

Course Overview

Week	Subject	Date	Facilitator
Week 1	'History'	Feb 10	Alrey & Luca
Week 2	'Liberty or Death'	Feb 17	Alrey
Week 3	'Organisational Strategy'	Feb 24	Luca
Week 4	'Mutual Aid'	March 3	Willow
Week 5	'Green Anarchism'	March 10	Luca
Week 6	'What's Next?: Open Dialogue'	March 17	Alrey & Luca

Week 1:

HISTORY

What is Anarchism?

Key Principles

- ❑ Libertarian socialism
- ❑ Free and voluntary association
- ❑ Horizontal power structures
- ❑ Consensus decision-making
- ❑ Opposition to all forms of hierarchy and oppression
- ❑ Anti-authoritarianism (anti-state, anti-capitalism)
- ❑ Mutual Aid
- ❑ Direct Action

Lucy Parsons (*The Principles of Anarchism*, 1905):

The philosophy of a new social order based on liberty unrestricted by man made law, the theory that all forms of government are based on violence — hence wrong and harmful, as well as unnecessary.

Petr Kropotkin (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, 1910):

ANARCHISM (from the Gr. *an* and *archos*, contrary to authority), the name given to a principle or theory of life and conduct under which society is conceived without government – harmony in such a society being obtained, not by submission to law, or by obedience to any authority, but by free agreements concluded between the various groups, territorial and professional, freely constituted for the sake of production and consumption, as also for the satisfaction of the infinite variety of needs and aspirations of a civilized being.

Pre-colonial Egalitarianism

- ❑ The Kung (c.17983 BC)
- ❑ Haudenosaunee Confederacy (1570)
- ❑ Book '**Dawn Of Everything**' David Graeber and David Wengrow,

The Ju/'hoansi (or !Kung) of the Kalahari



Haudenosaunee Confederacy (c.1570)



Precursor Socialism

- ❑ Hobbes / Rousseau
- ❑ English and French Revolutions
- ❑ Early Labour Movement (Trade Unions)

Thomas Hobbes 'State of Nature' (born 1588)



Jean-Jacques Rousseau (born 1712)



"Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains"

- Rousseau

“England is not a free people, till the poor that have no land,
have a free allowance to dig and labour the commons...”

Gerrard Winstanley, 1649



The Diggers (1649)

English and French Revolutions

English Revolution (1642)

- ❑ The Levellers (popular sovereignty), The Diggers (the Commons)
- ❑ **Gerrard Winstanley** (Diggers) the OG guerilla gardener...
- ❑ Thomas Hobbes 'The Leviathan' (1651)

French Revolution (1789)

- ❑ “The storming of the Bastille...” Origin of the ‘left’ (and the ‘right’).
- ❑ Robespierre and the Jacobins
- ❑ The Enragés (The Enraged Ones)

- ❑

'Utopian' Socialism and friends

- ❑ Henri de Saint-Simon (b.1760) - class consciousness
- ❑ Charles Fourier (b.1772) - intentional communities
- ❑ Étienne Cabet (b.1788) - 'communisme' and coops
- ❑ Gracchus Babeuf (b.1760) - proto-ML vanguard
- ❑ Godwin-Wolstencraft (b.1756 / b.1759) **(wk2)**

Paris Commune (1871)

- ❑ Technically the '2nd' Paris Commune.
- ❑ Brought on when France lost war against Prussia, when the French government came to get cannons, the Parisian said no.
- ❑ Pre-anarchism and Pre-marxist, Engel's true 'workers' state'.
- ❑ First experiment in social revolution and self-governance.
- ❑ Worker led
- ❑ Dual Power

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- ❑ Loose internationalist federation of workers unions, groups and individuals.
- ❑ Started by British trade unionists and Proudhonists
- ❑ Spearheaded the labour movement and crystallised major socialist theories.
- ❑ **The Split** Hague Congress in 1872
- ❑ Anarchists expelled, but continued through Anarchist International at the **Saint Imier congress** 1872, all anarchists united.

Anarchism's early beginnings

- ❑ Joseph Proudhon and Mutualism
- ❑ Mikhail Bakunin and Collectivism
- ❑ Joseph Déjacque and Libertarian-communism (**wk2**)
- ❑ Petr Kropotkin and Anarcho-communism

Proudhon and Mutualism

- ❑ Poor working class background, highly intelligent, misogynist.
- ❑ Critique of Property, Anti-parliamentary, Pro-federalism, focus on Artisanal workers.
- ❑ Mutualism is a rare form of Market socialism
- ❑ Individualist economics: based on free agreements
- ❑ 'Economics meets social relations'
- ❑ Proletarian-led market economy, accumulation and 'middle men' abolished.
- ❑ Inspires Dual Power and the coop movement.

Bakunin and Collectivism

- ❑ Born into nobility, turned into a hardened revolutionary (who read)
- ❑ Anti-authoritarian, Anti-state, Dual organisation.
- ❑ Collectivism = communism and mutualism. But wasn't formalised.
- ❑ Collective ownership of means of produce **and land**. Rejecting Proudhon's artisanal focus and the more individualist / peaceful reformism in Mutualism.
- ❑ Heavy focus in *revolutionary* trade-unions.
- ❑ Lineage of Anarcho-syndicalism.
- ❑ Big in Spain (important detail for later). Lineage of Especificismo.

Book 'Mutual Aid: A Factor of Evolution' 1902



Petr Kropotkin

Kropotkin and Anarcho-communism

- ❑ A prince (nobility). Renounced titles and became a biologist, the agitator.
- ❑ Mutual Aid, Anti-authoritarian, Self-sovereignty.
- ❑ A communism (equality) for anarchists (liberty).
- ❑ Completely does away from Market economy.
- ❑ Collective ownership of means of products of labour and equal distribution ***according to need.*** (regardless of contribution)
- ❑ Saw the flaws of Mutualism and Collectivism as it devalued the peasantry or 'lumpen proletariat', unskilled, unemployable, general non-workers. Workers' entitlement may create a managerial or ruling class.

Quick Break

5-10 mins

Criminalisation of Anarchism

Haymarket affair (May 4, 1886)

Johann Most and the Propaganda of the Deed (1846 - 1906)

Alexander Berkman attempts to assassinate Henry Frick (July 1892)

Leon Czolgosz assassinates US President McKinley (Sep 14, 1901)

American and Soviet Suppression



Ukrainian Anarchism / Platformism

Russian Civil War (1917 - 1922)

Nestor Makhno

Makhnovshchina and The RIAU
(The Black Army)

Peter Arshinov and the
Development of Platformism

Debate in Anarchist Circles



Spanish Revolution / Anarcho-Syndicalism

Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)

Confederación Nacional del Trabajo
(CNT) and the *Federación Anarquista*
Ibérica (FAI)

Anarcho-Syndicalism / Rudolf Rocker

Francisco Franco's Victory and the
Death of the Spanish Anarchists
(1939-1943)



Post-War Anarchism (1940s - 1990s)

Black Anarchism



Anarcha-Feminism



Green Anarchism



Anarchism in Recent History (1990s - Present)

Zapatista Uprising

1994



Occupy Wall Street

2011



Kurdish Revolution

2012



Contemporary Anarchism

Latin America:
Especifismo
FAU / FARJ

US:
Black Rose / CrimethInc.

Australia:
ACF / Arc Up

Anarchist Suppression in the US



Questions