

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr Ben Lewis

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1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname: Lewis

Forenames: Benjamin Joseph

Date of Birth: 14 October 1984

Place of Birth: Abergavenny, South Wales

Qualifications & Prizes

- PhD in Germanic Studies (February 2020; no corrections), University of Sheffield
- MA Research Degree in Germanic Studies, Distinction, University of Sheffield
- SLC Postgraduate Taught Prize for Best Overall Performance in the School of Languages and Cultures (MA)
- SLC Postgraduate Dissertation Award for the Best MA Dissertation in the School of Languages and Cultures (MA)
- BA Hons Degree in Germanic Studies, 1st class, University of Sheffield
- German Embassy Book Prize for Best Overall Performance in German (BA)
- Kemsley German Prize for Proficiency in Spoken German (BA)

Scholarships & Grants

- (Postdoctoral level): Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship in the Humanities (April 2022-April 2025)
- (PhD level): Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarship in the Humanities (October 2015-October 2018)
- (MA level): Petrie Watson Exhibition Grant for research at the Stiftung für Sozialgeschichte in Bremen (June 2015)
- (MA level): White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities Masters Scholarship (2014/15)
- (BA level): Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Scholarship (Summer 2004)

Tertiary Education

- 2015-2019: PhD in Germanic Studies, University of Sheffield
- 2014-2015: MA in Germanic Studies, University of Sheffield
- 2003-2007: BA in Germanic Studies, University of Sheffield

- 2005-2006: Erasmus student (*Germanistik*) at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

Secondary Education

- 1997-2003: King Henry VIII School, Abergavenny. A Levels: German (A), Politics (A), Economics (A), General Studies (A); GCSEs: 8 A*s, 1 A

Teaching Experience

- March 2021-March 2022: Lecturer in German Language Education and Language Co-Ordinator at King's College London, where I oversaw the delivery and assessment of the entire undergraduate language programme and managed all staff involved in language teaching – from the DAAD-/OeAD-LektorInnen and other staff in the Department through to colleagues in the Modern Language Centre. I taught Core Language for Second- and Final-Year German, as well as Final-Year Translation. In addition, I was Year Abroad Tutor and co-ordinated the YA assessment and re-assessment.
- October 2020-March 2021: Associate Lecturer for German at the Open University, where I taught undergraduate core language at all levels.
- September 2018-July 2019: Full-time tutor for German at the University of Sheffield. Teaching included 16 hours of lecturing in German for the First-Year German Studies course; two weekly one-hour seminars for the Second-Year German Translation & Grammar course and one weekly seminar for the Third-Year Presenting & Debating in German course.
- Tutor for the Second-Year German Translation & Grammar course at the University of Sheffield (three weekly one-hour seminars, sems 1 and 2 in 2017-2018; one weekly one-hour seminar, sem 2 in 2016-2017; and one weekly one-hour seminar, sem 2 in 2014-15).
- Lecturer in the First-Year German Studies course at the University of Sheffield (five one-hour lectures in German, sems 1 and 2 in 2017-18).
- Lecturer and Tutor for the Second-Year History course 'Hitler's Germany: Life and Death in the Third Reich' at the University of Huddersfield (one weekly one-hour lecture and two weekly one-hour tutorials, sem 2 in 2015-16).
- Tutor for the First-Year German Studies course at the University of Sheffield, which dealt with German culture from ca. 1815 onwards (two weekly one-hour tutorials, sems 1 and 2 in 2014-15).

Current Appointments

- Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow (University of Leeds)

Previous Appointments

- Copy-editor for the quarterly academic journal *Critique* (January 2013-September 2014)
- Copy-editor for E. J. Brill's *Historical Materialism* Book Series (January 2013-September 2014)
- Freelance translator (January 2012-September 2014)
- Book reporter on German-language publications for the *Historical Materialism* Book Series, published by E. J. Brill Academic Publishers (January 2012-September 2014)

- From 2007 until 2013, I worked as a political organiser and journalist, writing for publications such as the *Weekly Worker* and *Revolutionary History* on a wide range of issues from a theoretical and historical perspective. In this period, I wrote ca. 150,000 words of journalism
- Peer-reviewing articles related to my fields of expertise for journals such as *International Critical Thought*, *Historical Materialism* and *Critique*

Research Centre/Editorial Board Membership

- Permanent Member of the Prokhorov Centre at the University of Sheffield
- Translator and advisor for the translation of Rosa Luxemburg's *Gesammelte Werke* (Verso Books)

Modern Languages

- English (native speaker)
- German (near native)
- French (basic)
- Farsi (beginner)

2. CONFERENCE PAPERS, GUEST TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

- February 2022: Die SPD und die Geschichtsschreibung (Lesekreis Geschichte der ArbeiterInnenbewegung, Leipzig)
- January 2022: The Strategic Lessons of Social Democracy: Discussion with Gil Schaefer and Eric Blanc (NYU) (Cosmonaut Magazine Podcast, California)
- June 2021: The History of the SPD (Interview, The Alpha and Omega Podcast, London: 2 parts)
- May 2021: Karl Kautsky in the 21st Century, Platypus International Convention (Zoom)
- January 2021: The Revolutionary Karl Kautsky (Interview, Cosmonaut Magazine Podcast, California)
- November 2020: The Life and Lessons of Karl Kautsky (Interview, Prometheus Journal Podcast, London)
- October 2020: Karl Kautsky and the Democratic Republic (Interview, Linkse Hobby's Podcast, Amsterdam)
- March 2020: Dispelling the Kautsky Myths (Book Launch: School of Oriental and African Studies, London)
- May 2017: The Decline of the West – and then what? Oswald Spengler on the Russian Future(s) (International Prokhorov Centre Conference, Sheffield)
- March 2016: Introducing Clara Zetkin's Letters and Writings (Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, London)
- October 2013: "Is That Our Programme, Karl?" Rosa Luxemburg and the Challenge of the German Revolution (17th International Rosa Luxemburg Conference, Paris)

- November 2012: “Baron”, “Ede” and the Politics of Correspondence: A First Look at *Eduard Bernsteins Briefwechsel mit Karl Kautsky* (Historical Materialism, School of Oriental and African Studies, London)
- February 2012: Social Democracy, 1912 and All That (International Platypus Convention, University of Chicago)
- November 2011: The Early Comintern (International Revolutionary History Panel, Historical Materialism, School of Oriental and African Studies, London)
- November 2011: The Book that Didn’t Bark: Karl Kautsky’s Defence of Marxist Republicanism (Historical Materialism, School of Oriental and African Studies, London)

3. PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Oswald Spengler and the Politics of Decline*, New York: Berghahn Books, forthcoming (July 2022).
- Ed. and trans., *Karl Kautsky on Democracy and Republicanism*, Leiden: Brill, 2019 (352 pages).
Includes by Lewis:
 - ‘Karl Kautsky’s Democratic Republicanism’, pp. 1-40.
- Ed. with Mike Jones, *Clara Zetkin: Letters and Writings*. Translated by Ben Lewis and Mike Jones, Pontypool: Merlin, 2015.
- Ed. with Mike Macnair, *Kautsky on Colonialism*. With an introduction by Mike Macnair and translations by Ben Lewis and Maciej Zurowski, London: November Publications, 2013.
- Ed. with Lars T. Lih, *Zinoviev and Martov: Head to Head in Halle*. Translated by Ben Lewis and Lars T. Lih, London: November Publications, 2011.

Includes by Lewis:

- ‘Introduction: The Four-Hour Speech and the Significance of Halle’, pp. 6-36.
- ‘Glossary’, pp. 198-221.

Articles

- ‘Marxism after Marx: Karl Kautsky’s Disputed Legacy’, *Historical Materialism*, 25.3, 2017, pp. 141-47.
- ‘Spengler’s Prussian Socialism’, *European Review, Academia Europaea*, 25.3, 2017, pp. 479-93.
- ‘Rosa Luxemburg et la république’, in *Agone*, 59, 2016, pp. 75-87.

Selected Newspaper Articles

- ‘Before, During and After March 1921’, *Weekly Worker*, 6 May 2021, pp. 6-9.
- ‘Karl Kautsky was once a Revolutionary: An Interview with Ben Lewis’, *Jacobin*, 17 October 2020.
- ‘Karl Kautsky: A Forgotten Strategist’, *Weekly Worker*, 8 June 2017, p. 5.
- ‘Referenda and Direct Democracy: A Look at Karl Kautsky’s *Parliamentarism and Democracy*’, *Weekly Worker*, 18 September 2014, pp. 8-9.
- ‘World War I and the SPD Left’s Dirty Secret, the *Die Glocke* Group’, *Weekly Worker*, 26 June 2014, pp. 8-9.

Selected Book Reviews

- Review of Ralf Hoffrogge, *Working-Class Politics in the German Revolution. Richard Müller, the Revolutionary Shop Stewards and the Origins of the Council Movement* (Leiden: Brill, 2014), in *International Review of Social History*, 61.1, 2016, pp. 168-71.
- Review of Ralf Hoffrogge, *Sozialismus und Arbeiterbewegung in Deutschland. Von den Anfängen bis 1914* (Stuttgart: Schmetterling, 2011) in *Critique*, 43.1, 2015, pp. 121-28.
- ‘Second International Marxism and Winning the Battle of Democracy’, review of Daniel Gaido and Richard B. Day (eds.), *Witnesses to Permanent Revolution: The Documentary Record* (Chicago: Haymarket, 2009), in *Revolutionary History* 10.4, 2012, pp. 329-37.

Selected Translations

- Holga Glinka, ‘Natural Law in the Ideas of Bloch, Marxism and Hegel’, translated by Henk de Berg and Ben Lewis, in Henk de Berg and Cat Moir (eds.), *Rethinking Ernst Bloch*, Leiden: Brill (10,000 words, submitted February 2022).
- Karl Heinz Roth and Harmut Rübner (eds.), *Repressed – Remitted – Rejected: German Reparations Debt after World War II: The Case of Poland and Greece*, New York: Berghahn Books, 2021 (442 pages).
- Karl Heinz Roth (ed.) and Ben Lewis (translator and language editor), *On the Road to Global Labour History. A Festschrift for Marcel van der Linden*, Leiden: Brill, 2018 (455 pages).
- Anahita Hosseini, ‘Nichts ist beständiger als der Wechsel. Über die Besonderheiten bei der jüngsten Welle politischer Proteste im Iran’. Aus dem Englischen von Ben Lewis, *Lunapark21*, 41, 2018, pp. 26-28.
- Karl Kautsky, ‘The Development of a Marxist’, *Historical Materialism*, 25.3, 2017, pp. 148-90.
- Otto Bauer, Theodor Dan, Jean Zyromski, *The International and the War*, with a Foreword by Friedrich Adler and a Statement by Henry Noel Brailsford (1935), in *Critique*, 44.3, 2016, pp. 291-305.
- Karl Kautsky, ‘Nationality and Internationality’, in *Critique* 37.3, 2009, pp. 371-89, and *Critique* 38.1, 2010, pp. 143-63.