

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 amid 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 provide an important opportunity for workers and students and readers of the WSWS 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 for more information on the SEP and its election campaign.

Meeting times:

October 6, 1 p.m.

Wayne State University
McGregor Memorial Conference Center, Room L
Detroit, Michigan

Speaker: Jerry White

October 7, 6 p.m.

University of Delaware
Gore 304
Newark, Delaware

Speaker: Bill Van Auken

October 8, 7 p.m.

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

Speaker: David North, SEP national chairman

Sunday, October 12, 1 p.m.

Conway Hall
Red Lion Square WC1R 4RL
London, England

Speaker: Jerry White

Monday, October 13, 7 p.m.

The Common Room, St. Peter's House
University of Manchester Precinct Center

Oxford Road M13 9GH
Manchester, England
Speaker: Jerry White

Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m.
University of Glasgow, Room 407
Boyd Orr Building
University Avenue G12 8QQ
Glasgow, Scotland
Speaker Jerry White

October 16
Berlin, Germany
Time and place TBA
Speaker: Jerry White

October 17
Frankfurt, Germany
Time and place TBA
Speaker: Jerry White

October 18, 2 p.m.
Bangor Public Library, Story Room
145 Harlow Street
Bangor, Maine

October 19
San Francisco, California
Time and place TBA
Speaker: Bill Van Auken

October 21
Portland, Oregon
Smith Memorial Union, Room 294
Portland, Oregon
Speaker: Bill Van Auken

October 23, 7 p.m.
San Diego State University
Quetzalcoatl A&B
San Diego, California
Speaker: Bill Van Auken

October 23, 7 p.m.
University of Pittsburgh,
Cathedral of Learning, Room 202

th Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
Speaker: Jerry White

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October 25, 3 p.m.
Santa Monica Public Library
Multipurpose Room
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, California
Speaker: Bill Van Auken

October 25
New York City
Time and place TBA
Speaker: Jerry White

October 27, 7 p.m.
University of Illinois, Chicago
Student Center East, Room 613
750 South Halsted Street
Chicago, Illinois
Speaker: Jerry White

October 28
Champaign, Illinois
Time and place TBA
Speaker: Jerry White

October 29
Montreal, Quebec
Time and place TBA

October 30
Toronto, Ontario
Time and place TBA
Speaker: Jerry White



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