One Hundred Years that Shook the World

1917’s Russian revolution indelibly marked the history of the 20th century. In February, Czarism was overturned and a reputedly liberal regime was established, which was intent on continuing the war. After a tumultuous few months, the Bolsheviks gained power in October. The successes and failures of that socialist revolution and the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) remain, today, reason for political and historiographical debate. Given the utopian power that directly or indirectly irradiated from the October revolution, as well as the place of this radical transformation’s practices and projects in the definition of our contemporaneity, questioning this revolution means casting a critical eye over the changes which have occurred throughout the 20th century and over the nature of today’s imagery of social justice and liberation.

Whether as liberating hypothesis or tragic perversion, the Russian revolution remains relevant today. Not only because it feeds a growing array of political and academic analyses, but also because, whether representing hope, deadlock or limitation, it allows us to think about the emancipatory struggles that animated the 20th century, as well as alternative possibilities for a better world for everyone.

With this in mind, CES decided to promote an international colloquium entitled “One hundred years that shook the world: emancipatory hypotheses,” to be held on the 24th and 25th of November 2017. The centenary of the event is therefore an analytical opportunity to think about experiences and projects that, in its wake and beyond, have been building alternative paths to capitalism, colonialism and patriarchy. The full programme appears in this issue.

In this event, we will reflect upon systemic alternatives to capitalism as well as the endless crises fed by that system. We will enquire into the political and ideological legacies that the Russian Revolution continues to raise. We will also look at how feminist imagery highlights the need for analysis to include all oppression inscribed in unequal power relations. Finally, we will discuss the role of social struggles and their connection with emancipatory hypotheses in today’s world, within a framework in which the post-democratic, misogynist, neoliberal and colonialist forces invade and populate the political horizons of a great part of humanity.

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In this edition, OPJ presents the project ACURIA - Assessing Courts’ Undertaking of Restructuring and Insolvency Actions: best practices, blockages and ways of improvement. Funded by the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers of the European Commission, the project runs from January 2017 to December 2018.

The main aim of ACURIA is to identify the best practices and ways to improve the responses of courts to the general goals of insolvency law: the protection of creditors’ rights and the restructuring of viable enterprises.

To achieve its aim, the project will assess the performance of courts by relying on qualitative and quantitative methodologies, including court case analysis, interviews with judicial key players and focus groups. This set of approaches supports all the tasks, from the development of its theoretical framework to the fulfillment of the fieldwork.

Coordinated by CES, through its researcher Catarina Frade, project ACURIA comprises a set of four European countries – the Netherlands, Italy, Poland and Portugal – whose restructuring and insolvency regimes present dissimilar maturity and rules, but exhibit several common problems: a low credit recovery rate, expensive and long-lasting processes, and difficulties in getting a “second chance” for viable enterprises. The multinational consortium intends to address two additional objectives. Firstly, to support the improvement of legislation and policies at national and EU levels regarding business failure and insolvency (including issues related to the enforcement of cross-border insolvency rules, as well as enterprise groups restructuring and insolvency practices). Secondly, to strengthen research at the EU level and promote cooperation between academia, practitioners and economic players to reinforce mutual learning and knowledge dissemination.

The main findings of ACURIA may be found on the project’s website: www.acuria.eu.
Paulo Varela Gomes: Medal of Cultural Merit

Paulo Varela Gomes was posthumously honoured with the Medal of Cultural Merit. Deceased April 30, 2016, Paulo Varela Gomes was a critic, university professor, art and architecture historian, and former researcher of this research centre. Considered one of the most significant current Portuguese authors and art historians, his extraordinary work ranges from architect to historian, to critic and disseminator.
INTIMATE is the first research project focused on LGBTQ intimate citizenship in Southern Europe funded by the European Research Council. Running between 2014 and 2019 under the coordination of Ana Cristina Santos, INTIMATE’s main aim is to provide conceptual, empirically-grounded and policy-oriented understandings of intimate life beyond the dominant confinements of the heterosexual, reproductive and cohabiting couple.

Now in its 4th year, the research team has successfully completed all stages of fieldwork in Lisbon, Madrid and Rome, conducting over 150 in-depth interviews with legal experts, health professionals, decision-makers, activists and self-identified LGBTQ individuals sharing their life-stories around topics such as partnering, parenting and friendship. Each of these topics was explored through thematic studies on polyamory, lesbian coupledom, politics and practices of naming a child, surrogacy, assisted reproduction, living with friends in adult life and networks of care involving transgender and non-binary people. We were particularly interested in the daily management of intimate life, as well as in processes of negotiation between partners and extended intimate networks, including ex-partners, friends and kinship beyond blood ties, regarding citizenship, care and choice.

Dissemination is another important aspect of INTIMATE’s work. Since 2015, INTIMATE organized three major thematic conferences in Portugal, gathering over 600 delegates and invited speakers from countries as diverse as Austria, Colombia, Greece, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Serbia and South Africa, to name but a few. The Queering Parenting Conference, held in March 2017, included keynote addresses from Catarina Marcelino, Secretary of State for Citizenship and Equality of Portugal, and Daniele Viotti, MEP and Co-President of the European Parliament’s Intergroup for LGBTI Rights, as well as from internationally renowned colleagues Christian Klesse, Jacqui Gabb and Chiara Bertone who are also part of our International Board of Consultants. The research team has had the opportunity to discuss preliminary findings in scientific meetings across the globe, organizing panels and acting as invited speakers in 15 countries. The ESA Conferences (Prague, 2015; Athens, 2017) the After Marriage Conference at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice (New York, 2016) and the IASSCS Conference (Thailand, 2017) are examples of events in which INTIMATE was invited to host thematic panels. Several of these conference papers have now been published and two special journal issues have been formally accepted for publication.

Timeliness was determinant, as well as the research focus on a sound and innovative methodology that places biographic narratives and self-definition at the centre of empirically based analysis. A significant amount of interest was triggered by INTIMATE’s research on non-monogamies (2014), surrogacy (2016) and gender diversity (2017). Journalists, especially in Spain and Portugal, have used INTIMATE’s expertise to bring these topics to a broader audience, with over 40 articles and interviews about our research published in newspapers in recent years. This interest was magnified by legal, political and policy developments around assisted reproduction and gender recognition laws. In fact, in both 2015 and in 2016 our studies have been accompanied by a dramatic shift in the ways LGBTQ reproductive rights were framed in Portugal, with adoption, co-adoption and assisted reproduction becoming available for any person regardless of sexual orientation. Currently, a revised and updated version of the gender recognition law is expected to be approved by the Portuguese Parliament, granting rights to transgender children after turning 16 and the use of a social name at school.
INTIMATE’s investment in advancing Gender and Sexuality Studies has meant that a significant part of our time is dedicated to undergraduate, MA and PhD students, post-doctoral and other early career researchers whose research interests fit the work we are conducting. Since it started, INTIMATE has hosted over 30 short-term internships, visiting stays and research fellowships. We also organized a series of workshops for teenagers in secondary schools addressing the topic of LGBTQ rights as human rights. The INTIMATE Advanced Seminar Series is another occasion in which a mix of well-established and early career researchers are invited to discuss their work on gender and sexualities with an increasingly larger and enthusiastic audience. Some of these seminars have been recorded and are available online. And because training is fundamental and ongoing, three out of 7 team members are conducting their PhD thesis in Human Rights, Feminist Studies and Psychology in topics such as lesbian motherhood, bisexuality and wellbeing, and gender diversity in sports.

The responsibility to bridge the gap between science and society is one of our main concerns. Much of the work we produce is circulated for free on our website, and this includes conference papers, videos and other presentations. We are keen to transform our analysis into jargon-free findings and recommendations regarding law, social policy and cultural impact that may work as an information tool beyond academia. We do so, for instance, through a Research Brief which we publish online and disseminate in English, Portuguese, Spanish and Italian. The Research Brief is also distributed to decision-makers at national and EU levels, as well as to LGBTQ grassroots organizations in the countries involved. Published in September 2017, Research Brief 2 was entirely dedicated to LGBTQ Parenting in Southern Europe. Some of its highlights consist of recognizing that austerity policies in Southern European countries have impacted negatively on reproductive prospects of LGBTQ people and that, contrary to parenting amongst heterosexual couples, LGBTQ people do not become parents by accident, hence the centrality of the parental project for the people we interviewed.

In the forthcoming months, INTIMATE is organizing for the first time a Summer School on Queers, Crips and Other Misfits (May 2018), with a strong focus on intersectionality through the lens of bodily and sexual diversity. The final Conference is planned to take place in Lisbon in October 2018, with Jack Halberstam, a member of INTIMATE’s Board of Consultants, as a confirmed keynote speaker. In the meantime, we will initiate the last and ever more demanding stage of this research, focused on the integrative conceptual work that can be extracted from the seven studies conducted in each capital city, thus contributing to broader political and theoretical discussions around citizenship, care and choice.
Colloquium
One Hundred Years that Shook the World: Emancipatory Hypotheses

November 24th and 25th, 2017
Auditorium, Faculty of Economics – UC

The centenary of the Russian Revolution comes as an opportunity for CES to promote a broad reflection on the emancipatory paths that have crossed the world in the twentieth century and on its inheritances, legacies and limits. As a symbol of the hopes and stalemates of a new socialist model, 1917 provides an analytical opportunity to think about experiences and projects that, in their wake and beyond, have been building alternative paths to capitalism, colonialism and patriarchy. At a time when emancipatory hypotheses seem to be pulverized, this international meeting seeks to critically reflect on the changes that have occurred throughout the twentieth century and on the place and nature of the imagery of social transformation and liberation today.

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Programme

Friday, November 24th

8h45-9h15: Registration and welcome
9h00-9h30: Opening
Teresa Pedroso de Lima, FEUC Director
Miguel Cardina, Organising Committee
& President of CES Scientific Board
9h30-10h30: Keynote address by Boaventura Sousa Santos
10h30-11h00: Coffee break
11h00-13h00: Social transformation and political subjects
Álvaro Garcia Linera and Gladys Tzul Tzul (in Spanish)
Moderator: João Rodrigues
13h00-14h30: Lunch break
14h30-16h30: Spectres of the Revolution
Tariq Ali and Keenga-Yamahtta Taylor
Moderator: Teresa Almeida Cravo
16h30-17h00: Coffee break
17h00-19h00: Goodbye Lenin?
João Arsénio Nunes, José António Bandeirinha, Rui Bebiano, José Neves
Moderator: Olga Solovova
20h00: Conference dinner

Saturday, November 25th

9h00-11h00: Can the subaltern speak?
João Arriscado Nunes, Ana Barradas, Catarina Martins, Raquel Lima
Moderator: Maria José Canelo
11h00-11h30: Coffee break
11h30-13h30: Democracy, land and challenges for the 21st century
Kamal Chenoy and Zene Tadesse
Moderator: Teresa Cunha
13h30-15h00: Lunch break
15h00-17h00: Colonialism, shall it not pass?
Flávio Almada (TBC), Silvia Maeso, Maria Paula Meneses, Pedro Pezarat Correia, Fernando Rosas
Moderator: Marta Araújo
17h00-17h30: Coffee break
17h30-19h30: Is it as difficult to imagine the end of capitalism as to imagine that capitalism has no end?
Patrícia Vieira, Manuel Carvalho da Silva, Francisco Louçã, Sandra Monteiro, Pablo Gentili (TBC)
Moderator: José Manuel Mendes

Rrevoluçã0! Video installation from the exhibition «Rrevolução» - Colégio das Artes da UC, by António Olaio
Post-doctoral Research and Advanced Training

Post-Doctoral Researchers

Albert Farré Ventura
PhD in African History, University of Barcelona, Spain
Project: CROME: Crossed Memories, Politics of Silence: The Colonial-Liberation Wars in Postcolonial Times

Alberto Bougleux
PhD in Political Sociology, University of Florence, Italy.
Project: EMPATIA – Enabling Multichannel Participation Through ICT Adaptations

Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro
PhD in International Relations, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Project: The consequences of debating concepts during referendum campaigns: the cases of Ukraine and Uzbekistan

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Project: POLITICS – The politics of anti-racism in Europe and Latin America: knowledge production, decision-making and collective struggles

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Project: Mobility of memory, memories of mobility Western Mediterranean crossings in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries

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Project: BECOMING - BEyond the crisis: COMmonING

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Project: CROME – Memórias Cruzadas, Políticas do Silêncio: as guerras coloniais e de libertação em tempos pós-coloniais

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Ludmila Mendonça Lopes Ribeiro

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Fernando Ampudia de Haro

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Niccolò Bertuzzi

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Micaela Pinho e Ana Pinto Borges

A violência como tática de resolução de conflitos entre irmãos
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