

# SEP Public Meetings: The Breakdown of Capitalism and the Fight for Socialism in the US

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The Socialist Equality Party is holding a series of meetings throughout the US to introduce its program, “The Breakdown of Capitalism and the Fight for Socialism in the United States.”

The world capitalist system is ensnared in its greatest crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s. The financial turmoil that began two years ago with the sudden failure of Wall Street icons has metastasized into a global economic breakdown.

In the US, tens of millions of people are unemployed, and millions have been thrown out of their homes. Public schools and universities are cutting tens of thousands of jobs and reducing admissions. State and local governments are responding with mass layoffs, pay cuts and the elimination of basic social programs.

As popular opposition and anger grows, the response of the political establishment is to move to the right. After bailing out the banks, the Obama administration has rejected any serious measures to address the social crisis. Regardless of the outcome of the November elections, the Democrats and Republicans are preparing a new wave of austerity measures for the working class.

Workers and youth need a new perspective to fight for their interests. Join the Socialist Equality Party and International Students for Social Equality in this series of meetings to discuss the socialist response to the capitalist crisis.

Further meetings throughout the country will be announced as details are finalized. If you would like to hold a meeting in your area, contact the WSWs.

**November 17, 1:30 p.m.**

**Sacramento, California**

Cosumnes River College

Business-Social Sciences (BS) Room 129

8401 Center Pkwy

(Parking \$1)

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**Rock Island, Illinois**

**November 20, 1 p.m.**

Rock Island Public Library

401 19th Street

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**November 20, 1:30 p.m.**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Days Hotel on University

Conference Room (second floor)

2407 University Ave SE

(Intersection of University Ave and Washington Ave SE)

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**November 20, 3:00 p.m.**

**Cambridge, Massachusetts**

First Church in Cambridge Congregational

11 Garden Street

(near Harvard T stop, Red Line)

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An additional meeting is being planned in:

- Phoenix, Arizona

Meetings concluded:

- Fairfax, Virginia (October 5)
- Ithaca, New York (October 6)
- Columbia, South Carolina (October 6)
- Ann Arbor, Michigan (October 7)
- New York, New York (October 10)
- Chicago, Illinois (October 12)
- Ypsilanti, Michigan (October 14)
- San Diego, California (October 21)
- Pasadena, California (October 23)
- Santa Barbara, California (October 26)
- Berkeley, California (October 28)

- Portland, Oregon (November 2)
- Omaha Nebraska (November 2)
- Houston, Texas (November 3)
- New Orleans, Louisiana (November 4)



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