

## RALPH MILIBAND AND PARLIAMENTARY SOCIALISM

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011

This conference marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ralph Miliband's *Parliamentary Socialism* – a critique of the labour party that shaped a generation of scholars and activists. The book argues that Labour's belief in the centrality of parliamentary politics often undermined the very movements that were needed to bring about real change. With protest on the rise, and Labour seeking a new way forward, the conference aims to reassess Miliband's arguments and their contemporary relevance.

### Conference Programme

Venue: Morishima Conference Room, 5th floor, Lionel Robbins Building, LSE

1.00pm onwards	Arrival
1.30-2.30pm	The Argument and Its Impact Speaker: Tariq Ali (author and activist) Chair: Robin Archer (LSE, Sociology)
2.30-2.45pm	Coffee and Biscuits
2.45-4.00pm	Parliamentary and Extra-parliamentary Politics Speaker: Hilary Wainwright (Editor, Red Pepper) Discussant: Martin McIvor (Editor, Renewal) Chair: Kristina Fuentes (LSE, Sociology)
4.00-4.15pm	Coffee and Biscuits
4.15-5.30pm	Labour and Capitalism Speaker: Robin Blackburn (Verso and Essex, Sociology) Discussant: Bob Hancke (LSE, European Institute) Chair: Simon Dickason (LSE, Miliband Program)

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### Public Event

Venue: Hong Kong Theatre, Clement House, LSE

6.30-8.00pm	Whatever Happened to Parliamentary Socialism? Taking Ralph Miliband Seriously Today  Speaker: Leo Panitch Chair: Robin Archer
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Prof Panitch is a Canada Distinguished Research Professor in Comparative Political Economy, editor of the *Socialist Register*, and the author of numerous books and articles including *The End of Parliamentary Socialism* and *In and Out of Crisis*. He wrote his PhD at the LSE under the supervision of Ralph Miliband.