CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ECHOES OF THE 1917 RUSSIAN REVOLUTION;
DECADES OF RADICALISM AND RED SCARES IN THE LABOUR
MOVEMENTS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The Russian Revolution was one of the most significant events of its
decade. In Canada and the US, many workers saw an opportunity for
class war, believing that socialism could overcome capitalism as the
dominant political reality. In the Pacific Northwest, new forms of
industrial organizing were bolstered by aspirations of a new world
order, and the labour movement briefly swelled with enthusiastic
members who were eager to be part of the change.

But capitalism held firm and enjoyed the resources and political clout
of the wealthy. Activists were tagged as Bolsheviks and foreign-born
agitators risked deportation for their activism.

The cold-war politics lasted decades, with “red-led” unions subject to
purges and disbandment. Many individuals suffered personal
consequences, including losing their livelihood.

This conference explores the impact and lasting influences of this history
on contemporary labour but all topics are welcome.

Presenters are asked to register for the conference but may apply for a waiver of fees.
Modest travel subsidies considered if funds permit.

Proposals due by November 15, 2016.

Online form: http://goo.gl/forms/Rpyngd7SXrvm5e6b2
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We welcome music, displays, and theatre in
addition to presentations and workshops based on
the theme or other topics of interest.

Suggested Topics
• Tim Buck’s writings on the
impact of the revolution on
communism & trade
unionism in Canada
• The McCarthy era, purges
& the weakening of radical
unionism
• RCMP & CIA compilations
on various unions and their
leaders
• The Mac-Paps and Lincoln
Brigades – Journeys to
Spain to fight fascism
• The discourse of Anna
Louise Strong & John Reed
• Cultural expressions
through art, music, poetry,
& theatre
• Lesser known issues of
race and gender
• General Strikes in 1919:
Seattle and Winnipeg, plus
sympathy strikes
• Contemporary reflections

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