1920/1980
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SIXTY YEARS FOR SOCIALISM

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Session sessions will be grouped under four themes, as set out below. Each theme will run concurrently, so that at any one time there will be formal papers, workshops, panel discussions, oral history and exhibitions. The lists of topics represent a guide only; some may gather into single sessions, while there may be others to be included.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY
AUSLAN POLICIES

- the CPA - Australian Socialist
  Party in Socialist World
  ALP
  the CPA
  the ALP
  relationship with Lang Labor
  front
  government
  Weekly

THEME 1: COMMUNISTS AND ILLEGAL PARTY (1940-9)

- the CPA during the Second
  decade
  tracks on the CPA
  commission
  tempts to ban the CPA
  Commission

THEME 2: COMMUNISTS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

- the women's movement
  - Woman Today and The Working Woman
  - the New Housewives Association
  - the Union of Australian Women
  - the Women's Liberation Movement
  - community work
  - democratic centralism
  - trade unionists within the CPA
  - party leaders and leadership
  - immigrants in the CPA
  - the CPA's approach to parliamentary elections
  - the CPA and local government
  - relations with other socialist forces
  - the 1963 split, leading to the formation of the CPA-ML
  - the 1971 split, leading to the formation of the SPA
  - inner-party education
  - life within the Party
  - the communist press
  - the CPA in the '80s

THEME 3: COMMUNISTS AND INDUSTRIAL WORK

- the armed forces
- immigrants and refugees
- aboriginals and the anti-racism struggle
- civil liberties struggles
- rural work
- anti-eviction struggles
- environmental struggles
- peace and anti-nuclear struggles
- youth organisations - the Eureka Youth League
- students
- the gay movement
- pensioners' organisations
- cultural activities - the Realist Writers' Clubs, the Australasian Book Society, New Theatre, Workers' Art Club, "Power without Glory", Ready River
- communists in the Arts

THEME 4: COMMUNISTS AND INTERNATIONALISM

- the first years of the CPA - an alien growth?
- the Bolshevisation of the CPA
- the Dalriam struggle
- the CPA and the Comintern
- the friendship societies - Friends of the Soviet Union
- the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat
- the anti-fascist struggle in the '30s
- the Spanish Civil War
- the Nazi-Soviet Pact of 1939
- the CPA and 'Browderism'
- the CPA and World War II
- the struggle for Indonesian independence
- the peace movement
- cadre education in the USSR and China
- CPSU 20th Congress and Stalinism
- Hungary 1956
- the Sino-Soviet Split
- Vietnam solidarity
- Czechoslovakia 1968
- the CPA and independence
- US imperialism in Australia
- the Springbok tour 1971
- the Middle East
- East Timor solidarity