

SOCIALISM 2016

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Socialism in the Air

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A four-day conference of socialist politics, debate, and entertainment.



“The Socialism conference is a vital part of my political foundation: the education from the sessions, the inspiration from so many brave activists, and the people I’ve met who have become lifelong collaborators.”

—Danny Katch, author, *Socialism...Seriously*

Some of the sessions at Socialism 2016

#From Black Lives Matter to Black Liberation • Sexuality and Socialism: The Theory and Politics of LGBT Liberation • Can American Go Socialist? • The Hidden history of multi-racial workers’ struggles in the United States • How Marx Became a Marxist • Israel: Apartheid State • Land Crabs and Big Oil: The Looting of Africa • Eugene Debs and the US Socialist Tradition • Trump and the rise of right wing populism • Introduction to Social Reproduction theory • China on Strike: Narratives of Workers’ Resistance • A People’s Art History of the US • Missouri, Football, Race, and Revolt • It’s their party: Can the Democratic Party be used by the left?

The popularity of Bernie Sanders’ presidential campaign is evidence of widespread anger at class inequality, the glaring extremes of wealth and poverty, and injustice, such as the police assault on Black lives, that plague this country. Imagine that. In a country that has always claimed that socialism is a “foreign” concept, polls show huge numbers of young people expressing interest in it.

But what is socialism? It means many things to many people. Socialism is more than increased social welfare or higher taxes on the rich. It’s about the majority of exploited and oppressed people coming together and themselves building a new world.

At Socialism 2016, you can find out about the history of the socialist, Marxist, and radical traditions. You’ll learn about “socialism from below,” the real Marxist tradition, the fight for women’s liberation, the history and politics of Black liberation, the relationship between capitalism and climate change, and many other topics. So save the date, and join us in Chicago.

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