

August 2017 Events Schedule

Saturday, August 5, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Reflections on the Anniversary of the Russian Revolution, Part 1

John Womack Jr.

Historian John Womack, author of "Zapata and the Mexican Revolution" and long-time friend of the CME, reflects on developments in the century since the Russian Revolution. In 2009, when the Mexico City government awarded him the 1808 medal, he turned the award over to the Mexican Union of Electricians, saying: "[I have] infinite respect for the ability of Mexicans to transform their moments of crisis in benefit of the majority. Such conviction moves me to give honor and deliver this medal to the most important, most courageous organization that took form in this city during the revolutionary wars at the beginning of the last century, the Mexican Union of Electricians."

Wednesday, August 9

Committee for International Labor Defense

Business Meeting | 6:30 PM (All are welcome.)

Educational | 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Justice for 3 Drowned Black Girls

The three girls, Dominique Battle, Laniya Miller and Ashaunti Butler, were brutally drowned by the Pinellas County Sheriffs Department in St. Petersburg FL in March of last year. The Uhuru Solidarity Movement has been actively defending them. The US and world labor movement has a profound interest in fighting injustices and brutality committed by the exploiters and their state machinery.

Thursday, August 17 | 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 5: Contradictions in the general formula of capital, and Chapter 6: The buying and selling of labor power.

Sunday, August 20 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM

China Today: Photographs and Issues

Alvin Foster and Duncan McFarland and Richard Pendleton Alvin Foster spent a month in China in May 2017, visiting Beijing, Shanghai, the Yangtze River and other important sites. He will present photos of his trip with observations and information about China today. Additional commentary will be provided by Duncan McFarland, recently returned from an activist delegation, and Richard Pendleton, who first visited China in 1971. Following the presentation, there will be a general discussion about issues and challenges concerning China's development and dilemmas.

Sunday, August 27 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Mustang

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee Nominated for 2015 Academy Award for Foreign Language Film. It's the beginning of the summer. In a village in the north of Turkey, Lale and her four sisters come home from school, innocently playing with boys. The supposed debauchery of their games causes a scandal with unintended consequences. The family home slowly turns into a prison, classes on housework and cooking replace school, and marriages begin to be arranged. The five sisters, driven by the same desire for freedom, fight back against the limits imposed on them.

Turkish with English subtitles, 94 minutes. | ([Watch the trailer.](#))

Thursday, August 31 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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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.