

THE EUROPEAN CRISIS:

ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES

A Jean Monnet international day conference

University of Manchester, Friday 28th June 2013, 9.45am - 4.45pm

Arthur Lewis Building, G.030/031

The financial crisis of European states and of the Eurozone has been met, on the national and transnational levels, with the demand for 'austerity', a political project which is partially shared across the political spectrum from centre-right to centre-left. This day conference will bring together scholars of European radical political parties and social movements which fall outside of this policy field. The socialist left, the populist right, environmentalists, Pirates and more will all come under discussion, and countries covered span from Britain and Sweden to Germany and Greece. The conference aims to answer the questions: What are the alternatives to austerity politics which are being elaborated in Europe right now? And are any of them likely to come to prominence as 'Plan A' becomes less convincing by the minute?

The paper list runs as follows:

- Myrto Tsakatika (Glasgow): 'SYRIZA's rise: from economic crisis to political rupture'
- Luke March (Edinburgh): 'European Radical left parties and crisis: Still searching for an alternative Europe'
- Gareth Price-Thomas (UoM): 'Green directions for Europe: Diverging ideas, or a common front?'
- Martin Fredriksson (Linköping): 'An Open Source Project for Politics: Pirate Parties and the Crisis of Democracy'
- Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick (Birkbeck): 'Trade Unions and Austerity: Results from a Study of Unions in Ten EU Countries'
- Ramon Ribera-Fumaz (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya): 'Back to Square One? Struggling with Austerity in Spain'
- Raphael Schlembach (UCLan): 'Environmentalism, austerity and direct action in Britain: contradiction or opportunity?'
- Stuart Shields (UoM): 'Poland's populist turn: From the crisis of communism to the crisis of capitalism'

Attendance is open to all and free of charge, thanks to the support of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, the Comparative Public Policy cluster of the Politics DA, and the Politics DA itself.

But for catering purposes (lunch will be provided), we do ask that you register to let us know of your intention to attend. To do so, and to receive further information, please contact the organisers at gareth.price-thomas@manchester.ac.uk

