

CME CENTER FOR MARXIST FOUNDED IN 1975 **EDUCATION**

May 2019 Events Schedule

Saturday, May 4 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Roots of Revolution in China: The Student-led May 4th Movement of 1919 and its Impact Today

A film segment on the history of the period will be followed by a presentation by Charles Zhengyang Xiao, a local high school student inspired by the May Fourth Movement. Commentary by Emily Dong, who aims to apply lessons of the movement to today's world, especially African-Asia relations inspired by WEB DuBois, Paul Robeson and the Chinese Revolution

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Today, China is concerned with many of the same issues: 1) resisting imperialist pressure, but now with strength; 2) advancing to the forefront of modern science and technology, such as the cutting edge China 2025 program; 3) improving socialist governance and democracy, such as the anti-corruption campaign. The most important current campaign is the elimination of poverty before 2021, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CCP.

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The Deepening Crisis of Capitalism and the Growing Fight Back

Rick Nagan is the Ohio District Organizer of the Communist Party USA and the author of "Adtter World In Birth: Principles of Scientific Socialism/A Handbook for Revolutionary Change." Rick joined the Party in 1970 after getting a Ph.D. in biology from The Rockefeller University. He worked as a reporter for the Daily World and as the Party's National Steel Coordinator before becoming the Ohio District Organizer.

Wednesday, May 22 | 7:00 - 9:00PM

Victor Grossman: Book Tour and a Review of The Change in the Condition of Women After Counter-Revolution in Eastern Germany

In 1952, the great journalist and speaker Victor Grossman defected from Harvard and the US Army to the Soviet region of Germany. He has lived in eastern Germany ever since. He will review his book, "A Socialist Defector", just published by Monthly Review. He will also describe changes in the condition of women since eastern Germany fell to counter-revolution nearly 30 years ago.

Sunday, May 26 | 6:00 PM

The Train to Pakistan

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee Train to Pakistan is a 1998 Indian Hindi film adapted from Khushwant Singh's 1956 classic novel set in the Partition of India of 1947. The film develops around the love affair of small-time dacoit with a local Muslim girl. The villagers are a mix of Sikhs and Muslims, who live in harmony. The Sikhs own most of the land, and the Muslims work as laborer's. During the summer of 1947, when the Partition of India was taking place, the entire country was a hotbed of extremism and intolerance. One day, a train arrives from Pakistan, which carries bodies of all the travelers who have been butchered while they tried to depart from Pakistan. That is when this quiet village is changed forever.

Marking the 100th Anniversary of the May Fourth Movement in China
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The program will review the May Fourth Movement and related history, and discuss its ongoing impact. Please join us; it is not possible to understand contemporary China without knowing some basic history!

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We regret the program is not at an accessible location.