

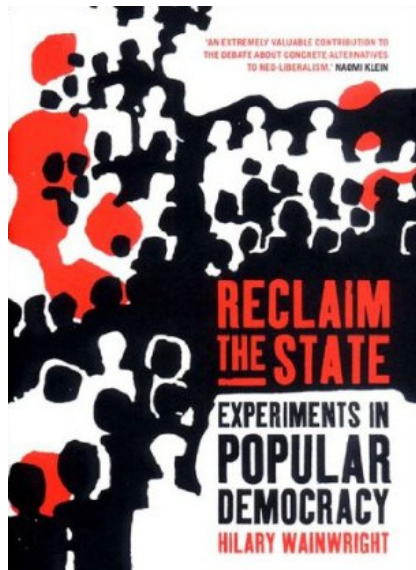


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Reclaiming the State: Suggestions for a New Left Politics

Monday, 17 January, 18:00

**Großbritannien-Zentrum / Centre for British Studies
Mohrenstraße 60, Berlin-Mitte, Room 105**

In her lecture, Hilary Wainwright addresses the question whether the 'state' is still the right place at which politically active people should try to intervene. This is a timely discussion, not just due to the recent change of government in Britain – and its consequence of dramatic spending cuts affecting all areas of social life – but also because doubts whether 'ordinary people' can influence politics are as widespread in Britain as in Germany. Hilary Wainwright discusses possible strategies of public empowerment, tried and debated by political activists and contemporary political theorists.

Hilary Wainwright is a long-standing political activist. She is also a historian and theorist of new forms of participatory democracy within social movements, parties, and states. She is the editor of the political magazine *Red Pepper*, Research Director of the New Politics Programme at the Transnational Institute (Amsterdam) and Senior Research Associate at the International Centre for Participation Studies at the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford. Her books include *Reclaim the State. Experiments in Popular Democracy* (second edition 2009), *Arguments for a New Left*, *Answering the Free Market Right* (1993), and *Labour. A Tale of Two Parties* (1987).

**The lecture will be held in English. All are welcome.
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