

# Socialism 2011

## STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW...

We're looking forward to a wonderful conference! If at any point you have questions or concerns, please speak with Socialism staff members who are wearing yellow badges.

### Conference Office

The office for the conference will be located with the registration desk. It will be staffed throughout the conference to take late registrations, prepare meeting announcements, and answer general conference questions. Any announcements must be cleared through the Socialism 2011 Office.

### Press and media

Members of the press must receive an official Socialism 2011 credential in order to videotape or interview participants of Socialism 2011. The press contact, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, will be available throughout the conference to issue press passes. Please inquire at the registration table if you need a press pass, and the staff will contact Keeanga. If you are approached for an interview by someone without a Socialism 2011 press credential, please direct them to the registration table.

### Meals

The hotel is offering breakfast and lunch specials. Breakfast specials will be available at the On the Fly café. Lunch deals will be available at both the Metro restaurant (cash only) and at On the Fly café. Please do not bring any outside food into the conference meeting areas.

### Child care

Child care will be provided throughout Socialism 2011 for parents who signed up by the June 15 deadline. Check in for child care at the Kennedy Room.

### Haymarket Books

Haymarket Books will be open in O'Hare I throughout the conference.

### Parking

The hotel is offering a special \$5-per-day rate for conference attendees. Ask about this when you check in.

### Messages

The Socialism 2011 Office will have a message board for messages to/from Socialism 2011 attendees.

### Smoking

The Crowne Plaza does not allow smoking inside any room in any building, including the bar.

### Parties and alcohol

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be for sale throughout the conference at the Visibility bar and at the Saturday and Sunday night parties. All people buying alcoholic beverages will be asked for proof of age. Drinking should take place only in designated reception areas or in other conference activity areas.

### Translation services/ Servicios de traducción

Persons requiring translation can request the help of a translator at the

conference registration table. Translation services will be available in Spanish.

Personas requiriendo traducción pueden pedir la ayuda de un traductor en la mesa de registraci3n de la conferencia. Los servicios de traducci3n del ingl3s al espa1ol est1n disponibles.

### 12-step general meetings

Following the last event each evening, we have set aside the DaVinci room for 12-step general meetings. These meetings are open to anyone from any 12-step recovery group, such as A.A., N.A., Al-Anon, and CODA.

### Joining the International Socialist Organization

If you want to join the ISO, stop by the ISO information table near the conference office where people will be on hand to answer your questions. Also make sure to attend the meeting "The case for joining the ISO" on Sunday at 4pm in the LaGuardia room.

### PROGRAM NOTES

#### Admission to sessions

You will receive a registration badge when you register. Keep this badge with you at all times—it is your admission ticket to sessions. If you lose your badge, you will be charged \$5 for a replacement. If any of the meeting rooms reach overflow capacity, you may be turned away from attending, so please have a second choice in mind.

#### Meeting guidelines

So that meetings run smoothly and so that a maximum amount of discussion is encouraged, a chairperson will moderate all meetings. Questions and comments should be held until the chair calls for them after the speaker has finished his or her presentation.

The Socialism 2011 Organizing Committee asks for cooperation with these guidelines from everyone at the conference. Anyone who refuses to abide by the chairperson's instructions or who disrupts any meeting will be removed from the conference. Anyone displaying abusive, intimidating, or violent behavior toward other conference attendees will be ejected from the conference.

Attendees should be aware that in some meetings interpreters may be whispering or talking quietly to those who have signed up for Spanish translation services.

#### Regional meetups

Branches from various regions will be holding meetups during conference breaks for those who want to find out more about the International Socialist Organization. Look for posters on information boards advertising a "meet and greet" for your region.

## New from HaymarketBooks at Socialism 2011



### The John Carlos Story

John Carlos with Dave Zirin

### Kivalina: A Climate Change Story

Christine Shearer



### Ours to Master and to Own

Immanuel Ness and Dario Azzellini

### Palante

The Young Lords Party



### The Paris Commune

Donny Gluckstein

### People Wasn't Made to Burn

Joe Allen



### Revolution in Danger

Victor Serge

### Witness to the German Revolution

Victor Serge



Plus hundreds of other radical and socialist books from Haymarket Books and other publishers... Check them out throughout the weekend at the Haymarket Books shop in O'Hare I!

Also, don't miss your opportunity to **MEET THE AUTHORS** during the Sunday lunch break in the Haymarket Books room (O'Hare I).

Buy a book and get it signed by Omar Barghouti, Joe Burns, John Carlos, Paul LeBlanc, Immanuel Ness, Paul Street, Jeffery Webber, Chris Williams, and Dave Zirin...

## THE INTERNATIONALE

"The Internationale" has been the socialist movement's anthem for more than a century. Eugene Pottier, a French artisan who played a leading role in the Paris Commune, wrote the words while in hiding following the Commune's defeat in 1871. A Belgian worker, Pierre Degeyter, set the words to music in 1888.

"The Internationale" was sung by mutinous Russian sailors on the battleship *Potemkin* during the 1905 Russian Revolution, by the socialist defenders of the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943, and by workers and students in Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Arise, ye prisoners of starvation,  
Arise, ye wretched of the earth.

For justice thunders condemnation  
A better world's in birth!

No more traditions' chains shall bind us,  
Arise ye slaves, no more enthralled.

The earth shall rise on new foundations,  
We have been naught, we shall be all!

'Tis the final conflict, let each stand in their place.  
The international working class shall free the human race.

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### SATURDAY LINEUP

#### Prayers for Atheists

Punk rock from Providence

#### High Hearts

Philly folk

#### Darby Tillis

Chicago bluesman

#### Jeremy, Luisa, and Dave

Folk from Boston and NYC

#### Folk artists from Chicago and Iowa

Plus hilarious sketch comedy from NYC and the Radical Drag Show!

Entertainment will get started on Saturday and Sunday after the last session. So grab something to quench your thirst at one of the bars, and come on in!

Saturday and Sunday 9pm to midnight

O'Hare V

### SUNDAY LINEUP

#### Phillip Morris

Chicago hip-hop

#### Kevin Coval

Spoken word outta Chicago

#### Bob Rok

More hip-hop from Chicago

#### Ron Kipling Williams and Suzette E. Jones

Spoken word and song from Baltimore

## RESISTANCE CULTURE @ SOCIALISM 2011



## RESISTANCE CULTURE



Saturday and Sunday, 9pm in O'Hare IV

From music to poetry to comedy, from folk to punk to hip-hop, there's not a single aspect of culture untouched by the spirit of resistance.

This year's lineup includes HBO Def Poet Kevin Coval, Prayers for Atheists off Providence's Strange Famous Records and critically acclaimed rapper Phillip Morris. Also, original songs from exonerated death row inmate Darby Tillis and folk artists from Iowa, Chicago, New York City, and more!

Plus, radical sketch comedy and the first ever drag show at the Socialism conference! Don't miss out! See fliers for details!

# REVOLUTION IN THE AIR SOCIALISM 2011

More than 120 meetings on today's pressing issues...

More than 1,000 radical books to browse and buy...

Discussion and debate with 1,000 people who also want to change the world...

Nightly entertainment and parties...

If you're looking for meetings that will provide an excellent introduction to socialist politics, check out these:

- Marx's historical materialism Sunday 2:00pm
- Marxism and the state Saturday 9:30am
- Marxism and revolution Sunday 2:00pm
- Marxism and political organization Sunday 4:00pm
- Marxism and oppression Sunday 11:30pm
- Marxism, war, and imperialism Saturday 11:30pm
- Marxism and the future socialist society Monday 10:00am
- The politics of International Socialism Monday 10:00am
- Introduction to Marx's Capital: Exploitation and surplus value Sunday 9:30am
- Introduction to Marx's Capital: Capitalism and crisis Monday 10:00am
- Is human nature a barrier to socialism? Sunday 2:00pm
- Do movements need leaders? Saturday 11:30am
- Have women always been oppressed? Sunday 9:30am
- Consciousness and change: How do workers become "fit to rule"? Sunday 4:00pm
- Is violence ever justified? Monday 10:00am

## FRIDAY

### 8pm-9:30pm

Tara Lee and Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor  
**Wildcat! The 1970 postal workers' strike**  
Elizabeth L. (Chicago) O'Hare IV

Nicole Colson  
**"A riot of my own": The Clash**  
Alex B. (Chicago) Balmoral

Jazz Hayden and Lee Wengraf  
**The Attica rebellion 40 years later**  
Randi H. (Chicago) Love A

David Whitehouse  
**Will China rule the world?**  
Caitlin Q. (Chicago) Love B

A film by Dave Zirin  
**Not Just a Game**  
Dave Z. (DC) Midway

Donny Schraffenberger  
**The Civil War: America's second revolution**  
Aileen P. (Madison) Haneda A+B

### 9pm-Midnight

**RECEPTION**  
Concourse A, Concourse B, Visibility Bar

## SATURDAY

### 9:30am–11am

Jason Netek	
<b>Lenin and the vanguard party</b>	LaGuardia
Chair: Andrea H. (Portland)	O'Hare II
Sal Rosselli, Ken Riley, and Lee Sustar	
<b>Social movement unionism: How will the labor movement be rebuilt?</b>	Dulles
Chair: Dana B. (Berkeley)	O'Hare IV

Sam Farber	
<b>Whither Cuba?</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Kathleen B. (Phil.)	
Zakiya Khabir	
<b>The fight for LGBT liberation</b>	DaVinci
Chair: Ashley S. (SF)	Love A

Michael Fiorentino and Abbie Bakan	
<b>Israel: Watchdog of imperialism</b>	Love B
Chair: Jeff B. (SF)	

Geoff Bailey	
<b>Accumulation by dispossession from Rosa Luxemburg to David Harvey</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Sam B. (Seattle)	Midway

Diana Macasa	
<b>A nation of immigrants: U.S. capitalism and immigrant labor</b>	Haneda A+B
Chair: Fernin V. (Grand Rapids)	

Todd Chretien	
<b>Marxism and the state</b>	LaGuardia
Chair: Laura L. (DC)	

Matt Swagler	
<b>The legacy of colonialism: How imperialism underdeveloped Africa</b>	Dulles
Chair: Claire D. (SF)	

Shaun Joseph	
<b>The 1979 Iranian Revolution</b>	Sydney
Chair: Amy S. (Seattle)	

### 11:30am–1pm

Rachel Cohen	
<b>Raunch culture: The new sexism</b>	O'Hare II
Chair: Corrie W. (Chicago)	

Eric Cobb, Sam Jordan, and Joe Conway	
<b>Wisconsin: The end of the one-sided class war</b>	O'Hare IV
Chair: David R. (SF)	

Liliana Segura	
<b>Incarceration nation</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Cameron S. (Oakland)	

Elizabeth Terzakis and Adrienne Johnson	
<b>Pedagogy and liberation</b>	Love A
Chair: Matt B. (SF)	

Susan Jay	
<b>Is water the new oil?</b>	Love B
Chair: Brian E. (Rochester)	

Danny Lucia	
<b>Do movements need leaders?</b>	Midway
Chair: Kelly B. (Austin)	

Ashley Smith	
<b>Marxism, war, and imperialism</b>	Haneda A+B
Chair: Amanda G. (Boston)	

Eric Kerl	
<b>Enemies in blue: The police under capitalism</b>	LaGuardia
Chair: Emily G. (NYC)	
Helen Redmond	
<b>The “war on drugs”</b>	Dulles
Chair: Sean P. (NYC)	
Mario Cardenas and Bekah Ward	
<b>The fight for immigrant rights after Arizona</b>	Sydney
Chair: Victor F. (LA)	

Jonah Birch	
<b>Europe in upheaval: The revolutions of 1848</b>	DaVinci
Chair: Ben S. (Asheville)	

### 1pm–2pm

### LUNCH BREAK

### WRITING FOR SOCIALIST WORKER

A workshop to learn more about writing for *Socialist Worker*.

### 2pm–3:30pm

Ali Abunimah	
<b>Palestine and the Arab Spring</b>	O'Hare II
Chair: Eric R. (Chicago)	

Zach Zill, Giovanni Roberto, and Natalia Tylim	
<b>The kids aren’t alright: The global youth revolt</b>	O'Hare IV
Chair: Melissa C. (Santa Cruz)	

Arun Gupta	
<b>The political economy of Doritos: Demystifying the agro-industrial complex</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Dao T. (NYC)	

Sharon Smith	
<b>Mass strikes in U.S. history</b>	Love A
Chair: Peter L. (NYC)	

Rayyan Ghuma, Yusef Khalil, and Mostafa Omar	
<b>Imperialism and revolution in Libya, Syria, and beyond</b>	Love B
Chair: Phil A. (Atlanta)	

Aaron Hess	
<b>Is Marxism Eurocentric?</b>	Midway
Chair: Brit S. (Denton)	

John McDonald	
<b>United front vs. popular front: Marxist strategy and tactics</b>	Haneda A+B
Chair: Laura T. (Houston)	

Tristin Adie	
<b>“Obamacare” vs. single-payer health care</b>	LaGuardia
Chair: Jon V.C. (DC)	

Jesse Zarley	
<b>May 1968: The French general strike</b>	Dulles
Chair: Steve D. (Oakland)	

Marissa Torres	
<b>Palante: The story of the Young Lords</b>	Sydney
Chair: John C. (Philadelphia)	

### 4pm–5:30pm

Christine Darosa	
<b>The fight for transgender rights</b>	O'Hare II
Chair: Cecile V. (San Diego)	
Ahmed Shawk	
<b>The future of the Middle East revolutions</b>	O'Hare IV
Chair: Hannah F. (NYC)	

Jason Yanowitz, Paul D'Amato, and Paul Kellogg	
<b>Lessons of February 1917: Spontaneity and organization</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Behzad R. (Chicago)	

Anthony Arrove	
<b>Eugene Debs and American Socialism</b>	Love A
Chair: Kyla K. (Chicago)	

Phil Gasper	
<b>Marxism and morality</b>	Love B
Chair: Joe C. (Gainesville)	

Jason Farbman	
<b>Latin America’s “pink tide”: Are the people in power?</b>	Midway
Chair: Haley P. (Williamstown)	

Lee Wengraf	
<b>Class and class struggle in Africa</b>	Haneda A+B
Michael W. (Burlington)	

Avery Wear	
<b>The myth of “humanitarian intervention”</b>	LaGuardia
Chair: Kitty L. (SF)	

Becca Bor	
<b>Do we need to learn to live with less?</b>	Dulles
Chair: Jorge T. (Seattle)	

Michele Bollinger	
<b>Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, and the Sioux struggle for freedom</b>	Sydney
Chair: Meredith R. (Portland)	

### 5:30pm–7:30pm

### DINNER BREAK

Showing of *Broken on All Sides: Race, Mass Incarceration and New Visions for Criminal Justice*, a film by Matthew Pillischer 6 pm, Midway

### 7:30pm PLENARY

Beesan Kassab, Ali Abunimah, Glenn Greenwald, Mostafa Omar, and Ahmed Shawk	
<b>Revolution and imperialism in the Middle East</b>	O'Hare II, III, IV

### 9pm–12midnight

### RESISTANCE CULTURE

O'Hare V

### 9pm–2am

### PARTY WITH CASH BAR

Concourse A, Concourse B, Visibility Bar

## SUNDAY

### 9:30am–11am

Immanuel Ness	
<b>Ours to master and to own: Workers’ control from the Commune to the present</b>	O'Hare II
Chair: Alessandro T. (Berkeley)	
Alex Schmaus	
<b>Egypt: The revolution continues</b>	O'Hare IV
Chair: Jeremy T. (SF)	

Mostafa Omar and Beesan Kassab	
<b>Egypt: The revolution continues</b>	O'Hare IV
Chair: Jeremy T. (SF)	

Sid Patel	
<b>The political economy of racism</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Denis H. (Rochester)	

Dana Cloud	
<b>Marxism and postmodernism</b>	Love A
Chair: Charles P. (Amherst)	

Kyle Brown	
<b>The legacy of Stalinism</b>	DaVinci
Chair: Mike I. (Madison)	

### 1pm–2pm

Liz Clinton	
<b>Have women always been oppressed?</b>	Love B
Chair: Dan R. (Chicago)	

Petrino DiLeo	
<b>Marx’s <i>Capital</i>: Exploitation and surplus value</b>	Midway
Chair: Nestor C. (LA)	

Megan Behrent	
<b>Victor Hugo: Literature and revolution in France</b>	O'Hare I
Chair: Bob Q. (Chicago)	Haneda A+B

Katie Feyh	
<b>Russia’s revolutionary process, 1905–1917</b>	LaGuardia
Chair: Jim P. (Chicago)	

Lichi D’Amelio	
<b>The hidden majority: Workers in the U.S.</b>	Dulles
Chair: Nate G. (Chicago)	

Bill Keach	
<b>Marx’s historical materialism</b>	O'Hare IV
Chair: Alex T. (NYC)	

Dan Lane and Sharon Smith	
<b>The labor wars of the 1990s</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Darrin H. (Seattle)	

Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor	
<b>Out on the street: The housing crisis and the movement against foreclosures</b>	Love A
Chair: Sarah B. (Madison)	

Annie Zirin	
<b>“That’s not art”: An analysis of modern art</b>	Midway
Chair: Anton F. (Boston)	

Paul LeBlanc	
<b>Martin Luther King Jr.: The last years</b>	Love B
Chair: Chuck S. (San Diego)	

Jeffery Webber	
<b>From rebellion to reform in Bolivia</b>	Midway
Chair: Julie F. (Chicago)	

Deborah Goldsmith	
<b>Global slump: The mutating crisis of global capitalism</b>	Haneda A+B
Chair: Dave B. (Burlington)	

Wael Elasady	
<b>How can Palestinian liberation be achieved?</b>	Dulles
Chair: Matt K. (Austin)	

Dennis Kosuth	
<b>The Portuguese Revolution, 1974–75</b>	Sydney
Chair: Naveen J. (New Haven)	

Jen Roesch	
<b>Base and superstructure</b>	Love B
Chair: Keith R. (Boston)	

Sarah Knopp	
<b>Capitalism and education</b>	Midway
Chair: Kelly B. (Austin)	



Hannah Wolfe	
<b>Is human nature a barrier to socialism?</b>	Sydney
Chair: Chris M. (Seattle)	

### 4pm–5:30pm

Lee Sustar	
<b>Crisis and class struggle in the age of austerity</b>	O'Hare II
Chair: Carole R. (Chicago)	

Omar Barghouti	
<b>Boycott, divestment, sanctions: The global struggle for Palestinian rights</b>	O'Hare IV
Chair: Karen D. (Austin)	

Anand Gopal	
<b>Afghanistan: America’s longest war</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Jenna W. (Oakland)	

Madeline Burrows and Jenny Espino	
<b>Abortion without apology: The case for a new movement</b>	Love A
Chair: Lucy H. (NYC)	

Zach Williams, Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, and Sarah Pomar	
<b>The student movement against budget cuts</b>	Love B
Chair: Sarah B. (Madison)	

Annie Zirin	
<b>“That’s not art”: An analysis of modern art</b>	Midway
Chair: Anton F. (Boston)	

Paul LeBlanc	
<b>Marxism and political organization</b>	Haneda A+B
Chair: Sarah L. (Twin Cities)	

Jen Roesch and Shaun Harkin	
<b>The case for joining the ISO 1910–1920</b>	LaGuardia
Chair: Jason N.	

Leia Petty	
<b>Consciousness and change: How do workers become “fit to rule”?</b>	Dulles
Chair: Matt K. (Austin)	

Kirstin Roberts	
<b>Marxism and the future socialist society</b>	Love A
Chair: Owen H. (NYC)	

Khury Peterson-Smith	
<b>Racism and inequality today: The state of Black America</b>	Love B
Chair: Jay P. (New Haven)	

### 5:30pm–7:30pm

### DINNER BREAK

### 7:30pm

John Carlos and Dave Zirin	
<b>Sports and resistance</b>	O'Hare II
Chair: Sarah M. (Chicago)	

Glenn Greenwald	
<b>Civil liberties under Obama</b>	O'Hare IV
Chair: Amanda M. (SF)	

Sherry Wolf	
<b>The myths of Zionism</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Mike C. (Austin)	

Joe Allen	
<b>People wasn’t made to burn: A story of race and housing in Chicago</b>	Love A
Chair: Rigo G. (Chicago)	

Helen Scott	
<b>Rose Luxemburg: A revolutionary life</b>	Love B
Chair: Chance L. (Twin Cities)	

Brian Jones and Rafael Feliciano	
<b>Film screening: <i>The Inconvenient Truth Behind Waiting for Superman</i></b>	Midway
Chair: Doniella M. (SF)	

### 9pm–12midnight

### RESISTANCE CULTURE

O'Hare V

### 9pm–2am

### PARTY WITH BAR

Concourse A, Concourse B, Visibility Bar

## MONDAY

### 10am–11:15am

Elizabeth Schulte	
<b>A woman’s place is in the revolution: Class struggle and women’s liberation</b>	Midway
Chair: Brian B. (Chicago)	

Hadas Thier	
<b>Marx’s <i>Capital</i>: Capitalism and crisis</b>	Haneda A+B
Chair: Sunshine V. (Roch.)	

Bridget Broderick	
<b>The Mexican Revolution, 1910–1920</b>	LaGuardia
Chair: Shane D. (DC)	

Alan Maass	
<b>The politics of International Socialism</b>	Balmoral
Chair: Dan S. (Houston)	

Kirstin Roberts	
<b>Marxism and the future socialist society</b>	Love A
Chair: Owen H. (NYC)	

Joe Richard	
<b>The Industrial Workers of the World</b>	Sydney
Chair: Becca L. (Portland)	

Ashley Smith	
<b>Building ISO branches (for new members)</b>	Haneda A+B
Chair: Joanne W. (NJ)	

#### Revolutionaries

Eugene Debs Saturday 4:00pm
**■ Rosa Luxemburg: A revolutionary life** Sunday 7:30pm
**■ Lenin’s last struggle:** Lenin, Trotsky and the fight against Stalin Monday 10:00am

Revolutionary rehearsals and revolutions

Europe in upheaval: The revolutions of 1848 Saturday 11:30am
**■ The Civil War: America’s second revolution** Friday 8:00pm
**■ The Mexican Revolution: 1910–1920** Monday 10:00am
**■ Russia’s revolutionary process: 1905–1917** Sunday 4:00pm
**■ Marxism and oppression** Sunday 11:30pm
**■ Marxism, war and imperialism** Saturday 11:30pm
**■ Marxism and the future socialist society** Monday 10:00am
**■ The politics of International Socialism** Monday 10:00am
**■ Introduction to Marx’s *Capital*: Exploitation and surplus value** Sunday 9:30am
**■ Introduction to Marx’s *Capital*: Capitalism and crisis** Monday 10:00am

Marxist theory
Base and superstructure Sunday 11:30am
**■ Marxism and the trade unions** Saturday 11:30am
**■ United front vs. popular front:** Marxist strategy and tactics Saturday 2:00pm
**■ Is Marxism Eurocentric?** Saturday 2:00pm
**■ Marxism and morality** Saturday 4:00pm
**■ Marxism and postmodernism** Sunday 9:30am
**■ Lenin, Bukharin, and Luxemburg**