

**A Festival of
Socialist Ideas**

MarXism

2024



timetable

Marxism 2024 runs from 4-7 July in Bloomsbury, central London, and is hosted by the **Socialist Workers Party**.

The festival includes four days of debates, workshops, panels, live music and a culture tent hosted by **Bookmarks the socialist bookshop**. Advance tickets are cheaper than on the door. Don't miss it!

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Thursday 4 July


1-2.15pm	2.45-4pm	5-6.15pm	7-8.30pm
<p>PALESTINE Palestine 101: a revolutionary struggle Ramsis Kilani</p>	<p>KEY THINKERS Frantz Fanon: imperialism, violence and revolution Gary McFarlane</p>	<p>ELECTIONS Starmergeddon: the left and the prospects for a Labour government Mark Thomas</p>	<p>PALESTINE One state: the only democratic future for Palestine Ghada Karmi</p>
<p>LIBERATION Toxic masculinity: are all men sexist? Jan Nielsen</p>	<p>THEORY The prophet & the proletariat: a Marxist analysis of Islamism Nadia Sayed</p>	<p>THEORY Marxism vs post Marxism Rob Hoveman</p>	<p>Booklaunch <i>Why you should be a Socialist: the Case for Revolution</i> Sophia Beach & Lewis Nielsen</p>
<p><i>This timetable is subject to change. An updated version will be available at the festival</i></p>		<p>CULTURE Marxism and art Richard Bradbury</p>	<p>LIBERATION Small island: race and racism in Britain today Gary Young in conversation</p>
<p>CLIMATE Can Marxism explain the climate crisis? Katie Coles</p>	<p>STRATEGY ACAB: why we should abolish the police Zak Cochrane</p>	<p>LIBERATION By any means necessary: race, class and capitalism Samira Ali</p>	<p>KEY THINKERS Socialism or barbarism: the politics of Rosa Luxemburg Judy Cox</p>
<p>Socialism 101 Is human nature a barrier to socialism? Olive Whigham</p>	<p>ANTI-FASCISM The return of fascism: are we back to the 1930s? Julie Sherry</p>	<p>THEORY Is Cuba a model for socialism? Liam Winning</p>	<p>THEORY Legalise: the case to decriminalise drugs Keir McKechnie</p>

Friday 5 July

10-11.15am	11.45am-1pm	2.30-3.45pm	4.15-5.30pm	6.30-8pm
<p><i>This timetable is subject to change. An updated version will be available at the festival</i></p>	<p>THEORY Marx and Spinoza Alex Callinicos</p> 	<p>Booklaunch What is Anti-Racism and Why It Means Anti-Capitalism Arun Kundani in conversation</p>	<p>ELECTIONS The election result: facing a Starker government Charlie Kimber</p>	<p>FRIDAY NIGHT RALLY Intifada & revolution: changing a world in crisis Richard Boyd Barrett, Ghassan Abu-Sitta, Marcia Rigg & others</p>
<p>ELECTIONS Are the Greens a radical alternative to Labour? Camilla Royle</p>	<p>LIBERATION Is gender a social construct? Isabel Ringrose</p>	<p>CLASS STRUGGLE Can there be a workers' revolution in the 21st century? Raquel Varela & Joseph Choonara</p>	<p>ANTI-RACISM Understanding Islamophobia: the hate the state made Arun Kundani</p>	
<p>LIBERATION Angela Davis: women, race and class Kwabena Devonish</p>	<p>THEORY Do British workers benefit from imperialism in the Global South? Joseph Choonara</p>	<p>LIBERATION After Cass: resisting the war on trans+ people Sky Harrision & Laura Miles</p>	<p>Booklaunch The Power in The People Michael Mansfield</p> 	
<p>Book launch Toussaint Louverture graphic novel Sakina Karimjee & Nic Watts</p>	<p>ANTI-RACISM Class or community: how do we win liberation? Yuri Prasad</p>	<p>CULTURE Monstrous mothers and demon seed: why horror films love the family Sally Campbell</p>	<p>Book launch Revolutionary Acts: Love & Brotherhood in Black Gay Britain Jason Okundaye</p>	
<p>THEORY Was China ever socialist? Sally Kincaid</p>	<p>STRATEGY Fighting for hegemony: why socialists need the united front Héctor Sierra</p>	<p>STRATEGY Palestine, students and the resistance on campus Speakers from the student camps</p>	<p>THEORY How can we beat imperialism? Marxism and national liberation Tomáš Tengely-Evans</p>	
<p>CLIMATE Trotsky's ecology: what would socialist ecology look like? Ian Rappel</p>	<p>RUSSIA COURSE Russia 1917: coup or revolution? Jack Thornton</p>	<p>RUSSIA COURSE Did Lenin lead to Stalin - and does it matter? Thomas Foster</p>	<p>RUSSIA COURSE State capitalism: why Stalinism isn't socialism Héctor Sierra</p>	

CULTURE TENT


Saturday 6 July

10-11.15am	11.45am-1pm	2.30-3.45pm	4.15-5.30pm	6.30-8pm
<p>ECONOMICS</p> <p>The changing contours of capitalism</p> <p>Joseph Choonara</p>	<p>PALESTINE</p> <p>We won't be silent: Palestine and the crackdown</p> <p>Yanis Varoufakis & Sophia Beach</p>	 <p>THEORY</p> <p>Who is the real threat to free speech?</p> <p>Esme Choonara</p>	<p>PALESTINE</p> <p>What Palestine teaches us</p> <p>Tariq Ali</p>	<p>THEORY</p> <p>Polycrisis and catastrophe: understanding the logic of capitalism</p> <p>Alex Callinicos</p>
<p><i>This timetable is subject to change. An updated version will be available at the festival</i></p>	<p>IMPERIALISM</p> <p>Settler colonialism from South Africa to Israel</p> <p>Charlie Kimber</p>	<p>THEORY</p> <p>Who is the real threat to free speech?</p> <p>Esme Choonara</p>	<p>ELECTIONS</p> <p>Revolutionaries, elections and the way forward</p> <p>Joseph Choonara</p>	<p>IMPERIALISM</p> <p>The anti-colonial revolution and imperialism today</p> <p>Anne Alexander & Hamza Hamouchene</p>

<p>Book launch</p> <p>The Radical Jewish Tradition</p> <p>Donny Gluckstein</p>	<p>ANTI-RACISM</p> <p>Here to fight: Asian struggles in Britain</p> <p>Shabna Begum, Balwinder Rana, Mukhtar Dar & Yuri Prasad</p>	<p>CULTURE</p> <p>Poetry for the many</p> <p>Jeremy Corbyn</p> 	<p>Book launch</p> <p>Paul Foot: A Life in Politics</p> <p>Eamonn McCann, Margaret Renn, Matt Foot & Lewis Nielsen</p>	<p>CULTURE</p> <p>Artists for Palestine</p> <p>George the Poet, Lowkey & Maysa Ibrahim</p>
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<p>KEY THINKERS</p> <p>Gramsci, revolution and hegemony</p> <p>Jess Walsh</p>	<p>STRATEGY</p> <p>Party and class: what kind of organisation do we need?</p> <p>Lewis Nielsen</p>	<p>ANTI-RACISM</p> <p>Crisis this time: racism, fascism and the state</p> <p>Weyman Bennett</p>	<p>THEORY</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence: are robots taking over?</p> <p>John Parrington</p>	<p>LIBERATION</p> <p>Sigmas, alphas and trad wives: how has sexism changed?</p> <p>Sophia Beach</p>
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<p>Book launch</p> <p>China: Rise, Repression and Resistance</p> <p>Adrian Budd</p>	<p>CLIMATE</p> <p>Is climate justice a class issue?</p> <p>Suzanne Jeffrey, Asad Rehman & others</p>	<p>ECONOMICS</p> <p>The world economy: is the long depression ending?</p> <p>Michael Roberts</p>	<p>Book launch</p> <p>Dismantling Green Colonialism</p> <p>Manal Shqair & Hamza Hamouchene</p>	<p>ANTI-FASCISM</p> <p>Fighting fascism in Europe</p> <p>Christine Buchholz, Weyman Bennett & others</p>
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<p>CLASS STRUGGLE</p> <p>Coal mines to call centres: has the working class lost its power?</p> <p>Julie Sherry</p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>50 years since the Portuguese Revolution</p> <p>Raquel Varela</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL</p> <p>Ireland: is unity on the cards?</p> <p>Richard Boyd Barrett</p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>The Miners' Strike 40 years on</p> <p>Mike Simons, Ian Mitchell & Heather Wood</p>	
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<p>Panel</p> <p>The struggle for homes: what we need</p> <p>Housing activists</p>	<p>LIBERATION</p> <p>US to Britain: why are we still fighting for abortion rights in 2024?</p> <p>Judith Orr</p>	<p>CLASS STRUGGLE</p> <p>What is the rank and file - and why does it matter?</p> <p>Alan Kenny</p>	<p>LIBERATION</p> <p>Capitalism and neurodiversity</p> <p>Roddy Slorach & Nicola Field</p>	
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<p>KEY THINKERS</p> <p>Vygotsky: how do we learn and develop as human beings?</p> <p>Jane Bassett</p>	<p>THEORY</p> <p>Marxism and hegemony</p> <p>Pablo Phillips</p>	<p>LIBERATION</p> <p>Origins: where does sexism come from?</p> <p>Jess Edwards</p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>The French Revolution: the decisive battle in the birth of the modern world</p> <p>Paul McGarr</p>	
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	<p>Socialism 101</p> <p>An introduction to Marxist economics in 30 minutes</p> <p>Rory Anderson</p>	<p>ANTI-FASCISM</p> <p>Explaining the inexplicable: Marxism and the Holocaust</p> <p>Anna Gluckstein</p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>How the British empire exported homophobia</p> <p>Chioma Amadi-Kamalu</p>	
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Sunday 7 July

10-11.15am	11.45am-1pm	2-3.15pm	3.45-5pm	5.30pm
<p>ANTI-FASCISM Know your enemy: what is fascism? Mark Thomas</p>	<p>PALESTINE The endgame of Israeli settler colonialism? Ilan Pappé</p>	<p>Debate Degrowth: can it save the planet? Jason Hicckel & Martin Empson</p>	<p>IMPERIALISM The crisis of imperialism Walden Bello & Lucia Pradella</p>	<p>CLOSING RALLY Resistance in a world of imperialism and crisis Ramsis Kilani & others</p>
<p><i>This timetable is subject to change. An updated version will be available at the festival</i></p>	<p>PALESTINE Rethinking permanent revolution Anne Alexander</p>	<p>ELECTIONS The left, Palestine and the election Andrew Feinstein, Claudia Webbe, Michael Lavalette & Maxine Bowler</p>	<p>THEORY Is Marxism class reductionist? Sophia Beach</p>	
<p>PALESTINE A socialist history of the Palestinian resistance Phil Marfleet</p>	<p>CLASS STRUGGLE Pay strikes to Palestine: how do we build fighting trade unions? Jess Walsh</p>	<p>ANTI-RACISM No justice, no peace: police, racism & the state Marcia Rigg, Aamer Anwar & Brian Richardson</p>	<p>STRATEGY Palestine: building a movement against genocide and imperialism Lindsey German, Ben Jamal & Lewis Nielsen</p>	
<p>Book launch William Blake: The Scourge of Tyrants Judy Cox</p>	<p>CULTURE Get Up, Stand Up! A brief history of Bob Marley Brian Richardson</p>	<p>CULTURE Godfather to Goodfellas: why is Hollywood obsessed with the Mafia? Geraldine Mirabile & Lewis Nielsen</p>	<p>CULTURE A rebel's guide to disco Yuri Prasad & Liz Wheatley</p>	
<p>ELECTIONS The Labour Party and imperialism: a rotten history Maxine Bowler</p>	<p>ANTI-RACISM Genocide and Islamophobia: how Palestine has transformed the question of race Nadia Sayed</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL Sudan: revolution, war and imperialism Muzan Alneel & Hussein Said</p>	<p>LIBERATION Do we need a black Marxism? Ken Olende</p>	
<p>INTERNATIONAL India and Modi after the elections Talat Ahmed</p>	<p>LIBERATION Do we need a Queer Marxism? Tomáš Tengely-Evans</p>	<p>ANTI-RACISM Fighting antisemitism Rob Ferguson</p>	<p>LIBERATION Allyship or coalition: how do we win LGBT+ liberation? Michael Dance</p>	
<p>CLIMATE Capitalism, food and colonialism Amy Leather</p>	<p>ANTI-RACISM Slavery, empire and reparations Steve Phillip</p>	<p>LIBERATION Disability, identity and class Roddy Slorach</p>	<p>CLIMATE No climate justice on occupied land: Palestine, fossil fuels and ecology Camilla Royle</p>	
<p>MARX COURSE WTF is the dialectic? Hope Ryan</p>	<p>MARX COURSE How history happens: historical materialism Laura Verdasco</p>	<p>MARX COURSE Why we hate Mondays: Marxism and alienation Paul Brook</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL US on fire: Biden, the democrats and the power to beat Trump Emma Davis</p>	
	<p>LIBERATION The politics of motherhood Sarah Bates</p>	<p>PALESTINE Can the axis of resistance liberate Palestine? Simon Assaf</p>	<p>THEORY The evolution from ape to humans: was it the mothers that did it? Sheila McGregor</p>	