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## The future of art in an age of crisis

David Walsh, WSWS arts editor, to speak in San Diego and Los Angeles

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The present economic crisis, the most devastating since the Great Depression, finds all social layers in America unprepared, including artists and intellectuals.

Is it possible to point to a single film, play or novel that provided a forewarning of what was to come, even a serious premonition? How can the current artistic and cultural malaise be overcome?

The historical and social roots of the problem have to be examined. What part did the anti-communist purges of the 1940s and 1950s play? What is the role of so-called Critical Theory, Postmodernism and other trends?

David Walsh, arts editor of the *World Socialist Web Site*, will address these issues. A question and answer period will follow his talk.

**San Diego, California**

**Thursday, February 26, 7 p.m.**

**The Auditorium inside the Aztec Athletic Center Building**

**San Diego State University**

**(On 55th St, across from the Cox Arena and north of parking structure 5)**

**Los Angeles, California**

**Saturday, February 28, 2:30 p.m.**

**Multi-Purpose Room**

**Santa Monica Public Library**

**601 Santa Monica Blvd.**



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