ISSE/SEP meetings on the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq

Iraq, Iran and the eruption of American militarism

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The International Students for Social Equality (ISSE) and the Socialist Equality Party (SEP) will hold a series of public meetings across the US this month, marking the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. The meetings will culminate in the ISSE/SEP Emergency Conference Against War, to be held on March 31 and April 1 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Meetings will be held in Virginia, Delaware, New York, Illinois, Michigan and other states. The theme of the meetings will be the causes and consequences of the eruption of American militarism, including the invasion of Iraq, the threats of war against Iran, and the growing danger of a wider global conflict.

March 20, 2003 is a day that will be remembered with shame and outrage by the population of the United States and the entire world. On that day, the American government, with the complicity of the entire political establishment and media, launched a war based on outright lies, the central aim of which was to plunder the natural resources of the Middle East. The American ruling elite initiated this occupation in order to seize control of Iraq's oil resources as part of its strategy of global hegemony.

Since that day, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, and over 3,400 US and coalition soldiers, have been killed. In the November 2006 elections, the American people expressed their deep-felt opposition to the war in Iraq. The Bush administration has responded by escalating US military violence in Iraq and ratcheting up its threats and provocations against Iran. The Democratic Party, which gained control of Congress as a result of the antiwar vote, is continuing its complicity in the war by refusing to use its control of Congress to end it.

The ISSE and the SEP are calling for the development of an international movement of students and the working class as a whole against the Iraq war and the threat of its extension into Iran. Such a struggle can be conducted only in opposition to both the Democrats and the Republicans and the profit system they uphold, which is the cause of imperialist war.

Further meetings will be announced in the coming weeks. To register for or find out more about the ISSE/SEP Emergency Conference Against War, click here.

Meeting details:

New York, New York
Saturday, March 10, 3:00 p.m.
Vanderbilt YMCA
224 E. 47th St. (between 2nd and 3rd Aves.)
Speaker: Bill Van Auken, WSWS writer and SEP candidate for US Senate from New York in 2006
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Urbana, Illinois
Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
111 Gregory Hall
810 S. Wright St at the Southwest corner of the Quad
Speaker: Jerome White, WSWS writer and SEP candidate for US Congress from Michigan in 2006
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Ann Arbor, Michigan
Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.
University of Michigan
Anderson Room of the Michigan Union
530 S. State Street
Speaker: Joe Kay, WSWS writer and member of the ISSE Steering Committee
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Newark, Delaware
Monday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.

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University of Delaware
Gore Hall, Room 117
South College Ave.
Speaker: Bill Van Auken, WSWS writer and SEP candidate for US Senate from New York in 2006
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Rochester, Michigan
Wednesday, March 21, 12:00 p.m.
Oakland University
Oakland Center, Room 127
2200 North Squirrel Road
Speaker: TBA
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