

SEP election meetings

## The origins and implications of the financial crisis: A Marxist analysis

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Between now and Election Day, Socialist Equality Party presidential candidate Jerry White and vice presidential candidate Bill Van Auken will speak at a series of meetings throughout the country.

It is now widely acknowledged in the press that the 2008 elections are taking place amidst the greatest crisis of American capitalism since the Great Depression of the 1930s. What was once considered to be unimaginable is now taking place: the collapse of major financial institutions and banks, tens of billions of dollars committed to corporate bailouts. Now, the Bush administration, with the support of the Democrats and both presidential candidates, is planning to open the US treasury to hand over hundreds of billions of dollars to buy up “toxic” securities and worthless investments from the very people who have caused this crisis. White and Van Auken will present a Marxist analysis of these developments. They will address the fundamental questions that are not being discussed in the media or by either presidential candidate:

- \* What is the cause of the economic and financial crisis?
- \* Who will be forced to pay for it?
- \* What will be the implications for working people?
- \* What is the alternative?

The meetings will be an important opportunity for readers of the WSWS and workers and students throughout the country to find out more about the SEP and become involved in building the international socialist movement.

Additional meeting locations and further details will be announced in the coming weeks. To become involved in the SEP campaign, or to find out how you can build a meeting in your area, contact us here. Visit [www.socialequality.com](http://www.socialequality.com) for more information on the SEP and its election campaign.

*Meeting details:*

**Wednesday, September 24, 6 p.m.**

University of Michigan  
Michigan League, Room B  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Thursday, September 25, 3 p.m.**

Virginia Commonwealth University  
Student Commons Building, Richmond Salon II  
Richmond, Virginia

**Thursday, October 2, 5 p.m.**

City College of New York  
North Academic Center, Room 1/211A  
New York, New York

**Monday, October 6, 1 p.m.**

Wayne State University  
MacGregor Conference Center, Room L70  
Detroit, Michigan

**Tuesday, October 7, 6 p.m.**

University of Delaware  
Gore 116  
Newark, Delaware

**Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m.**

University of Michigan  
Michigan League, Koessler Room  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Saturday, October 18, 2 p.m.**

Bangor Public Library, Story Room  
145 Harlow Street  
Bangor, Maine

**Sunday, October 19**

San Francisco, California

Time and place TBA

**Tuesday, October 21**

Portland, Oregon

Time and place TBA

**Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.**

San Diego State University

Quetzalcoatl A&B

San Diego, California



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