



*International Scientific and Practical Conference*

## **Labour movement and left-wing forces against authoritarianism and totalitarianism: our past, present and perspectives for future**

November 3-4, 2012, Moscow

The conference will be organized at the initiative of Confederation of Labour of Russia (KTR), Scientific, Information, and Education Centre “Memorial” and Global Labour Institute (GLI), with the participation of the Research and Education Centre “Praxis”, the permanent workshop “The Left in Russia: Past and Present” and Rosa Luxemburg Foundation.

The aim of the Conference, which marks the 50-th anniversary of the workers’ protest action in the town of Novocherkassk, is to discuss the historic experience, the modern day challenges, and the prospects of the struggle led by free trade unions and other worker associations, as well as the democratic left-wing forces against human rights violations, for political freedom and public self-governance.

The Conference is to hold six panel discussions:

1. Opposition of the labour movement and the left political forces to the ruling regimes before the Revolution of 1917 and during the Civil War years.
2. Opposition of the labour movement and the left political forces to the Bolshevik regime in 1920-1940.
3. The workers’ manifestation of 1962 in Novocherkassk in the context of social and economic processes of the years 1950-1970.
4. Challenges of the labour and trade union movement in the post-Soviet Russia.
5. Situation of the labour and trade union movement in the post-Soviet countries.
6. International and European labour movement in the struggle against totalitarianism.

We also plan to have two round-table discussions at the end of each day of the Conference:

- Labour Movement and Democratic Left in Russia: Relevance of the Historic Experience.
- Prospects for Interaction between Trade Unions and Public and Political Movements in Modern Russia.

The working languages of the Conference are Russian, English, and French.

Those who are willing to take part in the Conference, please, send, BEFORE OCTOBER 1, relevant information about yourself (your name, the name of your organisation, the contact data) and, if you plan to make an input, its topic and a brief synopsis (up to 0.1 page long), by e-mail to: [praxiscenter@gmail.com](mailto:praxiscenter@gmail.com).

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