

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. The candidates will also address meetings in Canada, Germany and Britain.

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 <http://www3.wsws.org/sep/dd-formmailer/dd-formmailer.php>. Visit www.socialequality.com for more information on the SEP and its election campaign.

Meeting times:

Tuesday, October 7, 6 p.m.

University of Delaware

Gore 304

Newark, Delaware

Speaker: Bill Van Auken

Wednesday, 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

Thursday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.

Technische Universität Berlin

Gebäude für Bergbau und Hüttenwesen

Ernst-Reuter-Platz 1, Raum BH 0143

Berlin, Germany

Speaker: Jerry White

Friday, October 17, 7 p.m.

Saalbau Gallus, Konferenzraum 1

Frankenallee 111

Frankfurt, Germany

(S-Bahn Galluswarte, S3,4,5,6)

Speaker: Jerry White

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

Speaker: Bill Van Auken

Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.

Portland State University

Smith Memorial Union, Room 294

Portland, Oregon

Speaker: Bill Van Auken

Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.

San Diego State University

Quetzalcoatl A&B

San Diego, California

Speaker: Bill Van Auken

Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.

University of Pittsburgh,

Cathedral of Learning, Room 202

4500 5th Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Speaker: Jerry White

Saturday, October 25, 3 p.m.

Santa Monica Public Library

Multipurpose Room

601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Santa Monica, California

Speaker: Bill Van Auken

Saturday, October 25, 3:30 p.m.

McBurney YMCA

125 West 14th Street

New York, NY

Speaker: Jerry White

Monday, October 27, 7 p.m.

University of Illinois, Chicago

Student Center East, Room 613

750 South Halsted Street

Chicago, Illinois

Speaker: Jerry White

Tuesday, October 28

Champaign, Illinois

Time and place TBA

Speaker: Jerry White

Wednesday, October 29

Montreal, Quebec

Time and place TBA

Thursday, October 30

Toronto, Ontario

Time and place TBA

Speaker: Jerry White



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