

On occasion of the General Assembly of transform!europe we would like to invite you to a

# 1. Workshop by Espaces Marx and transform!

6 -7 September 2012 Paris

"Political Mind-sets – Development of the Political and Cultural Hegemony in Conjunction with the Crisis – New Challenges Posed to the Left"

### Thursday, 6 September

14.00 - 17.00

#### Crisis and the Evolution of Mind-sets

- Guy Michelat and Michel Simon (Sociologists): presentation of the study «The People, the Crisis and Politics»
- Hajo Holst: presentation of findings by a research team directed by Klaus Dörre (University of Jena, Germany)
- Christoforos Vernadakis (Professor of Political Sciences, Thessaloniki): The Greek Left and the 2012 elections: the return of the class votum
- Michel Vakaloulis (Paris VIII), Young people and political activity (Prelimenary results of a European study)

#### 17.00 - 20.30

# State of Hegemony in European Societies – How to Interpret Recent Electoral Results in Europe (Greece, France, Spain, Denmark, Germany)

- Philippe Marlière (Professor of Political Sciences, University College London)
- Sophie Heine (Political scientist, ULB)
- Steffen Lehndorff (University of Duisburg/Essen, Germany)
- Pierre Dardot (Philosopher)

### Friday, 7 September

9.00 - 12.00

### Which New Constructions Come up at the Left?

- Jean Numa Ducange (Historian, University of Rouen): History of Left Fronts
- Armando Steinko (Sociologist, University of Madrid)
- Janette Habel (Expert in Latin-America, University Marne la Vallée)

### Objectives:

- Providing better insight in the contradictory development of mind-sets during the current period of a general crisis and the crisis of Europe. Discerning similarities and differences between countries.
- Analysing the consequences of the crisis of neoliberalism and the emergence of a post-democratic governance with regard to political and cultural hegemony.
- Assessing the significance of recent electoral results in a number of European countries. Sketching out the quests on the Left to generate a new political process. Helping in defining working programs of transform.

## 2. Discussion

**September 7** 19.00

## "The European abyss - Sketching out the guests on the Left"

On occasion of release of the #10 transform! journal and its general assembly, transform discusses its strategy in coping with new challenges. The discussion will be held with the participation of Pierre Laurent, chairperson of the European Left Party.

### **Working languages**

French & English

#### Venue:

# Espace Niemeyer, 6 Avenue Mathurin Moreau, 75019 Paris, France, (Métro Colonel Fabien)

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