, new forms of coerced labour, and the expansion of colonial possessions.


Exploring the period between the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1885 and the Street Offices Act of 1959, Dr Laite examines the processes of the criminalization of prostitution in the broader context of hardening public and political attitudes towards commercial sex in London, the effects on the commercial sex industry, and the position of women working in that industry. She argues that laws directed against prostitution tended to do more harm than good, because they promoted organized vice and caused the position and working conditions of the women working as prostitutes to deteriorate. See also Marion Pluskota’s review in this volume, pp. 526–528.


Using a concept of modernism that extends beyond the radical innovation in the arts that it usually connotes, in this book about the revitalization of British socialism between 1880 and 1910 Dr Linehan identifies the links between this socialist revival and modernism. He examines the ideas of figures such as Annie Besant, Edward Carpenter, and George Bernard Shaw, and looks at utopian communities such as Totley Farm and the Whiteway Colony. In addition to aspiring to economic justice for working people, he argues, socialism sought to address spiritual and cultural issues that arose during the processes of modernization and modernity.


This book is about the upper- and middle-class “volunteers” in the 1926 General Strike in Great Britain. Using correspondence and interviews conducted between 1985 and 1987 with volunteers, strikers, and contemporary observers, as well as contemporary newspapers and magazines, novels, diaries, plays, and memoirs, Dr Saltzman, an anthropologist and folklorist, explores how the upper classes used the strike to assert their ideological right to define Britishness, and how collective folk memories about this event continue to define national identity.

Italy


This is the story of the glass workers at the Saint Gobain glass factory, Pisa’s main industry, from its establishment in 1889 until the labour dispute of 1983, in which the author, who was also the secretary of the Camera del Lavoro of Pisa, figured prominently.
Glass workers had distinctive organizational forms. While those of the glassblowers resembled the traditional master blowers’ organizations, the ones of the glass pane workers were more like modern industrial unions. The conflict of 1983 was instigated by lay-offs in connection with the modernization of the factory.


The fourth in a series of works intended as a combination of a biographical dictionary and a prosopography of the Italian labour movement (see IRSH, 53 (2008), p. 561 for the first volume), this volume focuses on Milan from 1860 to 1892, particularly the Partito Operaio Italiano, which peaked at 60,000 members and 100 chapters, mainly in northern Italy. The volume also contains c.300 biographies of militants, POI members, and others, including Giuseppe Croce (a founding member of the POI), Constandino Lazzari (a co-founder of the POI weekly Fascio operaio), and the socialist feminist Paolina Schiff.


During the 1960s and 1970s many Eritreans fleeing the conflict between their country (an Italian colony until 1941) and neighbouring Ethiopia arrived in Italy. Among them were women from the Asmara region who went to work for Roman families as domestic servants, nannies, or cooks. Using interviews with fifteen women from Asmara, Dr Marchetti in this book contributes to the historiography of Eritrean migration to Italy. She argues that the postcolonial dimension emerging from the women's memories is a fundamental aspect of their identity, their experience as domestics, and how they relate to Italy as the former colonizing country.


This anthropological study is about psychological harassment at work (“mobbing”) as a culturally urgent issue in Italy. After providing historical and ethnographic overviews of Italy’s labour market, the author analyses the origins of mobbing in relation to notions of protection and precariousness, the classification of mobbing – as opposed to sexual harassment – as a work-related illness, the deployment of preventive programmes and workers’ use of the concept of mobbing to make legal and medical claims. She argues that Italians associate mobbing with the growing instability of the labour market.

This volume in memory of Alceo Riosa (1939–2011), a historian of Italian socialism, contains ten essays on various topics, including Italian revolutionary syndicalism (the case of the Unione sindacale italiana); Italian socialism and the opera lirica; Italian socialists and the Trieste question (1946–1975); and the fascist historian Gioacchino Volpe. One article (in French) reflects on Riosa as a historian.


Arditi del popolo, “people’s squads”, were people’s militias organized to fight fascism in Italy. This book focuses on Livorno, an anarchist stronghold, where militants of various tendencies during the years 1921–1922, temporarily overcoming sectarianism, formed a coalition against fascism. After highlighting Livorno’s reputation as a “subversive” city, the author describes the emergence of the local Arditi del popolo, the fights against the fascists, the significance of the anarchists in the Arditi, and their ultimate downfall. The appendix contains an account of the strike held in Livorno in 1920 for the liberation of Errico Malatesta, who had been arrested.

SAVELLI, LAURA. Autonomia femminile e dignità del lavoro. Le postelegrafoniche. [Storie di donne e di uomini, 3.] Felici Editore, Ghezzano 2012. 314 pp. € 18.00.

This is a history of female post, telegraph, and telephone employees in Italy from the early 1860s, when women were first admitted to jobs in telegraph offices, through the 1960s and 1970s. Highlighting the contribution of women workers to the construction and functioning of the Italian state machinery, the author examines their working conditions, and how these women viewed and experienced their work, the presence of the postelegrafoniche in the unions, where they focused on equal pay issues, and their close ties with the Italian women’s movement.

Portugal


This collection documents the history of Portuguese Neo-Malthusianism from its beginnings at the turn of the twentieth century and the rise of the movement during the Republic (1911–1922), to the period of suppression in the 1930s and 1940s. The volume contains both original Portuguese texts (including excerpts from Angelo Vaz’s 1902 doctoral thesis on Neo-Malthusianism) and contemporary translations of Spanish and French Neo-Malthusian pamphlets, articles, and other publications, short biographies of key figures in Portuguese Neo-Malthusian history, and a substantial introduction.

Russia – Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Karl Radek (1885–1939) was a Polish-born journalist of the radical Left, a Soviet propagandist and a Comintern leader, until he was banned for his support of Trotsky in 1927. At the Moscow show trial of 1937 he was sentenced to ten years’ imprisonment but was murdered at Stalin’s behest in 1939. This biography, based on published Soviet documents, autobiographical and other texts by Radek, and contemporaries’ testimonies, traces Radek’s adventurous life and examines Radek’s political activity and work as a journalist.


One million women served in the Red Army on the eastern front in World War II as aviators, anti-aircraft gunners, nurses, and snipers; another 28,000 fought with the partisans. Drawing on print media, films, archival sources (including Komsomol files, war diaries, and unpublished memoirs), and interviews, this book describes the experiences, motives, and mindsets of Soviet women who went to war, overwhelmingly voluntarily, against Nazism, and examines how the Stalinist state viewed, depicted, and used Soviet women at war.


In this comparative historical sociology of the early Soviet elite, Dr Riga examines the biographies of the ninety-three members of the Central Committee of the Russian Social Democratic Worker’s Party (Bolshevik)/Russian Communist Party from 1917 to 1923. Finding that two-thirds of the Bolshevik leadership belonged to ethnic minorities (Poles, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Latvians, Georgians, Jews, and others), and highlighting the shared experiences of assimilation and socio-ethnic exclusion that underlay their class universalism, she offers a reinterpretation of political radicalization in the last years of the Russian Empire.


The twelve chapters in this volume about human mobility and Russian governance include contributions about pre-revolutionary Kiev and the use of human mobility as a tool of governance; Odessa as a hajj hub (1880s–1910s); the migration of Russian peasants to the east; tourism in the Russian empire; Soviet internal-migration policies during the 1930s; migration control in Soviet and post-Soviet Moscow; Asian migrants to Moscow and Leningrad; barriers against geographical mobility in post-Soviet Russia; and an essay exploring the paradox of the coexistence of leisure travel and forced labour migrations in the Soviet Union.


For this book, a translation of Terror und Traum. Moskau 1937 (2008), Professor Schlögel has assembled disparate stories of opposing experiences and manifestations to present a
“synchronous narrative” of the events that took place in Moscow in 1937. He focuses on thirty-eight “scenes”, for example, the great show trials, the celebrations of the Pushkin Jubilee, Moscow as a construction site, the Moscow Directory of 1937, the International Geologists’ Congress, the suppressed census of 1937, the passing of the new constitution, and the elections to the Supreme Soviet, for which the preparations went hand in hand with the mass killings.

**Slovakia**


Between 1870 and 2010 over 500,000 Slovaks migrated to the United States and Canada in search of work in the industrial triangle of the United States and in central Canada’s cities. Using his own family history as the foundation, and drawing on interviews as well as on archival and printed sources, Professor Stolarik tells the story of Slovak migration to North America in the twentieth century, in particular the life histories of two dozen families scattered across the United States and Canada.

**Spain**


In this dissertation (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, 2011) about anarchist literature during the period of the Spanish Civil War, Dr Baxmeyer examines anarchist ideas about literature and compares the production and reception of anarchist literature (for example the popular*La Novela Ideal* and*La Novela Libre* series) before and during the Civil War. Analysing representations of Spain in these publications, he argues that libertarian literature during the Civil War took a “nationalist turn”, drifting away significantly from its ideological roots, both formally and thematically.


The seventeen contributions to this volume about the trade-union movement under Franco and during the transition to democracy aim to illustrate that the labour movement contributed significantly to the transition to, and consolidation of, democracy in Spain. They address, for example, the role of the state-controlled OSE compared to that of the free trade unions; trade-union protests during the first years of the Franco regime; the role of the trade unions in the Spanish economy; agrarian organizations; the roles of women and Roman Catholics; and the reconstruction of the free trade unions during the transition.

Situating the Spanish Civil War in the context of twentieth-century European history and emphasizing that in Spain, as in other European internecine conflicts (e.g. the Yugoslav wars), war was waged predominantly on civilians, Professor Graham explores the long-term consequences of the Spanish Civil War in chapters about the institutionalized killing and the making of Francoism; the case of Amparo Barayón and her children’s search for the truth about her murder; ideas about the International Brigaders before and after Spain; the enduring legacy of Francoism; and Spain’s memory wars.

PAYNE, STANLEY G. The Spanish Civil War. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge [etc.]. 268 pp. Maps. £55.00; $90.00. (Paper: £17.99; $27.99.)

Situating the Spanish Civil War in the context of European conflicts between 1918 and 1949, this book seeks to illuminate the Civil War’s key issues, including the origins of the conflict, the collapse of the Spanish Republic, the complex web of Republican politics, and the character of the Spanish revolution. Professor Payne also examines the military history of the War, the non-intervention policy of the democracies, and the role of German, Italian, and Soviet intervention, and considers why the conflict provoked such strong reactions at the time and long afterwards.


This collection offers an oral history approach to the history of the Unión General de Trabajadores (UGT, General Union of Workers), the main Spanish socialist trade union, from the beginning of the Second Republic in 1931 through the Francoist dictatorship. Combined with sections featuring extensive illustrations and based on interviews with 102 UGT activists, the ten chapters in this collection explore a comprehensive variety of themes, periods, and issues, including the period of the Second Republic and the Popular Front; the Civil War; exile; repression, underground activities, and workers’ protest in Francoist Spain; emigration; and renewal in the 1960s and 1970s. See also Vicente Sanz Rozalén’s review in this volume, pp. 528–530.


The nine case studies in this volume examine the history of work-related health issues in Spain from c.1850 to 2000 in various sectors (agricultural labour and mining) and regions (Catalonia, Biscay, the Spanish south-east), and in relation to different themes (work, gender, and trachoma; the role of employers’ mutual societies; an inquiry about maternity insurance from 1925–1927; and the normalization of risks at work). The collection
also includes an article on the Anglo-Saxon asbestos debate and a historiographical contribution about the history of work, health, and safety issues in France.

Sweden


Contributing to the discussion of resource mobilization theories in the context of social movements, Professors Jonsson and Neunsinger in this book focus on two Swedish first-wave women’s organizations, the middle-class feminist Fredrika Bremer Association and the Social Democratic Women’s Federation, to examine the monetary resources available to them and the ways they used such resources. Comparing the Swedish organizations’ financial strategies with those of similar organizations in Germany, Britain, and Canada, they emphasize the importance of class, gender, age, and national context.

Switzerland


The well-known historian of the labour movement in Switzerland has brought together twenty-two of his articles that are sometimes difficult to find, published between 1964 and 1996 in books and journals. Topics range from the First International to the Swiss general strike of 1918, with extensive consideration for refugees and exiles. Each article is preceded by a note detailing its context and bringing it up to date. As an introduction, the author has added an intellectual autobiography, in which he touches on the difficulties encountered by researchers in the 1960s and 1970s, including with a less than forthcoming IISH.