

The Institute for the Critical Study of Society at the Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library



SUNDAY MORNING AT THE MARXIST LIBRARY (AND RELATED EVENTS DURING THE WEEK)

At NPML, 6501 Telegraph Ave. Oakland, CA 94609

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Sun, Feb 12, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Globalization, Trump, and Us

Donald Trump won three crucial states in the Electoral College when he denounced outsourcing and trade deficits - while Hillary Clinton defended globalization. The split opens a door for the socialist position against globalization. But what *is* that position? Charles Andrews, author of *The Hollow Colossus* and *No Rich, No Poor*, will discuss the political economy of globalization, how a socialist program speaks to it, and the massive, multiple currents of discontent with the Trump regime.

Sun, Feb 19, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Honduras & Colombia: Models of US Control; violence, poverty and displacement

Honduras and Colombia are centers for US Control in Latin America which has been in process over many years. The Colombian elite has welcomed Plan Colombia, extensive military training and 7 US military bases in exchange for "stability", class security, money, business interests and help opposing the mass anti-government movements over the years. The US has centers for intelligence gathering, a new "School of the Americas", bases with great military capacity, ready to invade any anti-US country, such as Venezuela, Ecuador, Cuba and Bolivia. The US is not supporting the Peace Process in Colombia which is being attacked by US created paramilitary armies, Gaintanistas and Urabeños. This is not to mention the many US mining and business. Many peasant and popular leaders are being assassinated at this very moment. We need to build opposition to the US wars around the world, be it in the Middle East, Latin America or at home.

In Honduras, the "Alliance for Prosperity", modeled after Plan Colombia, increases militarization and privatization, and is responsible for increased displacement, and corruption, violence, and repression.

The Presentation is sponsored by Bay Area Latin American Solidarity Coalition (BALASC) and The Task Force on the Americas.

Alice Loaza: Lived in Colombia for many years and works with Marcha Patriótica. Also worked with CONAP, Coordinación Nacional de Organizaciones Agrarias y Populares and also in international accompaniment. She has lived and worked in many parts of the country. In the Bay Area Alice works with BALASC and The Task Force on the Americas.

Diana Bohn: Visited Honduras for third time in December, 2016, as a member of the Root Causes of Migration Pilgrimage, which visited groups affected by the policies of the Alliance for Prosperity, government corruption, and violence. Diana is a Task Force on the Americas Board member and Member of BALASC.

Here is another shorter description of the presentation:

Colombian and Honduras are two Latin American countries that for many years have been targeted by the US to put forth US policy and intervention in Latin America. Not only has the US invested in internal political control of these countries but it has also converted them into intelligence and military centers for the rest of the region. These are two of many US wars around the world.

Sun, Feb 26, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Milo Yiannopoulos and Free Speech on the Berkeley campus: A Discussion

Trump tweeted on Feb 2: "If U.C. Berkeley does not allow free speech and practices violence on innocent people with a different point of view - NO FEDERAL FUNDS?" We are inviting speakers to lead our discussion on this topic.

Sun, Mar 5, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

In the Spirit of Alexandra Kollontai :

Socialism, International Women's Day, and the February Revolution in Russia

As **Alexandra Kollontai** noted, International Women's Day is not a special day for women alone, it is a historic and memorable day for the workers and peasants of the whole world. On this day in 1917, the Russian women raised the torch of proletarian revolution and set the world on fire. The Russian revolution marks its beginning from this day, leading to the establishment of the Soviet Union and full legal equality of women. The working women of Petrograd began this revolution; it was they who first decided to raise the banner of opposition to Tsarism. And so, working women's day is a double celebration for us.

Our speaker, Eugene E Ruyle, independent Marxist and author of *Rethinking Marxist Anthropology*, will discuss the historical and contemporary significance of March 8, 1917 and 2017.

Sun, Mar 12, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

International Women's Day and the February Revolution, Part II

Sun, Mar 19, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

China: Understanding Society, Economic, Politics, US-China Relations and TPP

Currently working in China, Lee Siu Hin, the long-time Chinese-American community activist and former Pacifica radio reporter, give us a deeper understanding about the China's views on China-US relations, TPP and globalization.

About the speaker: Lee Siu Hin - Born in Hong Kong, China, and looted of fifth generation Chinese migrant from Japan. Lee is the long-time international activist for over 40-years, he's the national coordinator of National Immigrant Solidarity Network, Action LA Network, coordinating committee member of UFPJ, and long-time reporter for Pacifica Radio KPFFK-Los Angeles, reporting from former Yugoslavia, former Soviet Union, Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq Mexico. Currently, he's also travel between China and U.S. to organize bi-national activism work as well as medical solidarity project.

Sun, Mar 26, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Open – TBA

Sun, Apr 2, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Open – TBA

Sun, Apr 9 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

The Beilis Affair of 1913: A new Dreyfus Affair in Czarist Russia.

Lenin called The Beilis Affair of 1913 a new Dreyfus Affair in Russia. This was the last gasp of Czarism to divert revolutionary struggle into an anti Jewish Pogrom. When Beilis was found not guilty the Russian working class launched a general strike condemning antisemitism. Bernard Malamud's book *The Fixer* about Menahem Mendel Beilis was made into a movie. Speaker will be Elazar Friedman.

Sun, Apr 16, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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Summer, 2017

TENTATIVE - North Korea: The Land of the soft Spoken Women

Mehmet Bayram made his bucket list come true when he visited the mysterious land of North Korea. His visit coincided with the 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, an event not held since 1980. He will share his experience and photographs during the time he was in the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea. Daily lives, human faces, personal interactions with North Koreans will be the topic of the presentation.

October and November, 2017

One Hundredth Anniversary of the October Revolution and the Soviet Union

COMPLETED IN 2017

Sun, Jan 8, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Is Syria "Falling" or is it being Liberated?

This presentation by **Rick Sterling**, an investigative journalist and member of Syria Solidarity Movement, will include fact check and rebuttal of major falsehoods about the Syrian conflict as well as analysis of current situation and what may happen in near future. Will the enemies of Syria, who have funded tens of thousands of terrorists, give up their campaign? Or will they try something more desperate and spectacular in effort to prevent the Syrian government and allies winning the war against terrorism?

Sun, Jan 8, 2017: 12:30-1 pm

Planning Group Meeting

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Sun, Jan 8, 2017: 6:30pm *NOT IN THE MORNING

Fall of Aleppo, humanity on trial:

The Syrian revolution that ideological pollution tries to bury

How can so many remain deaf to the struggle to live free? How can we not hear the streaming voices of those surviving the genocidal siege of East Aleppo? Has the Putin-Trump, post-truth, helter-skelter world subsumed also the humanity of the Left? Why do so many on the Left now seem to be aligned with the Right, accepting the Putin/Assad view of reality?

One witness, staying to the bitter end in East Aleppo, looked beyond a world that "doesn't like freedom." How can we let the multiple warring reactionary forces in Syria bury this revolutionary movement? Can we forget its continuity with massive non-violent marches, attempting to extend the Arab Spring to Assad's Syria, only to be repeatedly slaughtered in the street?

Come share your views.

Bay Area News & Letters

Sun, Jan 15, 2017: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm *NOTE LATER TIME

Changes and Challenges in China Forty Years

After Opening Up and Adoption of Market Mechanisms

Zheng Zhifa, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Our comrade Wadi'h Halabi helped arrange Professor Zheng's visit and believes it will give us a sense that the pendulum within the CPC is moving back towards the political goals of the Chinese revolution, domestically and internationally. The economy had to be developed, a high price was paid for going to capitalist school, but neither the CPC nor the Chinese state have collapsed -- an achievement in itself and now -- Zhifa and much more.

Earth-shaking developments have followed since China opened up and adopted market mechanisms nearly 40 years ago. But only a few deputies in the National People's Congress are real representatives of workers and peasants. Protecting the rights of ordinary people has proved difficult. In addition, the ideals of the Chinese Revolution have weakened little by little, as the market mechanisms encourage people to get rich. There is a widespread crisis of the so-called "four faiths" of the Chinese Revolution.

Zheng Zhifa teaches in the School of Political Science at Nanchang University and is a special researcher at the World Socialism Research Center of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. His research interests are in education in Marxist theory.

Sun, Jan 22, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Building the Resistance

It may seem early to evaluate the Trump administration and the Resistance, but CNN is doing it, so we are putting together some speakers who will do a much better job.

Sun, Jan 29, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Risen from Ruins: the life, times and lessons of the German Democratic Republic, 1949-1990.

For four decades, the eastern "Russian" part of Germany and the eastern zone of Berlin, were the potential cutting edge of the next world conflagration... what the Rev. Jesse Jackson called "the barbecue pit of World War Three". In the face of this military, political, cultural tension, the German Democratic Republic built a socialist order based upon anti-fascism/racism, scientific

advancement, and international solidarity with peoples struggles for liberation from imperialism and colonialism. Come and hear a presentation about a country little known when it existed, and all but forgotten almost 30 years later.

Presenters: Al Sargis and Gary Hicks

Sun, Feb 5, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Unequal economies, labor migration, militarization of borders, and the new protectionism

With Donald Trump putting the final nails in the coffin of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, what will be the future of globalization? Free trade between unequal economies introduces structural distortions, resulting in mass social displacement, labor migration, and flight of productive and nonproductive capital. In response, progressive and reactionary movements have gained ground around the world. A case study of the U.S.-México border provides unique insights into the military-industrial-incarceration complex and economy at a structural interface.

Sharat G. Lin is a research fellow at the San José Peace and Justice Center. He writes and lectures on global political economy, labor migration, the Middle East and South Asia, and public health. He has been following developments at the U.S.-México border for a decade, and travels frequently to Asia and Europe.

COMPLETED PROGRAMS IN 2016

Sun, Jan 3, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

What Is To Be Done in 2016

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Sun, Jan 10, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

The North Korea You've Never Seen

Despite unparalleled demonization, military threats, and sanctions the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) opens an unprecedented window into life in cities and countryside alike, the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) where the Cold War lives on, and how the country took a hitherto little-known path towards socialism.

Gloria La Riva is a lifelong social activist and organizer with the ANSWER Coalition and the Party for Socialism and Liberation. She visited North Korea in 1989 and 2015.

Sharat G. Lin, PhD writes on global political economy, labor migration, and public health. He is a research fellow and former president of the San José Peace and Justice Center.

Sun, Jan 17, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

What is Happening in Venezuela?

Presentation & Eye Witness Report by Rick Sterling

For the past two years Venezuela has experienced deteriorating economy, shortages and skyrocketing inflation. On Dec 6 Venezuelans voted the opposition coalition to become a strong majority in the new National Assembly. With Chavista Socialist Nicolas Maduro continuing his term as President, it is bound to be a tumultuous and challenging period ahead.

What is the legacy of 17 years of Chavista government in Venezuela? What has led to this electoral defeat for the socialists and what may happen now? Join us to hear the analysis and observations of Rick Sterling of Task Force on the Americas.

Sun, Jan 24, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Report Back From the Rojava Revolution

Paul Simons, writing under the pen name, El Errante, is the author of a series of recent dispatches from the liberated territories of Kurdistan in Syria. Currently on a tour across the Bay Area, Simons has just returned from a region besieged by war yet is also in the middle of one of the most far reaching social experiments of the 21st Century: the 'Rojava Revolution.' The liberated territories of Kurdistan are a thriving example of stateless democracy and of a people who are overturning traditional institutions such as patriarchy and social hierarchies.

Simons discusses not only the day to day life of the people living within the evolving revolution, but also the various grassroots organizations and militias that they have created while waging an exhausting fight against both ISIS and the Turkish State. Weaving together ideals of anti-authoritarianism, feminism, ecology, and a rejection of Statism, Paul Simons' report on the the Rojava Revolution is not to be missed by anyone working for sweeping social transformation in the current age.

Sun, Jan 31, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Syria: Eyewitness Report

The Western/Saudi/Israeli demand for "regime change" in Syria is leading to ever more bloodshed and risking potential world war. What is the conflict really about? How has Western propaganda distorted the conflict? What has been the impact of the Russian air support? What should be the demand of the anti-war Left? Rick Sterling will talk about his recent trip (Oct-Nov 2015).

Sun, Feb 7, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

NOTHINGNESS, BUT IN WHAT SENSE?-

The dialectic of autonomous negation in Slavoj Zizek's LESS THAN NOTHING

This talk will explore the intersection of Lacanian psychoanalysis and the Marxist-Hegelian dialectic through the lens of Zizek's recent writings. At issue is the basic procedure of the dialectical process: what is its essential formula? Our presenter will be **Nathan Bjorge**.

Sun, Feb 7, 2016 - 12:30 to 1 pm

Planning Group Meeting

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Sun, Feb 14, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Fascism: What it is, and how to fight it. Part I

Before a serious reactionary trend can be successfully eliminated it is necessary to understand the phenomenon: its origins, its essence, its mutations. This workshop, led by **Gerald Smith**, will deal with early forms of fascism, the rise of Mussolini and Hitler, and Fascism today. In two parts.

Sun, Feb 21, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Fascism: What it is, and how to fight it. Part II

Before a serious reactionary trend can be successfully eliminated it is necessary to understand the phenomenon: its origins, its essence, its mutations. This workshop, led by **Gerald Smith**, will deal with early forms of fascism, the rise of Mussolini and Hitler, and Fascism today. In two parts.

Sun, Feb 28, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN!

**An Organized Working Class Takes the Field:
THE CHARTISTS 1838-1848**

A talk on this mid-19th century British Radical Movement, with reference to George Julian Harney and his alliance with Marx and Engels, and Helen Macfarlane, the first English translator of *The Communist Manifesto*: A HOBGOBLIN IS HAUNTING EUROPE: THE HOBGOBLIN OF COMMUNISM! **Lew Finzel** and **Ron Kelch** presenting.

Sun, Mar 6, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

After Super Tuesday: Evaluating the Sanders Candidacy

If Iowa and New Hampshire have shaken the political establishment, how will things look after Super Tuesday, March 1? We are inviting speakers from different political perspectives (including Tom Gallagher, Progressive Democrats of America, Gerald Smith, Peace and Freedom Party, a speaker from Socialist Alternative, and a student Students for Sanders) to share their views about Super Tuesday 2016 and listen to ours.

Sun, Mar 6, 2016: 1 pm to 12 pm

Bernie Socialism Workshop

We will a short, one-hour planning meeting to discuss how to implement some of the suggestions made at our Feb 21 meeting and our program this morning. All are welcome.

Sun, Mar 13, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Turkey, Syria, and the Kurds

Conditions in Turkey are moving very rapidly with Syria next door and Turkey's repression of its Kurdish minority. We have asked our comrade, **Mehmet Bayram**, to make another presentation on Turkey.

NOTE; Our program this week will be upstairs, since Speak Out will be holding their 2016 Revolutionary University downstairs the entire weekend. For their program, go to:
<http://speakout-now.org>

Sun, Mar 20, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Essentials of Socialism: Part of a Continuing Series

As Albert Einstein commented in 1949, "Clarity about the aims and problems of socialism is of greatest significance in our age of transition." Einstein's comment remains true in 2016 as the Bernie Sanders campaign is calling for democratic socialism and a political revolution against the billionaire class. This workshop, led by Gene Ruyle of the ICSS, will be part of a series seeking to gain clarity about socialism through study and discussion of the classics, including *The Communist Manifesto*, by Marx and Engels), *Socialism: Utopian and Scientific*, by Engels), and other works to be selected.

Sun, Mar 27, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Fascism Knocking at the Door - Fight Against Donald Trump and his Racist Populism.

The Trump campaign has dredged up and mobilized the worst elements of this country's history — white supremacy, immigrant-bashing and mob violence. What he calls making America "great again" is understood by all oppressed people, and people of conscience, as a return to that ugly past, in fact may be worse. Trump, himself in past a television entertainer, has been given a television exposure not even granted to the President or any other candidate is now very close to winning Republican Party's nomination. The Party establishment belatedly is trying to block him. Democratic Party, the other major Political Party is ready to anoint Hillary Clinton as the Presidential candidate, who is funded and supported by the Wall Street Financiers. In this situation it is up to people at the grass root level to deny Trump's Fascism. Richard Becker of the Party of Socialism & Liberation will be our discussant.

**ON SATURDAY, NOT SUNDAY
AT NPML. WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**

Sat, Apr 2, 2016 • 12-2 PM

Everybody is talking about SOCIALISM, but what is it?

The Communist Party USA (Oakland/Berkeley) invites you to a discussion: Everybody is talking about SOCIALISM, but what is it? Suggested Readings: Bill Fletcher, Jr, 'Socialism is a process, a recognition of possibility' <http://www.peoplesworld.org/socialism-is-a-process-a-recognition-of-possibility/> Susan Webb, 'Everybody is talking about socialism, but what is it' <http://peoplesworld.org/everyone-s-talking-about-socialism-but-what-is-it/> Pat Fry, 'What is socialism? Lets get specific' <http://peoplesworld.org/what-is-socialism-let-s-get-specific/>

For more information contact: pareadersgrp@yahoo.com or call Richard at 510-527-5943
NPML, 6501 Telegraph Ave., Oakland (bet. Alcatraz and 66th)

**ON SATURDAY, NOT SUNDAY
AT STARRY PLOUGH PUB, NOT NPML**

Sat, Apr 2, 2016 • 2-5 PM

U.S. Imperialism: Hands Off the World

The Peace and Freedom Party presents U.S. Imperialism: Hands Off the World

From the Peace and Freedom Party Platform: "The drive for greater profits by multi-national corporations which direct U.S. foreign policy is a major cause of war. We stand for peace between nations and the right of all peoples to self-determination. We support an ongoing socialist transformation everywhere." We are inviting speakers to address issues of war, imperialism, revolution, and socialism in different regions of the world.

Starry Plough Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave, at Prince St in Berkeley

Sun, Apr 3, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

SPRING BREAK - NO FORUM THIS WEEK

Gene has family visiting and no one else volunteered to organize a forum, so we'll take a one-week break.

Sun, Apr 10, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Towards A New Ecology of Justice: Intergenerational Trauma and the Social Nervous System

Talk of trauma is becoming increasingly prevalent, especially with the ongoing and shocking rise of violence in the US and globally. While western scientific knowledge has historically been produced and used to maintain hegemonic social control, a new synthesis in the biological sciences is emerging. This emergent synthesis counters and de-naturalizes the central myth of capitalism, that competition and hierarchy are the primary motors of evolution, while offering new explanatory models and empirical evidence of how oppression and discrimination harm us down to the cellular level and is passed intergenerationally.

The material impacts of injustice on the individual body and across generations can no longer be plausibly denied nor can humanity's radical connectivity with one another, our social world, and our histories. Bringing together the social theories of Gramsci and Foucault with an overview of pertinent findings in neuroscience and epigenetics, this talk will explore how we can understand the dynamic processes of social transformation and critique the liberatory potential of science in light of this compelling paradigm shift. Our speaker will be **Mordecai Cohen Ettinger, MA**

Sun, Apr 10, 2016 - 12:30 to 1 pm

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Sun, Apr 17, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

NO NUKES! U.S. Imperialism and the Continuing Threat of Nuclear Annihilation

The threat of nuclear annihilation has receded in the public consciousness, but not in the real world, as U.S. imperialism continues to push against nuclear powers in Ukraine and the South China Sea. In this session, **Eugene Ruyle**, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at Cal State Long Beach, will review how, for U.S. imperialists, atomic diplomacy began even before the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and continues to occupy a central place in U.S. military planning. For background reading, see Ruyle's essay, "On The Nuclear Disaster At Fukushima" (August 2011) at NoNukesNow.net.

Saturday, April 16, 2016 2-4 PM

Bernie Socialist Workshop

Community Meeting Room, South Branch Berkeley Public Library

1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703

(one block North of Ashby BART, on MLK)

As a democratic socialist, Bernie Sanders is leading a political revolution to transform a political system run by the billionaire class into one that represents working and middle class Americans and creates more opportunity for everyone. To be effective as Bernie advocates, we must understand his democratic socialism and how it is related to other forms of socialism. The workshop, led by Eugene Ruyle, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, Cal State, Long Beach, will be a continuing exploration of various issues raised by the Sanders campaign.

For info, call Gene 510-332-3865 or email: cuyleruyle@mac.com

Saturday, April 16, 2016 2-4 PM

A Socialist Action public forum

Donald TRUMP and Co.

Incipient facism in the U.S. today?

Racism, Islamophobia, misogyny, xenophobia, climate denial & war

Building movement alternatives today

Hear:

Michael Parenti, activist, author of 24 books including, *The Face of Imperialism*; *The Culture Struggle*; *Superpatriotism*; & *Blackshirts & Reds*

Rabab Ibrahim Abdulhadi, Associate Professor of Race and Resistance Studies; Senior Scholar, Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies; College of Ethnic Studies, SF State University

Jeff Mackler, National Secretary, Socialist Action; Director, Mobilization to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal; Administrative Comm. United National Antiwar Coalition; author, *Capitalism Damns the Environment*

Sabrina Jacobs, Host/Producer - "A Rude Awakening" (Mondays at 3:30 pm) and "The 420 Report" (alternate Fridays at 9:30 pm) Pacifica Radio – KPFA 94.1 FM; newly elected Local Station Board Member, KPFA

Peter Phillips, Professor of Political Sociology, Sonoma State University; President Media Freedom Foundation/Project Censored; author, *Private Military Companies in Service to the Transnational Capitalist Class*; *Law Enforcement Related Deaths in the US: "Justified Homicides" and the Impacts on Families*

Saturday, April 16, 2016, 7-9:30 pm

Admission: \$10 - \$5 sliding scale (No one turned away for lack of funds)

Sponsor: Socialist Action 510-268-9429 socialistaction@lmi.net socialistaction.org Labor donated

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Saturday, April 23, 2016 • 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Democratic Socialists of America East Bay presents:

Beer, Burgers and Bernie at the Starry Plough Pub in Berkeley

3101 Shattuck Ave at Prince St - 2 blocks from Ashby BART

Bernie's Plan: Free Public College Tuition

Find out how we can pay for public higher education - Put an end student debt and invest in youth. Voice your concerns, hopes, and opinions!

For info, contact Karl, 510 384-5780 or peopleforbernie.sfba@gmail.com

Sun, Apr 24, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

The good, the bad and the ugly: updates from the Prisoners' Hunger Strike Solidarity.

As a result of the 2011 and 2013 hunger strikes in California prisons the use of indefinite solitary confinement by California Department of Corrections has come to an end. That is the good news. Of course, the struggle by prisoners does not end with this victory.

Carol Strickman, one of the lawyers in the case that was won, will give an update on the state of the victory—reduction in prisoners placed in the Security Housing—as well as the state of the current conditions as well as the ugly torture newly practiced on all prisoners in isolation: sleep deprivation.

Urszula Wislanka will focus on the new forms the struggle of the prisoners is now taking: "Prisoners' Human Rights Movement Blueprint."

Sun, May 1, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

The world was turned upside-down, if only for a quick minute, IN 1968

A look at a turbulent year, with an emphasis on the glorious month of May in Paris (and the Big Fizzle) later in June...But also: the state does murder in Mexico City, cops go berserk in Chicago at the Democratic Party Convention, word from Warsaw...and Prague will not be forgotten...

Sun, May 1, 2016: MAY DAY

May Day 2016 – San Francisco

May 1, 2016 @ 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

ILWU Local 10, 400 North Point St

San Francisco, CA 94133

There will be a **WORK STOPPAGE AND PORT SHUT DOWN TO STOP POLICE TERROR** throughout the Bay Area on this date.

Rally at 11 AM, March begins at Noon, along the Embarcadero to Harry Bridges Plaza (opposite Ferry Building)

https://occupyoakland.org/event/may-day-2016-san-francisco/?instance_id=302621

International Workers Day: Sin Fronteras – Oakland

May 1, 2016 @ 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fruitvale Plaza, 3401 E 12th St

Oakland, CA 94601

https://occupyoakland.org/event/international-workers-day-sin-fronteras/?instance_id=302699

May Day | Primero de Mayo | International Workers Day – San Jose

Sunday May 01, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Gather for pre-march rally at: Target shopping center, Story and King Roads, San Jose 95122

Post-march rally at: San Jose City Hall, Santa Clara and 5th Streets, San Jose 95112

130th Anniversary of International Workers Day

10th Anniversary of the Great Immigration Rights Marches

Dignity and justice for workers around the world! End the roots of forced migration!

Rally at Story and King Roads (Target shopping center) beginning at 2 pm

March at 3:50-4:00 pm

<https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2016/04/28/18785706.php>

May Day Bike Strike!

Sunday May 01, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

1 Market Street, San Francisco, CA

Bring your bike to the may day bikestrike!!!

On Sunday May 1st 5PM at Justin Herman Plaza in SF the Bay Area IWW Couriers Union will be hosting a Bike Strike rolling picket line against courier companies that are exploiting their workers such as Postmates who illegally is misclassifying their workers as independent contractors to pay them often below minimum wage and deny bike couriers workers compensation and Sprig inc. who's bike couriers recently went union with the IWW were illegally laid off in mass in retaliation for organizing. Bring your bike!!! We will have music and different speakers who will talk about different exploitive delivery companies and how to fight back against your boss to build union power in the Bay Area and beyond.

It is every worker's legal right to participate in union events and engage in union activity at work

<http://www.facebook.com/events/1557650347861708/>

Read Article: <http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2016/04/29/18785763.php>

<https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2016/04/29/18785764.php>

Sun, May 8, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Battle of Minsk: the biggest defeat to Hitler and Third Reich

Battle of Minsk. a film and verbal presentation of Soviet (one million soldiers and 800 tanks) attack on German forces in the Belorus Soviet Republic in June 1944 resulting in the biggest defeat to Germany in world war II resulting in one half million German casualties. The Soviet victory based on concept of deep battle and maskirova. By **John M** and **Raj S**.

Sun, May 15, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Resistible Rise of Fascism in India

A presentation by **Abhinav Sinha**, a labor activist and writer in New Delhi, who will discuss labor and politics in India. He is editor of a workers' newspaper in Hindi and member of a M-L group. He is also a scholar of History, presently working for his doctorate in History at Delhi University. He will be introduced by **Raj Sahai**

Sat, May 7, 2016 • Noon-2PM

The Communist Party USA (Oakland/Berkeley) invites you to a discussion:

Police Militarization

Suggested Readings:

Ana Conner & Tara Tabassi, 'Ending Police Militarization, One City at a Time'

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/33001-ending-police-militarization-one-city-at-a-tim>

Stephen Graham, Cities Under Seige, The New Military Urbanism

http://libcom.org/files/Graham,%20Stephen%20-%20Cities%20Under%20Siege.%20The%20New%20Military%20Urbanism_0.pdf This is a book length piece - worth reading introduction and skimming the rest
For more information contact: pareadersgrp@yahoo.com
Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library for Social Research

Sat, May 7, 2016 • 2:00PM-4:30PM

The Peace and Freedom Party presents

Suds, Snacks, & Socialism at the Starry Plough

U.S. Imperialism II Hands Off the Americas

From the Peace and Freedom Party Platform: “The drive for greater profits by multi-national corporations which direct U.S. foreign policy is a major cause of war. We stand for peace between nations and the right of all peoples to self-determination. We support an ongoing socialist transformation everywhere.” We are inviting speakers to address issues of war, imperialism, revolution, and socialism in selected areas of the Americas.

For information, contact Gene Ruyle: 510-332-3865.

At the Starry Plough Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave, at Prince St in Berkeley

Sun, May 22, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Saudi Arabia and its global role

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a sacred pillar of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, has played an ambiguous role in the conflicts unleashed by the Arab Spring, most notably in Bahrain, Yemen, Syria, and in the rise of ISIS. Saudi Arabia's global role is rooted in the unique juxtaposition of ultra authoritarian rule, oil wealth, and exceptionalism of being home to Makkah.

Sharat G. Lin, PhD writes on global political economy, the Middle East, and labor migration. He is a research fellow at the San José Peace and Justice Center. He has lived in Saudi Arabia.

Sun, May 29, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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Monday, May 23 is the last day to register to vote in the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT! Hundreds of thousands of Americans, in New York, Arizona, and elsewhere, have been denied their right to vote, either by design or accident. Follow these steps to make sure you can vote for the candidate of your choice.

First of all, **CHECK YOUR PARTY REGISTRATION STATUS**. Instructions vary by county.

All counties are listed at: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status/>

If you are not registered, or not registered the way you want, you will need to re-register by May 23, which you can do online at: <http://registertovote.ca.gov>.

BEWARE: Some voters who think they are registered independent, and therefore eligible to make a choice between Clinton and Sanders, actually aren’t. They may be one of the nearly half a million Californians registered in the American Independent Party, a minor party founded by the infamous segregationist, then-Alabama Gov. George Wallace in his 1968 run for the presidency. A Los Angeles Times poll of a sample of those registered in the American Independent Party found three out of four thought they were registered as independents, not members of the party founded by the infamous segregationist. Among those who said they were fooled were celebrities Sugar Ray Leonard, Demi Moore and Emma Stone. Unless they change their registration, they will be able to cast a primary ballot only for an American Independent Party nominee.

For more information on How to Vote for Bernie Sanders, go to ru4peace.wordpress.com

Saturday, May 21: 2-4:30 pm. Beer, Burgers, and Bernie at the Starry Plough. The Democratic Socialists of America presents: “Bernie’s Plan - Save, improve, & Expand Social Security.” Starry Plough Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave at Prince St 2 blocks from Ashby BART. FREE - all ages welcome, please buy food & drink at the Pub. For info, contact DSA, 510 684-6286 or peopleforbernie.sfba@gmail.com

Saturday, May 28: 2-4:00 pm. Bernie Socialist Workshop. The Campaign for Peace and Socialism presents: “The History of Socialism in America from Robert Owens’ utopian experiment in 1824 to Bernie’s political revolution of 2016.” A slide presentation by Eugene Ruyle, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, Cal State, Long Beach. South Branch Berkeley Public Library, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703 (one block North of Ashby BART on MLK). For info, call Gene 510-332-3865 or email: cuyleruyle@mac.com

Sun, Jun 5, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

The History of Socialism in America from Robert Owens' utopian experiment in 1825 to Bernie's political revolution of 2016.

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Sun, Jun 12, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

The Clinton Dynasty and the Shadow Government.

Larry Shoup, author of *Wall Street's Think Tank*, will discuss his recent article with this title in Z Magazine (February 26, 2016)

<https://zcomm.org/zmagazine/the-clinton-dynasty-and-the-shadow-government/>

Sun, Jun 19, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Early Summer Break

Gene will be out of town, so no forum unless someone else wants to assume responsibility.

Sun, Jun 26, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Puerto Rico: The Fight Against Colonialism, Capitalism, and Imperialism.

We are inviting three Bay Area Puerto Rican activists to discuss the the history and current situation of the deepening crisis and the fight against colonialism, capitalism, and imperialism.

Confirmed speakers include:

Katherine Adames Rodríguez is a pro-independence socialist from Puerto Rico who moved to the Bay Area last year. She has been a member of the Organización Socialista Internacional, the Puerto Rico Network of Solidarity with Palestine, and the Committee Against Homophobia and Discrimination. As a militant teacher, she was very active in the Puerto Rico Federation of Teachers, whose organizing efforts she supported and with which she mobilized against the government's attack on public education and its neoliberal policies.

Roberto Pastrana Pagés is a nonprofit worker and a member of SEIU Local 1021. In 2014, he moved from Puerto Rico, where he had been a member of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organizations on the islands, such as Puerto Rico para Tod@s, and the Committee against Homophobia and Discrimination at the University of Puerto Rico. A militant pro-independence socialist, Roberto was part of the Movimiento al Socialismo (MAS) and the Federación Universitaria Pro Independencia (FUPI). He was part of the push for LGBT rights and worked for visibility and solidarity within the working class.

Ricardo Ortiz is a past and former member of the Frente Socialista of Puerto Rico. He has been part of the student, worker, and community struggles both in the island and participated in the 1990 general strike in Puerto Rico as well as other struggles. Currently he lives in the Bay Area and is active in social struggles for revolution.

Sun, Jul 3, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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Sat, July 2, 2016 • 2:00 PM-4:30 PM: Deadly Connections: Challenging Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear Power, and Climate Change.

In an age of endless war, economic crisis, and global warming, the provocative actions of the United States against nuclear armed Russia and China raise again the threat of nuclear annihilation. Our discussion of this important topic features two confirmed speakers from the Western States Legal Foundation, which has provided legal representation to antinuclear activists since 1982: Andrew Lichterman, Senior Research Analyst, and Phyllis Olin, Board President. Eugene Ruyle, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, CSU, Long Beach, will also speak.

The Peace and Freedom Party presents

This is part of our on-going Socialist Forum Series on the first Saturday of every month. Doors open at 2 pm and the program will start promptly at 2:30 pm. The forum will end by 4:30 pm, but folks can stay and talk as long as you like.

FREE! Please buy food & drink at the Pub. All ages welcome! FREE!

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Sun, Jul 10, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Deadly Connections: Challenging Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear Power, and Climate Change.

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Sun, Jul 17, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Sacramento protest: Victory over fascism

On June 26, fascists were chased off of their intended rally site by hundreds of anti-fascist protesters at the California State Capitol building. People from the Sacramento community and anti-racist protesters from around northern California started to assemble in the morning to prevent the white supremacists from entering the capitol grounds and holding their hate rally. Militarized police cornered the protesters on the street to allow space for fascists to assemble, but to their surprise the protesters heroically challenged them and took over the steps of the capitol building before the fascists could assemble. We are inviting anti-fascist participants to discuss this event. For background, see the reports on Indybay.

Sun, Jul 24, 2016: 11:00 am to 2:30 pm

Grover Furr on Trotsky's 'Amalgams.'

The Harvard Trotsky Archive was opened to researchers in 1980. In it, researchers found evidence that Leon Trotsky deliberately lied many times and about many people and events. Other evidence of Trotsky's lies comes from his own writings and in documents from former Soviet archives.

Drawing upon primary sources from the Harvard Trotsky Archive and from former Soviet archives Grover Furr subjects the testimony of Moscow Trials defendants to a source-critical check and verification. His conclusion: their testimony is genuine, reflecting what the defendants chose to say.

The same primary sources, plus Trotsky's own writings, demonstrate that Trotsky lied about virtually everything concerning the Soviet Union in his writings about the three Moscow Trials of 1936, 1937 and 1938, his writings on the assassination of Sergei Kirov, and in his testimony to the Dewey Commission in 1937.

This book will revolutionize the understanding of the Moscow Trials. Trotsky's writings and activities during the 1930s must be seen in an entirely new light.

The results of this research reveal much about Trotsky's conspiracies in the 1930s.

Grover writes that he will have some copies of all 4 of his books for sale at the talk at the special price of \$20 for each book.

Sun, Jul 31, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Election 2016 and After - What Is the Socialist Path?

After the two major bourgeois parties have had their national conventions and selected their candidates, what are the prospects for socialism? The Institute for the Critical Study of Society is sponsoring a forum to explore this issue. The panel includes: **Gene Ruyle**, author of "Rethinking Marxist Anthropology;" a speaker from the **Party for Socialism and Liberation**, which is running **Gloria La Riva** for president; and **Charles Andrews**, author of **The Hollow Colossus**.

Sun, Aug 7, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

The Metamorphoses of Doris Lessing

Lessing was a prolific author who went through many phases like a serpent shedding its skin: anti-colonialism and C.P. membership in Southern Africa, a move to London and cutting-edge feminism, to Sufi Mysticism and Gnostic Science fiction ... **Lew Finzel** will lead our discussion on this fascinating history

Sun, Aug 14, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Coup in Turkey

A mysterious but an expected coup attempt took place in Turkey on a Friday evening in Turkey. The revolution was televised. The important thing everybody who had experienced numerous coups in Turkey was the total stupidity of the whole thing. The military sent tanks to hold only some of the lanes in the most congested bridge in the country, and the tanks were stuck in traffic by people going out to drink. The most central park was held by 30 soldiers. And the government TVs, internet, Mosques and the entire media was allowed to broadcast governments calls for the people (jihadists) to rise up against the coup. In the end, the government and the small time dictator Erdogan obtained a much needed and cheap victory. Even before the coup attempt fizzled Erdogan's oppression started. The list of high ranking officers and judiciary who had not knelt down before Erdogan, apparently already at hand for many years, were immediately either fired or arrested. By the end of the next day 6,000 officers and judiciary were arrested, to be replaced by Erdogan's worshiper. Did this theatrical coup strengthen Erdogan, or is this the beginning of the end? What forces clashed, what international issues, what class contradictions, what historical developments brought about a need for this fake, show uprising? Is the next step of imperialism to divide Turkey now that Iraq, Libya and Syria are de facto divided? How does this coup play into the "Greater Middle East Project (The Project for a New Middle East)" drawn by the US and Israel? Is this coup the final nail in the Kemalist ideology's coffin?

Journalist **Mehmet Bayram** will address some of these questions and many more on the structure of the state, class struggle and the rapid movement of Turkey into Open Fascism.

Sun, Aug 21, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Late Summer Break

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Sun, Aug 28, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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Sun, Sep 4, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm (Labor Day Weekend)

Forum Cancelled for the International Meeting of the IWW

The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) will hold their annual international meeting in Oakland this year, at the Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library. This is for IWW members only. However, the IWW will host a welcoming BBQ at their union hall in Berkeley on Friday evening. Scroll down for info.

Here’s an excerpt from the 1094 Preamble to the Constitution of the Industrial Workers of the World:

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people while the few who make up the employing class have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the Earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system. (1905)

Sun, Sep 11, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Inside U.S. Imperialist Policy Today: Syria, Libya, Egypt, Iran, Iraq and Beyond

Speaker, **Jeff Mackler**, National Secretary, Socialist Action and Socialist Action's 2016 candidate for President; Author, *Revolution and Counterrevolution in Egypt*; *The Tragedy of Libya*; *Syria 2014*; *Marx Was Right: The Capitalist Crisis Today* and *Capitalism Damns the Environment*; Director, Mobilization to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal

Sun, Sep 18, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Turkey’s Invasion of Syria

Does Turkey’s Invasion of Syria lay the groundwork for a Broader Middle East War led by U.S.-NATO imperialism?

Journalist **Mehmet Bayram** will address this and other questions about recent developments in the Middle East.

Sun, Sep 25, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

China National Day, 2016:

Chinese Multilateral Peaceful Rising Meets US Interesting Times

We will focus upon the central international dynamics of what our two presenters opine is the opening period of a resumed Cold War.....

Gary Hicks will talk about the current role of the Communist Party of China in developing the next phase of their economic development. Included will be an introduction to the new phase of international trade..... One Belt, One Road.

Al Sargis will present a politico-military analysis of the Chinese response to increasing US aggression in the periphery surrounding south and east China, as well as China's extending international interests.

Sun, Oct 2, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Massive General Strike in India, September 2, 2016.

Our man in India, Raj Sahai, will discuss this largest strike in world history, when over 150 million workers went on strike. NOTE: We will meet upstairs since the Speak Out Now Conference will be held downstairs all weekend. (Scroll down for info.)

Sun, Oct 9, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

The History of Socialism in America:

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Sun, Oct 16, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

PART TWO; SINCE WWI

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Sun, Oct 23, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Halloween Break

Sun, Oct 30, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Halloween Break

DON'T FORGET DST, FALL BACK

We get an extra hour Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 a.m. as we turn back the hands of time for one more glorious hour of sleep.

Sun, Nov 6, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Oh, Canada: our home and native land...

Just before our American election we turn our attention north, to Canada. Our speaker will be Brenda Zeman who teaches anthropology at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. She will speak on various aspects of Canadian politics, including the August shooting death of Colten Boushie of Red Pheasant First Nation which took place on a farm in Saskatchewan; the Fort McMurray fires and the Husky oil spill into the North Saskatchewan River; Truth and Reconciliation in Canada and South Africa; the new national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women; the 2015 election of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the arrival and

settling of 25,000 Syrians; Tommy Douglas and challenges to universal healthcare; the September assisted suicide of W.P. “Bill” Kinsella in Hope, B.C.; the changing lyrics to Canada’s national anthem; and what it all means.

Brenda Zeman is a former elite athlete, dancer, author, storyteller, traveller, lecturer and activist. She earned her MA in Anthropology at Cal State Long Beach, where her advisor was Gene Ruyle. A descendent of Slovak homesteaders and Shetlandic/Scots immigrants, she lives in her hometown, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan which sits on Treaty 6 land. Her husband Tommy Lee, grew up in Dynamite Hill in Birmingham, Alabama, will join in the discussion.

Sun, Nov 13, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

We Do Not Consent.

Our **Declaration of Independence** clearly states, in part, that Governments are created to serve our rights, “deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” We are inviting several speakers to address these words in the light of the recent election. Confirmed speakers include: **Yvette Felarca**, By Any Means Necessary; **Tom Gallagher**, Progressive Democrats of America; **Frank Runninghorse**, Oscar Grant Committee; **Daniel Sankey**, Party for Socialism and Liberation, and **Richard Hobbs**, Move To Amend. We will have time for comments and questions from the audience.

Sun, Nov 20, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Alchemy and Social Change

A new attitude towards the material world emerged in late antiquity through the strange theories and practices of the alchemists. Did their attempts of achieve the elixir of life, the philosophers stone, and the transmutation of metals help give birth to science and the modern world? Our ICSS member, Lew Finzel, argues for the proposition that Alchemy Lives! Implications for: Ecology, Psychology, Literature, Sex, Drugs. . . .

Sun, Nov 27, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Thanksgiving Weekend No Forum

Gene will be out of town, so unless someone else organizes a forum, we will take a break.

Sun, Dec 4, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

The New Path to Mumia’s Freedom

A precedent-setting ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court provides the basis for a new legal action filed by **Mumia Abu-Jamal**, providing a path for the courts to overturn Mumia’s conviction and win his freedom. But we we can never forget the continuing importance of mass action to support Mumia’s legal case. **Gerald Smith** will discuss Mumia’s case to date, and **Mary McIlroy** will discuss the latest in the effort to free **Leonard Peltier**.

Sun, Dec 11, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Triumph of Trump: Continuity and Change in US Politics

WTF happened? The script was clear: with backing from the old-guard political leadership of both major parties, most corporate CEOs, Citizens United PACs, the mainstream media, celebrities, and high-ranking national security and military leaders, Hillary Clinton was headed towards what looked to be a historic landslide victory. Yet the Democratic Party is in shambles, and Donald Trump is headed to the White House in January.

Roger Harris with the Peace and Freedom Party will discuss the threat of fascism with the election of Trump. Is fascism a personality disorder or are there deeper political antecedents? Are they now present with a Trump presidency? How does a left narrative differ from a liberal one on the current potential for fascism and the threat posed by Trump?

Economist **Allan Miller** will discuss the election in the context of the ongoing capitalist economic crisis and neoliberalism. To what extent will the Clinton-Bush-Obama (and Hillary’s “big tent”) neoliberal trajectory continue under Donald Trump, and to what extent are we witnessing a watershed moment in American history? With a major world-wide recession, if not depression, looming, how will it play out after the weak, jobless “recovery” of the last recession?

Sun, Dec 18, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Political economy of globalization, financialization, labor migration, and majoritarian alienation

Globalization maximizes free trade and capital flows, while continuing to resist labor migration caused by it. Globalization is facilitated by the dominance of finance capital, and the untethering of transnational corporations from a national base. But while colonialism caused the internal disarticulation of the periphery, globalization brings about the internal disarticulation of the metropolitan center. This plus multifaceted demographic transitions are at the root of the social marginalization of less educated majoritarian communities, creating preconditions for the rise of fascism.

Sharat G. Lin is a research fellow at the San José Peace and Justice Center. He writes and lectures on global political economy, labor migration, the Middle East and South Asia, and public health.

Sun, Dec 25, 2016: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Sun, Jan 1, 2017: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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