

## **SECTION II. NEWS ON ARCHIVES, HOLDINGS AND INSTITUTIONS**

### **Moscow: Stalin and Politburo Fonds Online**

The Russian Federal Archives Agency in cooperation with several Russian state archives has launched a new internet portal dedicated to documents of Soviet history. *Dokumenty Sovetskoi epokhi* ("Documents of the Soviet Era") will host digital copies of several Russian holdings crucial to Soviet and communist studies and is accessible free of charge. Currently it is hosting roughly 300.000 images from the holdings of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the CPSU and from Stalin's personal papers, both held at the Russian State Archive of Social and Political History (RGASPI). The digitised Politburo holdings encompass the protocols of the Politburo sessions (f. 17, op. 3 and 163) from 1919 to 1932 (the subsequent years are scheduled to be put online in the future), as well as the Politburo's so-called "special folder" (*osobaia papka*, f. 17, op. 162) from 1923 into the early 1940s. The digitised Stalin holdings include, most importantly, the dictator's correspondence (f. 558, op. 11). The interface is in Russian only, many images are "not available", and many crucial documents, especially on the Great Terror, still remain classified and thus are not included in the project. Nevertheless the new portal is a groundbreaking opportunity (not only) for historians abroad to work with some of the most important Russian archival holdings for Soviet history. The portal is accessible at <http://sovdoc.rusarchives.ru>.

### **Teramo: L'Ordine Nuovo Digitized**

The Centro Gramsci di Educazione in Teramo, Italy, has scanned and put online the *L'Ordine Nuovo*, the Communist newspaper edited by Antonio Gramsci between 1919 and 1921. For scanned issues from 1919 to 1925 in PDF format, visit <http://www.centrogramsci.it/riviste/riviste.htm>.

### **Moscow: New Issue of Stalin's Shooting Lists CD**

The human rights NGO "Memorial", in cooperation with the Russian State Archive of Social and Political History (RGASPI), has issued a new version of the compact disk containing digitised versions of Stalin's "shooting lists", supplied by additional documents. During the Great Terror in the Soviet Union, these lists were compiled by regional NKVD branches and sent to Stalin for his approval. The CD is an update for the first release of the disk in 2002. For an official statement of Memorial, see <http://www.memo.ru/d/149069.html>. For an English language article in *The Moscow News*, see <http://themoscownews.com/arts/20130401/191398004-print/Stalins-secret-kill-lists-.html>.

### **Stanford: “Dissertation Reviews” Website**

Dissertation Reviews (<http://dissertationreviews.org/>) was launched already in 2010. It features friendly overviews of recently defended and unpublished dissertations, as well as articles on archives and libraries around the world. The Editor-in-Chief is Thomas S. Mullaney, Associate Professor of History at Stanford University. Its section of archive and library reviews features many institutions in Russia, China, and the West that are relevant for communist studies, as you can see at <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/category/fresh-from-the-archives>.

### **Amsterdam: New Dan Goulooze Papers at the IISH**

Daniel (Daan) Goulooze (1901-1965), a key figure of the Communist Party in the Netherlands and the Comintern, grew up as an Amsterdam worker in construction, he was active in the Nationaal Arbeids-Secretariaat (NAS) and then in the Sociaal-Anarchistische Jeugd Organisatie (SAJO) subsequently joining the CPN. Since 1935 Goulooze led Comintern work for Georgi Dimitrov. As member of the Comintern liason office (OMS) during the occupation, he maintained contact with Moscow via radio. Arrested in 1943, he was later transferred to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, after the liberation he got into conflict with CPN-frontman Paul the Groot, in 1948 he was expelled as a party member. The Archief Daan Goulooze at the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, has now been enriched by a donation from the family, consisting of documents relating to the return of Goulooze from Sachsenhausen to the Netherlands in 1945, membership booklets of the CPN 1945-1948, correspondence on the suspension of Goulooze as CPN member in 1948, documents concerning the death of Goulooze in 1965, typescripts concerning the communist Resistance a.o.

See: <http://search.socialhistory.org/Record/ARCH03343/Description>

### **Marxists Internet Archive: “The Spanish Revolution” P.O.U.M. Bulletin Online**

In cooperation with the Riazanov Library Project, the Marxists Internet Archive hosts scans of *The Spanish Revolution*, the English-language bulletin of the P.O.U.M. (Partido Obrero de Unificación Marxista), the independent communist party that played a prominent role in the Spanish Civil War. 28 issues of the bulletin from 1936 and 1937 are available online at <https://www.marxists.org/history/spain/poum/spanishrevolution/>.

### **Manchester: PSA Communism Specialist Group Formed**

A Communism Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom has been launched with the aim of promoting the study of communism and facilitating scholarly exchanges across both national and disciplinary boundaries including work in the fields of political ideology, social and political movements, comparative party politics, the politics of collective memory and totalitarian studies. The group's activities will include a blog providing news of current events, publications and work in progress and a register of members and their research interests. It will also organise panels at the PSA Annual Conference as well as occasional seminars and an annual day conference. The first conference was held on the theme of 'A century of anti-communisms' in Manchester in

September 2012 and a selection of the papers will be published in the journal *Twentieth Century Communism*. There is no membership fee although there will be a small charge to non-PSA members wishing to attend events and only PSA members are entitled to the group's reduced rate subscription to *Twentieth Century Communism*. For further information contact the convenors [kevin.morgan@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:kevin.morgan@manchester.ac.uk) or [Gidon.cohen@durham.ac.uk](mailto:Gidon.cohen@durham.ac.uk) or go to <http://psacommunism.wordpress.com/>

### **Early American Marxism: Proletarian Party of America Internal Bulletin Online**

The Early American Marxism website has digitised, in cooperation with the Holt Labor Library, San Francisco, and the Riazanov Digital Archive Project, five issues of the extremely rare internal bulletin of the Proletarian Party of America (PPA) from the first half of 1933. The PPA was a small independent communist party founded in 1920 in Detroit and dissolved in 1971. It was most known for operating the Charles H. Kerr publishing house, the United States' oldest Marxist publisher. The digitised bulletins, along with a paper on the history of the PPA by Tim Davenport, are available at <http://www.marxisthistory.org/subject/usa/eam/13-13.html>

### **Recent Articles by Lars T. Lih Online**

Lars T. Lih, a Canadian scholar of communism and revolutionary Russia, probably best known for his groundbreaking study "Lenin Rediscovered. What Is to Be Done? in Context" (Leiden 2005), has published several smaller studies over the past years in online magazines and blogs. John Riddell's blog has compiled these contributions, which deal with the Bolsheviks, Lenin, and Kautsky: <http://johnriddell.wordpress.com/2013/04/16/lars-lih-online-nine-recent-studies-on-bolshevism-lenin-and-kautsky/>

### **Dresden: Online-Bildatlas „Kunst in der DDR“**

Die Technische Universität Dresden, die Staatliche Kunstsammlung Dresden, das Kunstarchiv Beeskow und das Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam haben mit Förderung des Bundesministeriums für Bildung und Forschung ein Internet-Portal ins Leben gerufen, das Kunstwerke aus der DDR verzeichnet und in Form einer teilweise bebilderten Datenbank verfügbar macht. Derzeit sind 20.400 Werke aus 162 Sammlungen erfasst. Das Portal ist abrufbar unter <http://www.bildatlas-ddr-kunst.de>.