



THE BARTLETT UCL // DAY 6 OF 14 // MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018

# THE STRIKE CHRONICLE

## "PEDAGOGY ON THE PICKET"

### JOIN US

We are striking for 4 days this week (Monday to Thursday) and are organizing teach-outs to provide spaces for positive learning & dialogue.

**DAY 6: Mon 5 March, 10-12pm, Maple House, 149 Tottenham Court Road** *Global Prosperity and the University* Teach-Out with Chris Harker and Matthew Davies from the Institute for Global Prosperity

**DAY 7: Tues 6 March, 10-11am, outside 22 GS** *Ungovernable Space: Threshold, Picket, Barricade, Peaceline* Teach-Out James O'Leary  
**11-12pm, UCL UCU, 52 Club, 52 Gower Street** *Blacklisting* Teach-Out UCL Laws

**1-1:50pm, Tariq Ali** Teach-Out

**DAY 8: Wed 7 March, 1-3pm, 52 Club, 52 Gower Street** *Caring for the City* Teach-Out convened by Just Space, this session will discuss participation in planning, housing, food security, environment, as part of a new radical London Plan. [justspace.org.uk/](https://justspace.org.uk/) @justspace7

**DAY 9: Thurs 8 March, 10-12pm, outside 22 GS** On International Women's Day, Clare Farell and Miles Glyn of #BodyPolitic will join The Bartlett picket for a special Solidarity-Complexity workshop. Bring your favourite or LEAST favourite jacket/garment.

**11-1pm 20 Bedford Way** *International Women's Day Rally* Organised by UCL Women's Network and Students' Union UCL. Marketization of universities have led to a legitimization of the gender gaps since it allows employers maximise profits, job insecurity, feminisation of poverty caused by having less pensions but more people dependent on us. These cuts to pensions will disproportionately affect women.

#### Ed. Correction

In Issue 4, we said Anthropology students had declared UCL Provost Michael Arthur to be "ontologically objectionable". In fact, they called him "an ontological turn off".

### Day 5 Dispatch

**Bartlett staff & students on strike for education as a public good, accessible & affordable for all!** Wednesday, 28 February began at the 22 Gordon Street with a BREAK//LINE crit//out. In the face of swirling snow, picketers were offered dissident architectural projects and breakfast sandwiches. (See Solidarity Corner below.) Just before noon, everyone gathered up the handmade Bartlett signs ("Architecture is Political" was probably the most tweeted sign of the day) and trooped over to Malet Street. More and more students and staff assembled, covered in snow. 1500 people marched – through Bloomsbury, past surprised tourists outside the British Museum, down the Strand, through Trafalgar Square, down Whitehall, past 10 Downing Street, and to Parliament Square for talks in Westminster Hall. **Drums, singing, chanting, cheers - the mood was united and strong in spite of sub-zero conditions.** Some then carried on to a demo outside the Home Office in solidarity with the 120 women who last week began an indefinite hunger strike against the conditions of their detention at Yarl's Wood. See <https://detainedvoices.com/>

#### Round up

UCU has resisted the call to suspend strikes (including from UCL's Provost) while talks continue with UUK; Union members voted overwhelmingly to continue strike action Today (5 March) sees the first UCU/UUK talks facilitated by ACAS at RIBA, 66 Portland Place. For a smart take on why student solidarity matters, see Zoe Williams' excellent editorial "**Politicised students are a nightmare for the government – any attempt to neutralise them is doomed**" in *The Guardian* here: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/feb/28/toby-youngs-appointment-was-scandalous-so-was-the-blacklisting-of-former-nus-members>

#### DAY 9 (Cont.): 1-3pm, 52 Club, 52 Gower Street,

*International Women's Day Feminist Teach-Out*

Convened by Bartlett staff and students, this feminist teach-out brings together UCL researchers, educational practitioners and activists addressing precarity, inequality and protest in relation to gender and through intersectional approaches.

**Florence Sutcliffe-Braithwaite:** Women on the picket line in the miners' strike of 1984-5

**Justine Canady,** Women's Officer at UCLU:

Current campaigns and activities at UCL

**Bella Webb and Alizay Agha:** Our Bodies: Sexual Assault & Harassment on Campus

**Laura Marshall and Ben Campkin:** LGBTQ+ night-spaces & safer spaces for women in London, from 1986 to the present

**Sarabajaya Kumar:** Intersectionality: the birth of a new non-profit organisation

**Maria McLintock:** Between the picket lines

**Miranda Critchley:** Yarl's Wood hunger strikers

**Open Mic:** *if you would like to contribute, through a reading, talk, poem, etc. please let us know at the start as there may be space in the programme.*

#### Solidarity Corner

break//line (@break\_line\_res) is a new design research incubator and agitator composed of staff and students within the Bartlett working towards speculating, advocating, designing and performing a practice and academy that not only resists the individualistic, elitist pressures of capital but imagines what an alternative might be. In solidarity with the UCU strike, break//line (@break\_line\_res) organised a bbq and crit//out on the picket inviting students and practitioners working to themes related to the strike to share their work. Joanna McLean's research, with illustrations by Judit Ferencz, asks why women leave architectural education. Akil Scafe-Smith shared his latest project, with the Resolve collective, reimagining a community space that highlighted the need to consider social - in as much as economic - value in Brixton. Laurence Flint and Timmy Whitehouse showed designs collectively produced with locals reimagining the proposed Elephant and Castle in ways which won't displace the current Latin community. Maria Catalina Venegas shared the 'Pasquinade' as a strategy of radical self publishing from Colombia 'inspired by Gabriel Garcia Marquez's La Malahora, not as a violent inductor, as in the novel, but as the opposite'.

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