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## Why is West Midlands region trying to fix the Euro selection ballot?



The other day all members in the West Midlands strangely got an email from Siôn Simon, former MP for Birmingham Erdington, announcing that he had been selected as a Labour Candidate for the West Midlands in the European Elections in 2014.

What this email didn't mention is that in fact 6 other candidates had also been selected for the West Midlands European constituency and there is meant to be a members' ballot to decide in which order they will take places on the party's list to be elected.

Why on earth has a candidate in a selection conveniently been allowed to do an all member mail-out when the other candidates have not been afforded such an opportunity?

It's not like this kind of thing hasn't [happened before](#). In the run up to the 2012 NPF election candidate Fiona Twycross was allowed to do an all member-mailing by London Region advertising an event just as ballot papers were hitting doormats. However what marks out the Siôn Simon email is its brazenness in self-promotion of himself as a candidate.

The Labour Party can no longer go on trying to fix selections like this. If we are to be a living, breathing party we cannot have favoured candidates being given help by regional staff who are meant to remain neutral civil servants of the party.

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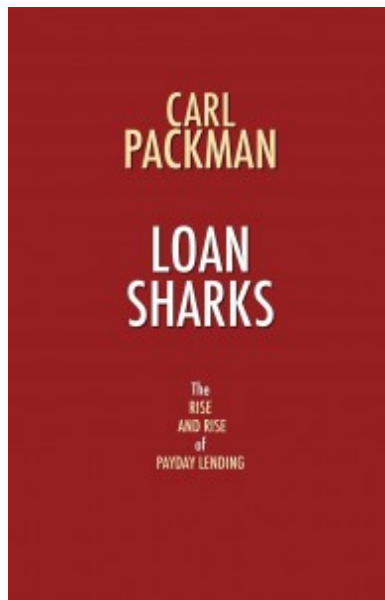
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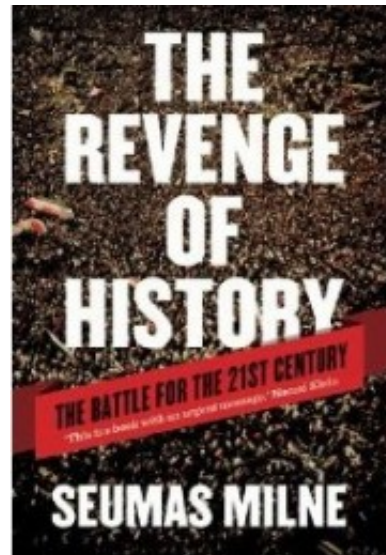
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