

# Cohen on Marx's theory of history, 40 years on

Oct. 25-26, 2018

Goethe University, Frankfurt  
Normative Orders Building, EG 01

This 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.

Confirmed speakers:

Erica Benner (Yale)  
Chris Bertram (Bristol)  
John Filling (Cambridge)  
Rainer Forst (Frankfurt)  
A.J. Julius (UCLA)  
Anabelle 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\[at\]normativeorders.net](mailto:ellen.niess@normativeorders.net).

Programme

October 25, 2018

9.00 – 10.00 Philippe Van Parijs, 'All Souls College Oxford, Michaelmas Term 1978'

10.15 – 11.15 Chris Bertram, 'Cohen on growth, rationality, and capitalism'

11.30 – 12.30 Erica Benner

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Roberto Veneziani

15.15 – 16.15 John Roemer, 'How can the socialist economy be decentralized, if not relying upon greed and fear?'

16.30 – 17.30 Annabelle Lever

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

October 26, 2018

9.00 – 10.00 Darrel Moellendorf, 'Hope and the Development Thesis'

10.15 – 11.15 John Filling, 'Cohen, Elster, and Methodological Individualism'

11.30 – 12.30 AJ Julius

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Nicholas Vrousalis, 'Cohen's critical theory'

15.15 – 16.15 Jonathan Wolff, 'Cohen on functional prediction'

16.30 – 17.30 Panel discussion with Rainer Forst, Darrel Moellendorf, Nicholas Vrousalis

17:30 Reception—for all participants (Ground floor)

19.30 Dinner (speakers only)