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South African History Online, the Wits History Workshop, the Department of History at the University of the Free State, the Department of Development Studies at Nelson Mandela University, the Archie Mafeje Chair in Critical Humanities and Decolonial Studies and the AC Jordan Chair at the Centre for African Studies at the University of Cape Town, and the Department of History at the University of Johannesburg invite you to a series of webinars and other events to mark the centenary of the South African Communist Party in 2021. The programme, which runs from July to November 2021, aims to present new research on the history of the party and other left traditions, and to reflect on their role and legacy today.

Speakers:

Henry Dee, UFS, "From Garvey to Lenin, via Kadalie: The ICU's "Ginger" Faction and the Transformation of Interwar Black Radicalism"

Sheridan Johns, Richard Mendelsohn and Lucien van der Walt, Duke/UCT/Rhodes, "The Political Odyssey of Solomon Buirski, South Africa: Traversing the Worlds of the IWW, the CPSA, Afrikaner Nationalism and the Jewish Diaspora"

Peter Limb, Michigan State University/UFS, "'Hundreds of Native Workers are Joining the Communist Party in Bloemfontein; ... which organisation ... ever faced calamities, persecutions and prosecutions as the CP did?': The Communists in the Free State, 1921-1940"

Robert Edgar, Howard University/Stellenbosch, "Josie Mpama and the Communist Party of South Africa, 1930-1948"

Discussant: Jon Hyslop, Colgate University



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