

# Early Marxism in Europe: Nikolay Ivanovich Sieber (1870s–1880s)



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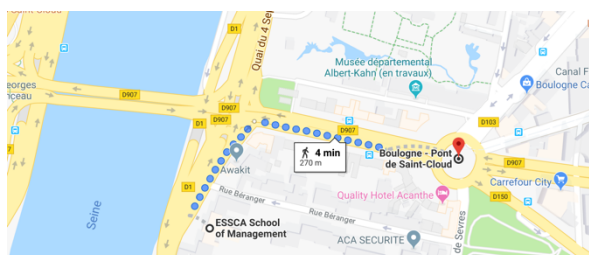
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This international conference aims at shedding light on early Marxism in Europe by promoting the work of the Swiss-Russian economist N.I. Sieber (1844–1888), who introduced Karl Marx in Russia and was the first translator of David Ricardo's contributions into Russian. A Swiss citizen born in Crimea and educated in Kiev, Sieber had a very short academic career in Kiev before exiling himself in Switzerland. From there, he traveled to Paris and to London, where he met Marx. He was therefore a genuine European economist.

This one-day conference deals with Sieber's approach to Marxism, to late classical political economy, to his links with European social and revolutionary movements. It also addresses these issues beyond Sieber's case. Eventually, it presents the Joint Russian Switzerland Project on Sieber (2016-2019).

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**Venue:** ESSCA School of Management, 55 quai Alphonse Le Gallo, 92513 – Boulogne-Billancourt

*Métro: Ligne 10, station Boulogne – Pont de Saint-Cloud*

**Free attendance**, but subject to prior registration, due to limited places and security reasons. Please contact [francois.allisson@unil.ch](mailto:francois.allisson@unil.ch) in case of interest.

Session one. Chaired by **Matthieu Ballandonne** (ESSCA – School of Management)

9h00–9h05

**Pascal Lebarbier** (Director of ESSCA, Paris Campus), **Amanar Akhabbar** (ESSCA – School of Management) and **François Allisson** (University of Lausanne)

« Speech of *Bienvenue* »

9h05–9h30

**François Allisson** (University of Lausanne) and **Danila Raskov** (Saint Petersburg State University)

« Presentation of the Sieber Project (2016–2019) and of its two forthcoming volumes:

— Nikolay Ivanovich Sieber on Value and Capital »

— Политическая экономия Зибера. Антология / Political Economy of Nikolai Sieber. An Anthology

9h30-10h10

**Alessandro Stanziani** (Directeur de recherche CNRS, Directeur d'études EHESS, EHESS-CRH)

« Backwardness in Perspective, in Russian and Western Economic Thought »

10h10–10h50

**Roberto Scazzieri** (Professor, Università di Bologna)

« Late classical political economy: divergent paths and contexts »

10h50-11h10

*Coffee break – Courtesy of the ESSCA*

Session two. Chaired by **Amanar Akhbar** (ESSCA – School of Management)

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11h10–11h50

**Leonid Shirokorad** (Professor, Saint Petersburg State University)

« Nikolai Sieber and Soviet Political Economy »

11h50–12h30

**Paul Zarembka** (Professor, State University of New York at Buffalo)

« Engels' Failure to Incorporate Marx's Instructions from 'Capital', French edition into 3rd and 4th German: Dismissal of Marx's Work on Russia »

12h30-14h30

*Lunch - Au Garde Manger, 21 Rue d'Orléans, 92210 Saint-Cloud (10 min. walk) – Courtesy of ESSCA*

Session three. Chaired by **Jérôme Lallement** (University of Paris Descartes)

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14h30–15h10

**Federico D'Onofrio** (Teaching Fellow, LSE)

« Sieber and Statistics »

15h10–15h50

**Alexander Pogrebnyak** (Associate Professor, Saint Petersburg State University)

« Sieber as a Critic of Marginalism »

15h50-16h20

*Coffee break – Courtesy of the ESSCA*

Session four. Chaired by **Federico D'Onofrio** (LSE)

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16h20–17h00

**Amanar Akhbar** (Professor, ESSCA – School of Management)

Presentation of his new book *Leontief et la science économique* (ENS Editions, 2019)

With comments by **Jérôme Lallement**, **Matthieu Ballandone** and **François Allisson**

17h00-17h40

**Danila Raskov** (Associate Professor, Saint Petersburg State University)

« Intellectual Biography of Sieber in His Letters »

17h40-18h20

**François Allisson** (Senior Lecturer, Université de Lausanne)

« Writing and Reading Between the Lines: From Sieber to a Larger Take on Censorship »

18h20-18h30

**Danila Raskov** (Saint-Petersburg State University)

« Farewell Speech »

20h00 – Aperitif and Dinner - Courtesy of the Swiss National Science Foundation

Restaurant *Les Résistants*, 16-18 Rue du Château d'Eau, 75010 Paris (10 min. by foot from Hôtel 20 Prieuré)