

David North in conversation with Nick Beams

Book launch of *The Heritage We Defend* in Sydney, Australia

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David North has played a leading role in the international socialist movement for forty-five years and is the chairperson of the International Editorial Board of the *World Socialist Web Site* and the Socialist Equality Party (US). His many published works include *The Crisis of American Democracy*; *In Defence of Leon Trotsky*; *The Russian Revolution and the Unfinished Twentieth Century*; *The Frankfurt School, Postmodernism and the Politics of the Pseudo-left*, and *A Quarter Century of War: The U.S. Drive for Global Hegemony 1990-2016*.

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