

Anton Pannekoek and the Socialism of Workers' Self-Emancipation

Anton Pannekoek (1873-1960) has been one of the most important yet least studied figures of socialist thought. Prior to 1914 he was one of the main leaders of the left wing of Dutch and German social democracy. Following the outbreak of the First World War, he became a prominent figure in the Zimmerwald anti-war movement. Although Pannekoek had played a pivotal role in the formation of European communism, he was among the first to break with leninism. From the early 1920s until his death in 1960, he remained active as a leading theoretician of the council communist movement.

The present book for the first time in English, offers a comprehensive and in-depth study of Pannekoek's entire life and career.

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