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“For we went, changing our country more often than our shoes” Brecht
A Comintern Militant’s Life in Historical Context

by

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Professional Revolutionary Jan Valtin’s (Richard Krebs) memoirs (1941) offer a compelling portrait of class struggles in Germany during the rise of fascism and global Comintern strategy. Matt Myers will set Valtin’s life & writings in historical context by providing an analysis of the history of class struggle in inter-war Germany and the international left-strategy of the Comintern. He will also outline the discussions within secondary literature by scholars and activists regarding the fidelity to the facts within Valtin’s account, which continued for decades since its 1941 publication. In so doing, he will explore the correspondence of past and present in left imaginaries of its own history, and the role of melancholy and memory in presenting paths to future action today.

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