G.A. COHEN’S KARL MARX’S THEORY OF HISTORY:
A DEFENCE, 40 YEARS ON

Oct. 25-26, 2018, Normative Orders Building, EG 01

The conference will revisit G.A. Cohen’s Karl Marx’s Theory of History: A Defence (KMTH) on the occasion of the 40th year since its publication. It is organized by Prof. Darrel Moellendorf (Frankfurt) and Prof. Nicholas Vrousalis (Leiden) and hosted and supported by the Excellence Cluster Normative Orders at Goethe University Frankfurt. The conference will offer an opportunity for critical reflection on KMTH’s arguments, import, and legacy. It will also engage critically with the moment that was analytical Marxism. Our hope is that critical engagement with KMTH will serve to further develop analytical critical social theory.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Erica Benner (Yale)
Chris Bertram (Bristol)
Rainer Forst (Frankfurt)
A.J. Julius (UCLA)
Annabelle Lever (Sciences Po)
Darrel Moellendorf (Frankfurt)
John Roemer (Yale)
Philippe van Parijs (Louvain)
Roberto Veneziani (Queen Mary)
Nicholas Vrousalis (Leiden)
Jonathan Wolff (Oxford)

For conference attendance, registration is required. Please contact Ellen Nieß to register: ellen.niess@normativeorders.net.
PROGRAMME

I. October 25, 2018

9.30 – 9.45 Welcome by Darrel Moellendorf and Nicolas Vrousalis


11.00 – 12.00 Chris Bertram, ‘Cohen on growth, rationality, and capitalism’

12.15 – 13.15 Erica Benner, ‘Did Marx neglect a human need for identity? Cohen’s ‘Reconsidering Historical Materialism’ reconsidered’

13.15 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 16.00 Roberto Veneziani

16.15 – 17.15 John Roemer, ‘How can the socialist economy be decentralized, if not relying upon greed and fear?’

17.30 – 18.30 Annabelle Lever, ‘Analytic critical theory or theories’

18.30 Buffet dinner — for all participants (5th floor)

II. October 26, 2018

10.00 – 11.00 Darrel Moellendorf, ‘Hope and the Development Thesis’

11.15 – 12.15 AJ Julius ‘Form, Fetter, Fetish’

12.30 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 15.15 Nicholas Vrousalis, ‘Cohen’s critical theory’

15.30– 16.30 Jonathan Wolff, ‘Cohen on functional prediction’

16.45 – 17.45 Panel discussion with Rainer Forst, Darrel Moellendorf, Nicholas Vrousalis

17.45 Reception — for all participants (Ground floor)

19.30 Dinner (speakers only)