

Markovic

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Dear

Thank you for the invitation to the World Sociology Congress. India! How very exotic -- and completely famished. It may back in the late 1920s and early 1930s it excited me very much because I was studying Lenin and the national question and the CI Second Congress focused on that question with Roy of Indian and Sultan Zadeh of Iran as the revolutionaries whose positions Lenin was suppose to have accepted -- never mind how different each was. In the 1950s when Mankind (now out of existence) reviewed Marxism and Freedom I began a correspondence and stupidly asked, because one of the names of the Editorial Board was Roy (which I assume is as common as Smith is here), whether that had any relationship with Roy of the 1920s, and if any of them are alive they are probably still laughing. In any case I had lost interest in India especially when Nehru signed the pact with Mao at Bandung, but regained interest -- indeed wrote extensively then -- on the Sino-Indian War because I felt this great sympathy for Nehru, who when visiting Peking, discovered that their "geography" showed as a good part of India as belong "again" to China. The whole question of when national revolutions are internationalist remains of the essence today whether the conference calls itself sociological and is purely academic or when one is an active revolutionary. However it is absolutely out of the question that I could go there in 1986, both because I do not have a penny to my name and because frankly the delay in the publication of my new book because of the death of the publisher has been quite disturbing -- it will be out by the end of summer, -- and because actually what I am thinking about and what I can not find time for is not Women's Liberation and the Dialectics of Revolution-Reaching for the Future but one I have been wanting to write for a long, long time -- Dialectics of the Party. The noose of the elitist party has been paralyzing revolutionaries long before Stalin murdered the General Staff of the revolution. Why, instead of filling the philosophic void, and that is a void that Lenin also didn't feel when it came to the party, revolutionaries just keep "reforming" that concept I can not understand. In any case that will surely take me some two or three years to finish. And I will simply not be traveling abroad at all.

This is why I turned over your invitation and form letter to Kevin who could speak on Marxist-Humanism in the United States as a whole and focus on my relationship and writings about Marx's Humanism in relationship to the question of revolutionary independence struggles, including what is called the sociological aspect. I believe he has written to you.

When are you coming back to the United States and when can you visit me in Evanston? We should have a very a very lengthy serious discussion. You are always welcome at my home. I was very impressed with Zagorka Golubovic's "Why 'Dictatorship Over Needs' is not Socialism", in Praxis International and wrote her so. How is she? What is new on the Encyclopaedia?

My love to your family.

Yours,

PS I thought the ~~xxxxxx~~ history of N&L would interest you and I enclose my article about it.

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Belgrade, May 20, 1985
Re: XI World Congress of Sociology
Joint session of Research committees
7, 10 and 36 on Socialist Alternatives

Dear *Raya Dunaevskaya*,

The XI World Congress of Sociology will be held in New Delhi, India on August 18-23, 1986. The general theme of the Congress is Social Change: Problems and Perspectives. During the congress a joint session on Socialist Alternatives will take place, organized by three research committees of the International Sociological Association: N°7 "Futures Research", N°10 "Participation, Worker's Control and Self-management" and N°36 "Alienation Theory and Research". Three sessions will be held, two hours each, at the time that will be determined later by the Secretariat of ISA. The working language will be English.

Knowing your work and your research interests we would like to invite you to take part at this joint session. The main purpose of the session is an exchange of views and a dialogue among various existing alternative conceptions of socialism. We enclose a list of topics which, in our opinion, could be brought into focus in the discussion. The papers will serve as the ground for the discussion and their length will not be limited, provided that the author duplicates and sends his/her text to other participants of the session, the list of whom will be sent to you. However the time provided to expound main theses of the paper will be strictly limited to 15 minutes. Participants in the discussion will have 10 minutes at their disposal.

Please let us know not later than 30 June whether you intend to take part in this joint session and what is the topic of your paper or intervention in the discussion. (It suffices to write to one of the below signed three coordinators.) The deadline for sending us one page abstract of the paper is December 31, 1985. The program and the list of participants will be sent to you so that papers could be circulated well on time before the congress.

Those of you who don't expect to get financial aid to participate at the congress from the institutions in your home country could write to the Secretariat of ISA which will dispose with some funds, especially for the participants from the Third world.

Expecting to hear from you at your earliest convenience, sincerely yours,

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P.S. Dear Raya, it would be great to have you with all your knowledge and experience and critical, humanist mind at this conference. I sincerely hope you would make it.
Affectionately yours *Mihailo*

Joint sessions of RC 7, RC10 and RC36 on Socialist Alternatives

Topics and sub-topics

RC7: The Future of Socialist Alternatives

- The Ideas of Socialism and Practices: Implications for Future Alternatives
- The Future of emancipatory vs. bureaucratic project of socialism
- Modernization and emancipation in the future - Socialist alternatives for the Third World
- Socialist alternatives and the future of democracy
- Socialist alternatives for post-revolutionary societies

coordinator: Radmila Nakarada

RC10: Self-governing Socialism: Its Perspectives and Limitations

- New social movements and the potential for self-governing socialist alternatives
- Self-organization and self-determination as a basis of democratic socialism: problems of participation and democracy
- Self-governing society vs. etatism
- Centralism, decenetrization and self-governing coordination of the global society
- Self-governing institutions and bureaucratic tendencies
- The limits of the reduced conceptions of self-government (the shop-floor level, workers' councils within the factory, the production units alone, etc.)
- What lessons can be learned from the experiences of the existing forms of self-government

coordinator: Zagorka Golubović

RC 36: Socialism as a Movement towards dealienation

- Alienation and emancipatory changes in the existing post-revolutionary societies
- Socialism, alienated labour and humanization of work
- Self-government and dealienation in communities
- Non-party politics and political emancipation
- Possibilities of dealienation through the democratic transformations of the political system of global society
- Cultural alienation in socialism; cultural institutional forms that make dealienation possible
- Alternative socialist movements and emancipatory changes in contemporary societies

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