The Spider and the Fly: The Evils of Capitalism

The role of political pamphlets in the 1920s–30s

3 PM, Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Hamilton Library Room 401
Light refreshments will be served.

The Spider and the Fly, first published in Germany by Wilhem Liebknecht casts a children’s parable into a socialist tale of evil capitalists (“spider”) and hapless workers (“flies”), and was extremely popular in the Russian revolutionary movement in the early 20th century. Come see our new acquisition of the Chinese rendition of this story. Who produced it? Where was it distributed? Who read it?

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