



**University of
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YOUTH AND SOCIALISM: TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

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ENGLISH SEMINAR, PLATTENSTRASSE 47



For two days an international group of scholars from different disciplines will discuss the transnational networks formed among student/youth movements, and their part in the circulation of socialist ideas between the 1960s and 1990s. The workshop represents a first attempt to look at how socialism was framed from the grassroots and Global South perspective vis-à-vis the Soviet bloc and, in doing so, it will enhance our understanding of the global ideological aspect of the Cold War dynamics. Special attention will be paid to literary, artistic and cultural manifestations of socialism in Eastern Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

If you'd like to participate please register by sending an email to michielnicholas.vangulpen@uzh.ch

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Saturday

- 10:00 – 10:30 **Tom Junes and Ana Sobral:** Introduction
- 10:30 – 11:30 **Elitza Stanoeva:** 1968 Youth Festival in Sofia: Challenging Encounters within and without Socialism.
- 11:45 – 12:45 **Igor Duda:** Internationalism and International Relations of the Pioneers' Alliance of Yugoslavia.
- 14:15 – 15:15 **Anne Luke:** From Rebellion to Rectification: Youth in the Cuban Revolution
- 15:30 – 16:30 **Mahmoud Arghavan:** The Role of Islamic Marxism and Socialist Islamism in Mobilizing Young Iranians during the 1979 Revolution.
- 17:00 **Keynote Lecture**
Eric Zolov: Bridging the Global Sixties: Towards a Transnational Perspective on Youth Activism in Latin America.

Sunday

- 10:30 – 11:30 **Mihir Sharma:** Progress for the "Backward"?: Dalit Struggles under Democratic Socialist Ideology in Nehruvian India.
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Pavan Malreddy:** Marxism, Mass Movements, and Ethnic Solidarity in Post-Independence Sri Lanka.
- 13:45 – 14:45 **Matt Swagler:** Neither Communism nor African Socialism: African Youth and the Use of Marxist Texts.
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Tom Junes:** Between Decolonisation and Social Revolution: Youth, the Anti-Apartheid Struggle, and African Communism.
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Ana Sobral:** The Construction of the 'New Man': Socialist Utopians in Angolan Poetry from the 1960's to 1990's.
- 18:30 – 19:30 A Tour through Red Zurich
- 21:00 **Socialism Now:** A Discussion with Young Socialists from Zurich

With Discussion Inputs by:

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