



# **TRADE UNIONS OF FORMER COMMAND ECONOMIES**

*in Eastern Europe, Russia, China and Vietnam*

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What has been the impact of the transition to capitalist labour relations on the trade unions of former command economies in Eastern Europe, Russia, China and Vietnam?

How have they adapted to instruments of class compromise such as collective bargaining?

Or to the strikes that have emerged – in greater or lesser numbers – in both the new private sectors of hitherto transitional economies?

To what extent have new alternative unions or more general labour movement(s) acted as a catalyst for the reform of the tradition 'state socialist' unions that played an entirely different role during the command economy era?

**ALL WELCOME!**

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