



Socialist and Marxist Studies Series

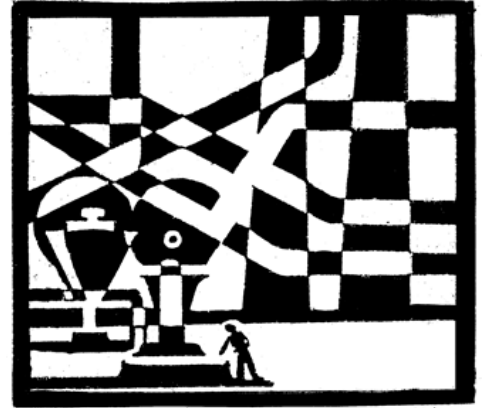
Spring 2021

Thursdays

12:30-1:45 P.M.

Virtual Zoom Lectures

The University of Maine



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Feb. 4: CARBON DIVIDENDS AS UNIVERSAL PROPERTY

James K. Boyce, Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst

The limited capacity of the biosphere to safely absorb carbon emissions can and should be regarded as universal property. Carbon dividends, founded upon this principle, would create asset-based sources for a universal basic income while helping to stabilize the Earth's climate. Boyce is author of *The Case for Carbon Dividends* (2019) and *Economics for People and the Planet* (2019).

Feb. 18: MORAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, AND SPIRITUAL NONVIOLENCE AND SOCIALISM IN 2021

Doug Allen, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, the University of Maine

Feb. 25: AT WAR WITH GOVERNMENT: HOW CONSERVATIVES WEAPONIZED DISTRUST FROM GOLDWATER TO TRUMP

Amy Fried, Professor of Political Science, the University of Maine

Mar. 9: THE ABOLITIONIST ORIGINS OF RECONSTRUCTION (NOTE: Tuesday, 5:15 pm)

Manisha Sinha, Draper Chair in American History, University of Connecticut

This is the **Howard B. Schonberger Peace and Justice Lecture**, hosted by the UMaine History Department (see the program listing on our website above for the program's dedicated Zoom link). Howard Schonberger was a Professor of History at UMaine and a founder of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series. This annual lecture honors his commitment to peace, justice, democratic socialism, economic equity, racial and gender liberation.

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Mar. 18: IPM RESPONDS TO COVID-19: NURTURING RESILIENCE AMONG IPM'S LATIN AMERICA COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS

Adela Zayas (International Director of Programs & Partnerships and Regional Director for Latin America & the Caribbean), **Victoria Jimenez** (Director of Education & Immersion Experience Programming), **Eneyda Ramos** (Director of Research & Resource Mobilization).

IPM was founded in 1974 and, as part of its core mission, accompanies women-led, community-based, Project Partners, in 20+ countries around the world, in their transformative and sustainable programming. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Adela, Vicky, and Eneyda will highlight their extraordinary efforts this past year as IPM continues to respond to the unprecedented challenges.

Mar. 25: THE SCORED LIFE: FINANCIAL ABSTRACTION AND CONTEMPORARY CULTURE **Christian Haines**, Assistant Professor of English, Penn State University

The author of *A Desire Called America: Biopolitics, Utopia, and the Literary Commons* (2019), Haines will focus on videogames as an industry and a medium, especially on how games turn risk into a matter of play and how they literalize the competitive and speculative dimensions of financial capitalism. He'll provide an accessible explanation of terms like financialization, neoliberalism, biopolitics, and risk.

Apr. 1: UNITED STATES RELATIONS WITH CHINA (SOUTHEAST AND EAST ASIA) **Ngo Vinh Long**, Professor of History, the University of Maine

Apr. 8: REVISITING MARX'S CRITIQUE OF LIBERALISM IN 2021: IMPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL THEORY AND PRACTICE

Igor Shoikhedbrod, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Univ. of Toronto (Mississauga) and Adjunct Faculty, Trinity College, Univ. of Toronto (Toronto)

Karl Marx was a powerful critic of capitalism and a revolutionary democrat, whose critique of liberalism was inspired foremost by its failure rather than its success in bringing about human emancipation. Shoikhedbrod proposes an alternative way of approaching Marx's treatment of rights that demonstrates why conventional liberal and Marxist interpretations on this topic are mistaken. Champions of freedom have renewed reasons for revisiting and rethinking the relevance of Marx's critique of liberalism today.

The Spring 2021 Socialist and Marxist Studies Series is coordinated by Michael Swacha, Lecturer in English and Philosophy, and Doug Allen, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy. The series is sponsored by the Marxist and Socialist Studies Minor, coordinated by Don Beith, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. It is co-sponsored by the Maine Peace Action Comm. (MPAC) and the Division of Student Affairs and with support of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Dept. of Philosophy. Speakers do not necessarily present socialist or Marxist viewpoints. For additional information, contact Michael Swacha at michael.swacha@maine.edu.

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