

David North Fall Meeting Series

Eighty Years of the Fourth International (1938-2018): The class struggle, revolution, and socialism in the 21st century

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There is great interest in socialism in the US, but little understanding of what the struggle for socialism entails. The capitalist media is trying to channel pro-socialist sentiment toward the Democratic Party and portray it as a mildly reformist program that involves no fundamental change in the allocation of wealth, let alone the overthrow of existing property relations. It is a “socialism” that can even attract the support of thoughtful and socially conscious investment bankers.

But socialism can only be realized by the conscious political mobilization of the American and international working class in the greatest revolutionary struggle in history. The working class must prepare itself for this struggle by learning the lessons of the 20th century, which was the scene of the greatest revolutionary upheavals of history. It must learn the history of the Fourth International, the revolutionary socialist opposition to Stalinist counter-revolution.

Either the working class carries out the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism or it will be subjected to fascistic dictatorships and catastrophic wars. The political alternative that stands before humanity is not mild reform or the status quo, but revolutionary socialism or capitalist barbarism.

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Wednesday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.

MIT

Boynnton Hall, 6-120

New York City, New York

Thursday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

New York University

Kimmel Center, Room 405/406

Chicago, Illinois

Monday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

University of Illinois at Chicago

Lecture Center B, Room 101

Portland, Oregon

Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

Portland State University

Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 298

Speaker: Joseph Kishore

Berkeley, California

Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 p.m.

UC Berkeley

126 Barrows Hall

San Diego, California

Thursday, November 15, 5:00 p.m.

San Diego State University

Student Services East, 1401

About the speaker:

David North is chairperson of the Editorial Board of the *World Socialist Web Site* and the national chairman of the Socialist Equality Party (US). North is the author of many books on history and Marxist theory, including *The Heritage We Defend: A Contribution to the History of the Fourth International*; *In Defense of Leon Trotsky*; *A Quarter Century of War: The U.S. Drive for Global Hegemony—1990–2016*; *The Russian Revolution and the Unfinished Twentieth Century*; and *The Frankfurt School, Postmodernism, and the Politics of the Pseudo-Left: A Marxist Critique*.

(All are available at Mehring Books)

Completed Meetings:

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Monday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.

University of Michigan

Angel Hall Auditorium C

Detroit, Michigan

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Wayne State University

Bernath Auditorium in the Undergraduate Library

Gainesville, Florida

Monday, October 29, 6:00 p.m.

University of Florida

Reitz Union, Room G310

Speaker: SEP National Secretary Joseph Kishore

Tampa, Florida

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

University of South Florida

Marshall Student Center, Room 3711

Speaker: Joseph Kishore

Annandale, Virginia

Thursday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.

Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale

CA 303

Speaker: Joseph Kishore



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