

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

October 2017 Events Schedule

Saturday, October 7 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Open Mic: Poetry & Politics: If the task is to change the world, what does poetry do?

Helen Dimos and William Rowe

What are the forces that keep current realities in place, and how can we think about the ways that poetry can alter these realities? Helen Dimos & William Rowe will briefly read from their own recently published poetry and the poetry of others, and then present some ideas and arguments on the efficacy of poetry in the sphere of the political. The aim of the readings and the statements will be to open up conversation and discussion with everyone. Helen Dimos & William Rowe live in Athens, Greece. Their most recent books are, respectively, *No Realtor Was Compensated for This Sale* (The Elephants, 2016) and *Collected Poems* (Crater Press, 2016).

Wednesday, October 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Committee for International Labor Defense

The Working Class Experience in Massachusetts During the McCarthy Period

Talk on Massachusetts and the labor movement in the McCarthy era of the 1950's by Tilly Teixeira, long time union activist as well as member of the CPUSA. Currently Tilly is a leader in MSAC and the struggles for economic and social justice for seniors. Ed Teixeira, her husband had been a victim of the McCarran Act hearings in 1964, but that is another whole story.

Thursday, October 12 | 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 the remainder of Chapter 10: The Working Day.

Saturday, October 21 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Unions and the Communist Party of Brazil in Time of Crisis

Gary Dotterman, former director of CME

Former CME director Gary Dotterman lives today in an industrial region of Brazil where the Communist Party of Brazil and unions are actively organizing amidst an unfolding economic and political crisis.

Thursday, October 26 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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Saturday, October 28, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Assessing Changes in the Material Basis for Revolutionary Optimism

Wadi'h Halabi, Economics Commission, CPUSA and CME
Since the Communist Party-led victories in Southeast Asia in 1975, workers and oppressed have suffered a string of defeats and missed opportunities. Most serious have been counter-revolutions in the Soviet Union and eleven similar states, and the destruction of unions, such as the British coal miners'. Is there a material basis for revolutionary optimism today? How does it compare with a century ago, when the Russian Revolution conquered? The analysis can make our struggles today more productive.

Sunday, October 29 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Last Days in Vietnam, [Watch the trailer.](#)

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee

Al Johnson, Smedley Butler Brigade of Veterans for Peace
Duncan McFarland, Committee of Correspondence
Marilyn Levin, United for Justice with Peace, United National Antiwar Coalition

During the chaotic final weeks of the Vietnam War, the North Vietnamese Army closes in on Saigon as the panicked South Vietnamese people desperately attempt to escape. On the ground, American soldiers and diplomats confront the same moral quandary: whether to obey White House orders to evacuate U.S. citizens only—or to risk punishment and save the lives of as many South Vietnamese citizens as they can. The events recounted in the film mainly center on the US evacuation of Saigon codenamed Operation Frequent Wind. Enjoy a discussion following the film facilitated by Marilyn Levin and Duncan McFarland, both antiwar protesters since the 1960's, and Alfred Johnson, who spent over a year in an Army stockade for refusing orders to Vietnam.