

EDITORIAL NOTE

The editors of *Left History* are pleased to present three articles and a research note that we feel make important contributions that foster historical inquiry and debate. The volume begins with an article exploring how protest strategies are reshaped by local movements to fit their unique struggles, challenging the one-directional model of influence. Thomas van Gaalen presents how the Bijlmerkrakers (Dutch for ‘Bijlmer squatters’), a collective of Surinamese and Dutch Antillean squatters, occupied a flat in the Bijlmer, one of Amsterdam’s newly built suburbs in the mid-1970s. In a similar Cold War dynamic, Can Bahadır Yüce shifts our focus to a 1956 protest by young Turkish writers and poets revealing that cultural dissent was shaped not just by domestic struggles but also by the broader geopolitical tensions of the time. Building on the idea of how global movements take on new life in different places, Livia K. Stone’s article explores the concept of *autogestión*, which has led to misunderstandings about its deeper, more radical meaning in history. This concept evolved beyond factories and labour struggles, shaping cultural and social projects in new ways. Lastly, the journal presents a thought-provoking research note by Nabanipa Majumder, who analyzes how European decolonization was a complex phenomenon that influenced geopolitics, ideologies, society, culture, and public memory. Together, these works invite a reconsideration of how we comprehend the transmission of political and cultural ideas, emphasizing agency, adaptation, and the dynamic interplay between global influences and local realities.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the tireless contributions of the former editorial team members Alex Gagné, Jody Hodgins, Taylor Starr, and Luah Tomas to this issue and the others they helped produce over their tenure. As new editors, we endeavour to build on the great work that they and our other predecessors have established. We thank them for their guidance and support during this transition. Their efforts are warmly appreciated, and we wish them all the best.

Under the direction of our Editor-in-Chief, Professor Sakis Gekas, the new Editorial Team includes Ph.D. candidates of various research interests. We welcome back Angelo Laskaris whose methodological focus is on Greek Canadian oral history and migration. We thank him for facilitating the transition of the new editorial team which includes four new members: Alexandros Balasis, Guido D’Elia, Iyassu DeMissie, and Riley Wolfe. Alexandros’s interests revolve around Modern Greek history, transoceanic migration, and diasporic community formation. Guido D’Elia explores the complexities of Italian migration. Iyassu DeMissie studies the integration and resistance of marginalized and subaltern communities within colonial societies in Roman Africa. Riley Wolfe focuses on Mexican queer and trans activists’ participation in transnational networks. The team offers comprehensive and interdisciplinary approaches which we hope will strengthen the growth of this journal.

Left History sincerely thanks our contributors, peer-reviewers, and readers. Your dedication drives the journal's growth and evolution. With your ongoing support, we remain committed to expanding our reach and developing innovative strategies to engage our audience. We invite our readers to become contributors and add their voices to *Left History*—whether through articles, book reviews, or research notes—helping to shape critical conversations that bring together diverse perspectives, methodologies, and fields of study. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.

The Editors