

# After Barbarism: Rosa Luxemburg's Revolutionary Life

*'Freedom is always and everywhere the freedom of dissenters.'* So said Rosa Luxemburg, champion of revolutionary democracy and icon of socialist struggle. Since her murder in 1919, she has been discovered anew: as a champion of freedom of thought, a socialist martyr, a pioneer in ecological awareness, a brilliant economic thinker, an icon for feminists and critic of conservative feminism, and above all a revolutionary for whom socialism and freedom were indissolubly linked.

But admiration of Rosa often leaves her actual work unexamined. **James Butler** is joined by **Dana Mills**, author of a [new critical biography of Luxemburg](#), to explore Red Rosa's life, thought and many legacies. James [wrote about Luxemburg for Novara Media last year](#), on the centenary of her murder.