

# MINERS' STRIKE IN BRITAIN 1984/5

## The Miners' Strike in Britain in 1984/5 – New Perspectives Forty Years After

19-21 March 2025, Bochum

### PROGRAMME:

#### WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH:

14:00-14:15

##### Welcome and Introduction

14:15-15:45

##### Europe and the Strike (1)

Chair: **Stefan Berger**, Institut für Soziale Bewegungen  
Bochum

**Christoph Seidel**, Institut für Soziale Bewegungen  
Bochum, "The German Miners' Union and the British  
Miners' Strike 1984/5

**Nicolas Verschueren**, Université Libre de Bruxelles,  
"The Belgian Coal Decline and the 84-85 Miners'  
Strike".

**Barbara Klich-Kluczewska**, Uniwersytet Krakowie,  
"Polish perspectives on the British miners' strike"

16:00-17:30

##### Europe and the Strike (2)

Chair: **Martina Steber**, Institut für Zeitgeschichte  
München - Berlin / Universität Augsburg.

**François Prigent**, Université Rennes 2, Université  
Rennes 2, "CC1985, a slice of solidarity with British  
miners: a story of scales"

**Ruben Vega**, Universidad de Oviedo, "The same seam.  
Asturians Miners and the Strike"

18:00-19:30

##### Documentary Film and Discussion

**Dominique Masson**, Independent Film maker, Paris, La  
Dernière Grève/The Last Strike



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#### THURSDAY 20 MARCH:

09:00–10:30

##### **Politics and the Strike**

Chair: **Jörg Arnold**, Institut für Zeitgeschichte  
München-Berlin

**Juliane Clegg**, Universität Stuttgart, "Striking a Balance? Ideology and Pragmatism in Margaret Thatcher's Policy during the British Miners' Strike in 1984–5"

**Lewis Mates**, Durham University, "Anarchism and the Miners' Strike"

**John Pateman**, University of Leicester / British Library, "Class Struggle and the National Union of Mineworkers: the role of the Communist Party of Great Britain in the 1984/5 Miners' Strike"

11:00–12:30

##### **Sexual Politics and the Strike**

Chair: **Marion Henry**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

**Marie Cabadi**, Université Angers, "'Widening the Web' of Lesbians Support? Writing Greenham Common into the Queer History of the Miners' Strike"

**Gianmaria Colpani**, Utrecht University, "The Political Moment of Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners (LGSM)"

**Rania Jelloul**, Université libre de Bruxelles, and **Athéna Loucanov**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, "Drawing (up) the struggles: WAPC and Greenham Common as an active-network of disruptive militancy".

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### Justice and the Law

Chair: **Jim Phillips**, University of Glasgow

**Joanna Gilmore**, University of York, "‘They really did us proud’: Legal Solidarity and the 1984-1985 Miners’ Strike"

**Rebecca Zahn**, University of Strathclyde, 'The Juridification of Industrial Relations: 40 Years after the 1984-1985 Miners’ Strike’

**Nikolai Wehrs**, Universität Konstanz, "Another Enemy within? Fighting Civil Service Unionism as a Core of Thatcherism in the 1980s"

1600-1800

### The Strike and the Arts

Chair: **Marion Henry**

**Susannah O’ Carroll**, ENSA Grenoble, "The British miner and mining in the work of Ken Loach: from the mid- 1960s to the post-industrial age" (ONLINE)

**Malo de la Blanchardière**, Université Paris-Saclay, "A Band Aid for the Miners ? The Miners' Strike, Bob Geldof and Charity rock in Thatcher’s Britain"

**Jeremy Tranmer**, Université de Lorraine, "Stuck in an eighties groove? The miners’ strike in British popular music since 1985"

18:30-19:30

### Photography and the miners’ strike

**Peter Arkell**, London, "Photos from the Front: the Newline archive and the strike in England, Wales and Scotland"

**Michael Kerstgens**, Hochschule Darmstadt, Photography and the miners’ strike

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#### **Remembering the strike and its aftermaths**

Chair: **Stefan Berger**

**David Amos**, Mine2Minds Education, Nottingham, "Safe Pits, twelve-foot coal seams and easy coal? The Nottinghamshire coalfield revisited in the early 1980's".

11:00-12:30

Chair: **Jörg Arnold**

**Robin Baillie**, National Galleries of Scotland, "'I know you have to get over it... but I'll never get over it.' Memory, representation and the struggle to remember the Miners' Strike of 1984-1985, in the exhibition, Before and After Coal: Images and Voices from Scotland's Mining Communities"

**Paul Darlow**, National Union of Mineworkers, Barnsley, "Saving the NUM Archives/Headquarters" (ONLINE)

13:30-15:00

**Roundtable**: Reflections on the 40th anniversary – books, television documentaries, commemorative events

Chair: **Jim Phillips**

Lead participants: **Keith Gildart**, University of Wolverhampton, **Marion Henry**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, **Franz-Josef Brüggemeier**, Universität Freiburg, **Joanna Gilmore**, University of York

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44789 Bochum

### Registrations:

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### Conference Organisers:

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**Marion Henry**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

**Jim Phillips**, University of Glasgow

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