Labour and social history archives held by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at Senate House Library (SHL), University of London

Richard Temple, IALHI conference, 2016
Some examples:

- Billy Strachan papers (ref. ICS158)
- C.L.R. James papers (ICS40)
- Baruch Hirson papers (ICS32)
- Workers’ Party of South Africa (ICS106)
- Ralph Millner papers (ICS165)
- Ruth First papers (ICS117). Trivial question. What is significant about the reference number?
- Political pamphlets from around the Commonwealth. Includes Sri Lankan Trotskyism (PP. CE)
Some research themes

• Political struggle against colonialism, independence movements (eg Billy Strachan re West Indies, Guyana + Cheddi/Janet Jagan correspondence)
• Struggle against apartheid (RF, Workers’ Party of SA, Hirson)
• Exile (eg RF in the UK, Mozambique; Hirson etc)
• Trotskyism (Hirson, C.L.R. James, Sri Lankan Trotskyism)
• Orthodox Communism and anti-imperialism (eg Billy Strachan)
• Legal struggles against colonialism (Ralph Millner. Includes Guyana, Kenya + Mau Mau)
More research and contact details

• Guide to Trotskyist archives held at SHL (including Institute of Commonwealth archives),

• SHL archives catalogue, http://archives.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/

• Working day’s notice of research visit

• Contact: shl.specialcollections@london.ac.uk

• Digitised resources: Ruth First papers,
  http://www.ruthfirstpapers.org.uk/about/project