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### **ULRICH HERBERT (Freiburg)**

will speak on

The Russian October Revolution and the German Labour Movement

at the German Historical Institute, Conference Room  
on Thursday, 21 June 2018, at 5.30 p.m.

### **German History Society Annual Lecture**

What did the German workers' movement know about the course, outcome, and effects of the Russian October Revolution; how were the events perceived and judged? The lecture examines the significance of the revolutionary events in Russia and the subsequent civil war for the course of the majority SPD after the November Revolution and for the splitting of the workers' movement. Of particular interest is how the reports on Russia influenced Ebert's decision to co-operate with the *Reichswehr* leadership in suppressing the revolutionary workers, and what role the Bolshevik leadership played in initiating the numerous left-wing uprising attempts until 1923.

Ulrich Herbert is Professor of Modern History at the University Freiburg. His publications include *A History of Germany in the Twentieth Century* (2018); *Hitler's Foreign Workers: Enforced Foreign Labor in Germany under the Third Reich* (1997); *National Socialist Extermination Policy: Contemporary German Perspectives and Controversies* (1999); and *A History of Foreign Labor in Germany, 1880–1980* (1990).

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This lecture will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the German Historical Institute, 17 Bloomsbury Square, LONDON WC1A 2NJ.

Tea is served from 5.00 p.m. in the Common Room, and wine is available afterwards.

Guided tours of the Library take place one hour before the lecture.