



# CENTER FOR MARXIST EDUCATION

## January 2017 Event Schedule

**Sunday, January 1 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

### **The Annual CME Open House**

Join us as we complain about the elections, hail the victories of the food and janitors unions at Harvard and the defeat of the charter school initiative, assess changes in China, and mainly enjoy some good food and great company. We will miss Richard Levins, a friend of the CME who enlivened past Open Houses and whose work continues to guide many of our efforts. We will kick off a new fund drive to keep the CME going another half-century.

**Sunday, January 8 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

### **A Discussion of the Communist Manifesto**

Eddie Carson, CPUSA-Boston

*The Communist Manifesto* is an 1848 political pamphlet by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. It presents an analytical approach to the class struggle and the problems of capitalism and the capitalist mode of production. Get ready for an engaging discussion!

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**Wednesday, January 11**

### **Committee for International Labor Defense**

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

Educational | 7:00 – 8:00 PM

### **Tentatively scheduled: Defense of Guantanamo**

**Prisoners** (Check [www.centerformarxisteducation.org](http://www.centerformarxisteducation.org) for updates.)

**Friday, January 13 | 6:30 - 9:00 PM**

### **MassMovement Reading Group at the CME**

#### **Episode I: In Order to Form a More Perfect Union**

Jason Lowenthal, MassMovement

A close reading of The Constitution and The Bill of Rights. Attention will be paid to discerning Our Framers Intent by focusing on their own writings, and their relationships to preexisting political tracts, with a critical eye toward contradiction and paradox, and how the ideas presented in the Constitution and Bill of Rights continue to evolve.

**Saturday, January 14 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

### **Mobilizing Then and Now: Lessons of the Movement Against the Vietnam War**

David Keil, Socialist Party

A review of the antiwar movement in the Vietnam era. We'll compare that situation with the current post-election one and discuss how to succeed again as we did back then. Fred Halstead's 'Out Now' and other sources point to mass mobilization, non-exclusion, and immediate withdrawal as principles for action. Is the 'single-issue' approach from that time appropriate now? Can bringing multiple issues together mobilize more people now than they could fifty years ago? What kinds of action coalitions possible today? We'll have plenty of time for discussion.

**Saturday, January 21 | 3:00 PM**

### **Fascism: What is it and how do we fight it?**

John Harris, CPUSA-Boston

Since the presidential election the question of fascism and how to fight it has come to the fore. Steve Bannon, an open white supremacist, has been selected as chief strategist and senior counselor to the incoming Trump administration. We are faced with a campaign of racist and xenophobic rhetoric coming from the centers of power in Washington. More than rhetoric, they mean what they say. Meanwhile, the corporate media seeks to pretty up this political trend by describing it as the "Alt-right". History has seen movements like this and there is much to learn from these experiences. Fascism has historical roots and has been successfully fought against in the past. Join us for a discussion of the current crisis we face and how we can organize and mobilize to defend our interests as working people and youth.

### **CME Hours for January**

Sunday (1/15 and 1/29): 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Monday: 3:00 – 5:00 PM (Closed 1/9)

Wednesday: 1:00 – 3:30 PM

Friday (1/20 and 1/27): 10:30 – 1:00 PM



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Sunday, January 22 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**China: A Century of Revolution**

**Part Three: Born Under the Red Flag 1976–1997**

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee

*China: A Century of Revolution* is a six-hour tour de force journey through the country's most tumultuous period. First televised on PBS, this award-winning documentary series presents an astonishingly candid view of a once-secret nation with rare archival footage, insightful historical commentary and stunning eyewitness accounts from citizens who struggled through China's most decisive century. In Part 3, [Born Under the Red Flag](#), Mao's death begins, which follows the country's new leadership of Deng Xiaoping and its unlikely transformation into an extraordinary hybrid of communist-centralized politics with an ever-expanding free market economy.

Sunday, January 29 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM

**A Short Course in Marxist World Political Economy**

Wadi'h Halabi, Economics Commission, CPUSA and Center for Marxist Education

The introduction of the railroad and telegraph in the first half of the 1800s sealed the rise of a single world economy. Marx and Engels understood the implications -- henceforth, workers everywhere were now up against the world capitalist class. This was the basis for our global movement's central slogan --- Workers of the world, unite! The Russian Revolution "complicated" matters -- two social systems, regulated by different laws, were now interacting and conflicting within a single world economy. A Marxist assessment of the opposed forces in the global class struggle is essential for liberation from capitalism.

## 2017 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER | The Center for Marxist Education needs your help!

You have made the Center possible for over four decades with your volunteer time and contributions. In January 2017, we **celebrate 42 years of solidarity with you** in our constant struggle for equality for all people. **Now that we're facing greater oppression and potential attacks, it's more important than ever that spaces like the CME thrive.**

**Our goal is to raise \$5,000** to help support the operational costs of paying rent, stocking the shelves with new books, and hosting educational events. Donate today because...

- Education is imperative to spreading our movement.
- Boston needs more local, national and international speakers to call us to action.
- Comrades need a space to share, strategize and build solidarity.
- The CME is a part of our history; a monument to our fight against capitalism.
- **EQUALITY** can't wait for tomorrow!

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