



CENTER FOR MARXIST EDUCATION

September 2017 Events Schedule

Thursday, September 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

BookTalk: Capital

Sandeep Choubey

Capital is Karl Marx's magnum opus, and remains the best explanation of how capitalism works and why this system is prone to cycles of booms and busts. Join us for an engaging discussion of this still relevant text. We will be reading Chapter 9: The Rate of Surplus Value, and chapter 10: The Working Day, sections: 1)The Limits of the Working Day 2. The Voracious Appetite for Surplus Labour. Manufacturer and Boyar.

Sunday, September 17 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Class Lessons of Palestine

Wadi'h Halabi, Economics Commission, CME

The defeat in the 1967 war, the second Palestinian catastrophe (naqba), prompted the best of the Arab nationalist movement to turn to Marxism and the working class. By January 1976, the working class was in a position to take power in Lebanon, and got a rare second chance in April 1976. The Palestinian bourgeoisie aligned with the Lebanese and Syrian bourgeoisie and US imperialism against the insurgent workers. The Soviet leadership declined appeals to protect the revolution. The ensuing defeat contributed to the Soviet collapse and the rise of religious fundamentalism. The class lessons of Palestine are essential to avoid further defeats and complete humanity's transition from capitalism to socialism. (*Note: This is a repeat from July.*)

Wednesday, September 20

All God's Dangers: The Life of Nate Shaw | 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Sandy Rosen, CPUSA, CME, CILD

International Labor Defense's mass mobilizations in the 1930s, notably in defense of the Scottsboro Boys, also helped give birth to the Sharecroppers Union. Nate Shaw (Ned Cobb) was one of those who joined the Union. Shaw was targeted and imprisoned by the government. International Labor Defense gave him critical support. "All God's Dangers" are his memoirs. Discussion to follow.

Saturday, September 23 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM

The Russian Revolution's Impact on National Liberation and Land-Reform Struggles in the Western Hemisphere

John Womack, Professor of Latin American History and Economics at Harvard

Very few people in the world can match the depth of knowledge on today's topic than John Womack, the deeply pro-working class historian. Second in October Revolution Centennial Series at the Center for Marxist Education. Significant time will be allotted for discussion. Don't miss it!

Sunday, September 24 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

The Great Debaters

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee

Poet and professor Melvin B. Tolson (Denzel Washington) teaches at the predominately black Wiley College in 1935 Texas. He decides to start a debate team, something nearly unheard of at a black college. While at first he butts heads with the influential father (Forest Whitaker) of one of his best debaters, eventually he is able to form a team of strong-minded, intelligent young students, and they become the first black debate team to challenge Harvard's prestigious debate champions. ([Watch the trailer.](#))

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Need a meeting space?

The Center welcomes organizations and individuals from a wide range of progressive viewpoints. Visit our webpage to submit a Reservation Request.

