

Society for Socialist Studies

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“At first glance, the separation of economic from political power seems an even greater, and perhaps insurmountable, problem in today’s ‘globalized’ economy than ever before. Transnational capital seems to have escaped the boundaries of the nation state, the power of capital seems to have become even more diffuse, and the problem of locating and challenging the centre of capitalist power has apparently become even harder. It seems to be everywhere and nowhere. Yet appearances may be deceptive ... the state remains a vital point of concentration of capitalist power, even, or especially, in today’s global capitalism, and that the empire of capital depends upon a system of multiple states.”

Ellen Meiksins Wood, *Empire of Capital*

The theme of the 2014 Congress is “Borders Without Boundaries”. To socialist critics, this idea accords well with an enduring contradiction between the nationalisation and internationalisation of capital first elaborated analytically by Bukharin in his *Imperialism and World Economy*. The 2014 Congress theme opens the intellectual door to a plethora of contemporary concerns ranging from capitalism’s metabolic rift with the natural world through to the perennial abuse of migrant workers. The theme of this year’s Congress is a most inviting one for socialist critics! We hope you are able to join us at Brock University nestled in the lovely Niagara peninsula.

Call for proposals for Panels and Roundtables

At this early point we are mainly interested in proposals for panels and roundtables, which will then be posted on our website. Proposals for roundtables should include a list of participants. Unlike sessions they are not open for individual proposals. Abstracts (maximum of 100 words) for roundtable and session proposals should be submitted before **Monday, December 16, 2013**.

Call for Papers

If you wish to submit a proposal for an individual paper at this point the Programme Committee will find a place for it. Sessions open for individual proposals will be posted to our website as soon as they are accepted by the Programme Committee. Abstracts (maximum of 100 words) for paper proposals should be submitted before **Friday, January 31, 2014**.

Please note: The *Society for Socialist Studies* is committed to interdisciplinary research. Anyone suggesting a session, roundtable, or paper who is also affiliated with other associations participating in Congress is invited to think about cross listing their proposals. Please submit all proposals to: Jean Chapman, sstudies@unb.ca