

IYSSE meetings in Australia and New Zealand: The crisis of political perspective of the Gaza protests

International Youth and Students for Social Equality (Australia)
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The International Youth and Students for Social Equality (IYSSE) clubs are holding meetings in Australia and New Zealand titled, “The crisis of political perspective of the Gaza protests.”

We encourage students and young people to attend the events, which will outline the socialist and internationalist perspective required to stop the unfolding genocide.

It is nearly six months since the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) launched their bombardment of Gaza. More than 32,000 Gazans—mostly women and children—have been murdered in the assault. A UN report has found that 1.1 million—half of Gaza’s population—are at risk of famine.

Young people and workers around the world are horrified by what they are witnessing. Millions have joined a global anti-war movement against the mass murder, including in Australia.

These protests, however, have arrived at an impasse.

Pseudo-left tendencies—such as Socialist Alternative, Socialist Alliance and Solidarity in Australia; the International Socialist Organisation in New Zealand—are attempting to wear the protesters out by promoting the illusion that moral appeals to the same governments supporting the genocide will cause them to call for a ceasefire.

In Australia, the pseudo-left groups seek to subordinate the mass opposition to the Labor government, even as it continues its support for the genocide.

They are also promoting the corporatised trade union apparatuses. The unions, though, have suppressed any working-class action against the government, in keeping with their alignment with the Labor Party and

the ruling elite.

Above all, the pseudo-left is seeking to prevent any understanding that the genocide, and the support it has received, are inseparable from the broader eruption of imperialist militarism. Workers and youth must take up a political struggle against imperialist war, the capitalist system and all the governments that represent it.

The line of the pseudo-left is not an accident. These are pro-imperialist tendencies, which supported US-led imperialist regime-change operations in Syria and Libya. They have backed the current US-NATO proxy war against Russia in Ukraine, and have repeatedly legitimised the other prong of the US war drive, preparations for a catastrophic conflict with China.

That is because the pseudo-left has nothing to do with the fight for socialism or the interests of the working class. Instead they represent an affluent layer of the upper middle-class in the union bureaucracy, academia and the top echelons of the public sector. The wealth and privileges of this layer are directly dependent on the suppression of the working class.

At the meetings, IYSSE speakers will explain the need for a turn to the revolutionary force in society, the international working class. It can and must end the genocide. But to do that, it requires a socialist perspective directed against the profit system, which is once again hurtling towards barbarism and disaster.

Attend the meetings in your area to find out more about this perspective and take up this political fight.

Melbourne

1 p.m. Wednesday, 10 April

Activity Room G01, Building 189 (Frank Tate)

University of Melbourne

Register to save your seat!

Newcastle

6:30 p.m. Thursday, 11 April

Lecture Hall VG01

University of Newcastle

Register

Sydney

2 p.m. Wednesday, 17 April

EB.3.18

Western Sydney University

Register

New Zealand

6 p.m. Tuesday, 16 April

Online via Zoom

Register

Brisbane

6 p.m. Wednesday, 24 April

Meeting Room 2 in Toowong Library at Toowong

Village Shopping Centre (L18)

9 Sherwood Rd, Toowong

Register

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