

Program

schedule	Monday, 22.8.	Tuesday, 23.8.	Wednesday, 24.8.	Thursday, 25.8.	Friday, 26.8.	Saturday, 27.8.
Introduction to the subject: 10:00	No to war & imperialism	The Transitional Program - How do we get to socialism?	History of our movement	ROSA	Active in the workplace & union	Off to an intense next period!
workshops: 10:30 - 12:30	Impending energy crisis and our program against it?	Workers for Future. What program connects climate, crisis and jobs?	Who cares? - Women, reproduction and capitalism	My body - my choice! - why capitalism needs to control female bodies	What position on the war in Ukraine?	ROSA active in autumn (25th nov., protests against the „ProLife“-demo, social sector, 8th march)
	Marxist State Theory - "Why is Austria the way it is?"	"More of us is better for all" - the struggles in the health care and social sector and the fight for a system alternative	Founding of the Comintern - Building a revolutionary international organization	Pride is a protest! - Rebellion against gender norms and the struggle for a socialist society.	Striketober in the USA as a forerunner for class struggles worldwide	Workplace struggles and the role of the social sector
	The Russian Revolution - Lessons for the Struggle for a Socialist Alternative Today	"An injury to one is an injury to all" - How do we achieve working class unity in the struggle against racism?	New Unionism: Larkin, Connolly, C.I.O..	Who knows Rosa Jochmann or Amalie Seidel? - women in the Austrian working class movement	"Don't slaughter the cow you want to milk"? - Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) as co-managment of the system	"We learn as we go forward!" - revolutionary education
	The political crisis in the U.S.	Femicides: The whole system is guilty!	How the Russian Revolution ended World War I	Marxism and the fight against oppression	A balance sheet and perspective of new left parties	
12:30		Sum Up of the workshops				Sum Up of the workshops
additional workshops: 15:00 - 17:30 (not all take place at the same time)	Learn to give speeches	Organizing in the hospitality sector and other young workers	"Critical Masculinity," "Male Allies" and Co. - Men and the fight against sexism	agitate, educate, organize! - revolutionary women's work	14:00 - 15:30 Rally: Building a socialist Alternative in times of crises and confusion	Preparation of the trade union demonstration against higher costs of living at the 17th sep.
	Marxism as a science	We need you! ...to fight for socialism	History of the Austrian workers movement	Learning to write political texts		History of the SLP (former name of the Austrian section of ISA)
		Basics of marxist economics	Youth meeting	Organize political meetings	17:30 - 20:00 #metoo in the company	Trade union concept of "Organizing" - possibilities and pitfalls
rallies: 19:30 - 21:00	The world on the edge - How do we pull the emergency brake?	<i>Singing workers' songs around the campfire</i>	Bread and Roses! - For a socialist feminism!	<i>Quiz</i> Meeting: Get to know the ISA!	Teachers learn to revolt! Care Revolution! (nurses meeting)	<i>PARTY!</i>

Description of the workshops and meetings

Monday: No to war & imperialism

Impending energy crisis and our program against it?

The winter of 2022/23 will soon be upon us. Instead of environmental protection, the focus is now on oil, gas and nuclear power. Climate targets are postponed and the Greens (in many countries) are at the forefront of the warmongers. The looming energy crisis is neither surprising nor without alternative. It is the result of capitalist profiteering and neoliberal privatization mania. The market is not the solution, but the problem.

Marxist State Theory - "Why is Austria the way it is?"

Why the new strong state is not a positive thing and why corruption and chaos are related to the character of the Austrian state and the domestic bourgeoisie.

The political crisis in the U.S.

with a socialist activist and trade unionist from the U.S.A.

From the storming of the Capitol by Trump supporters to the abolition of the right to abortion to Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, those in power in the U.S. never miss an opportunity to fuel crises in society. But the ruling class is massively divided and disunited on how to proceed in the face of economic crisis and imperialist tensions. The normal population suffers the consequences through unemployment, lack of health care and racism. But for years, the U.S. has stood out for courageous resistance: after Bernie Sanders and the #BLM movement, now through strikes and a new union movement like at Starbucks, Amazon and Co.

The Russian Revolution - Lessons for the Struggle for a Socialist Alternative Today

There is probably no other historical event that is covered with so much hatred and lies by right-wing journalists, bourgeois politicians and religious elites as the Russian Revolution. Everyone from Putin to Biden is united in their rejection. That alone is reason enough to engage with it. In fact, the Russian Revolution is one of the most impressive events in human history: for the first time in history, workers, peasants, and the poor succeeded in taking power out of the hands of the nobility, bosses, and the rich, and laid the foundation for an alternative system. The Russian Revolution also guided to the end of World War I. We want to discuss what we can learn from the Russian Revolution today for the struggle for a system alternative, but also how it could happen that this system alternative ended in the Stalinist terror.

Learn to give speeches

Do you want to give a speech at a rally or speak at a company meeting? You know a lot about a topic, but you don't know how to convey your knowledge in a speech. You can learn to speak - with some tips and tricks it's easier.

Marxism as a science

Marxism is a science that helps with its tools to analyze situations and events and to create perspectives for the future. It is first and foremost a guide to action: "Without revolutionary theory there can be no revolutionary movement". No crystal ball - just Marxist tools that everyone can learn.

The world on the edge - How do we pull the emergency brake?

Corona, war, economic crisis, climate catastrophe ... rarely has it been so clear as today that capitalism is leading us into the abyss. Although there are protest movements worldwide against the decay of capitalism, there is no idea of what an alternative might look like and how we can fight for it. But all these problems have a common cause: profit interests are more important than people and environment in this system. Socialist measures could address many of the crises quickly and effectively: investing billions and restructuring the economy could create a system where our planet and our lives are central.

Tuesday: The Transitional Program

Workers for Future. What program connects climate, crisis and jobs?

The working class and its forms of struggle are the only ones that can actually fight for change. The strike of 50,000 rail workers in England is causing more disruption to the system than all the Extinction Rebellion blockades combined. At the same time, the participation of the working class in climate strikes is still very limited. We ask ourselves what program is needed to mobilize the working class in the struggle for climate action and a real system change.

"More of us is better for all" - the struggles in the health care and social sector and the fight for a system alternative

For some years now, struggles in the social and health care sector have been on the rise worldwide. Superficially it is about more staff and better pay but ultimately it is about what counts in

our system: people or profits. When the colleagues fight for humane working and care conditions, they automatically stand against the principles of capitalism. We want to discuss how we can expand and unite the struggles in this area and what role these struggles can play in mobilizing the entire working class in the struggle for a different system.

"An injury to one is an injury to all" - How do we achieve working class unity in the struggle against racism?

A large part of the working class is affected on a daily basis by racism, which permeates all elements of their lives. At the same time, right-wingers purposefully spread racism to other parts of the working class to blame migrants for the failure of the system. What program will help mobilize migrant workers and people who are not themselves affected by discrimination in the struggle against racism? How do we push back racist prejudices in the working class?

Femicides: The whole system is guilty!

The worldwide increase of violence against women and LGBTQI+ persons during the pandemic - now again massively intensifies by war and inflation - has also reached sad heights in Austria. This has also been expressed in a broad public debate about femicides and violence. Politicians and established parties keep shedding crocodile tears, but no real measures have been taken to push back this violence. At the same time, an explosive feminist movement has developed in many parts of the world in recent years that no longer wants to tolerate this system of violence. What program is needed to actually make the call for "Ni una menos" ("Not one less") or #notonemore a reality?

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We need you! ...to fight for socialism

How do we convince people about socialism and to fight for a different society? How can we build a bridge from concrete questions and current topics and problems to the necessity of a system alternative to capitalism? We want to discuss what experiences we have in discussions with people and help each other to sharpen our arguments.

Organizing in the hospitality sector and other young workers

Union organizing is particularly poor in those areas where working conditions are particularly lousy. Or is it the other way around? In hospitality, workers who are often young, often female and often migrant face illegal contracts, sexism and racism, low pay and poor working hours. International examples like from Australia or Northern Ireland show that it is possible to reach out, organize and win struggles for these workers.

Wednesday: History of our movement

Who cares? - Women, reproduction and capitalism

The dominant role model for women is the role model for women created by the ruling class and serves a very concrete purpose: namely, to push women into unpaid or poorly paid care work "for love." This care work is a necessary prop for capitalism. Even though organizing and struggle in this sphere is particularly difficult, it is currently one of the most dynamic fields.

Founding of the Comintern - Building a revolutionary international organization

After the failure of the 2nd International, the Bolsheviks took the initiative to found a new one,

the 3rd International. Founded in 1919, it was an attempt to create a world party to overthrow capitalism - only with the Stalinist degeneration of the Soviet Union did it lose its revolutionary character and become the executor of Stalin's foreign policy. Given that none of the current major crises can be solved at the national level, what can we learn for future revolutions and what must a new world organization of the working class look like.

New Unionism: Larkin, Connolly, C.I.O..

Drivers, fast food workers, social workers and nurses - many of the most important labor struggles and workplace organizing are taking place outside or on in the periphery of traditional unions, bringing fresh momentum to the working class movement. Already at the turn of the century and in the 19th century there were similar developments, even then new sectors and new organizing brought fresh momentum into the trade union movement. We want to discuss what we can learn from these experiences.

How the Russian Revolution ended World War I

The February Revolution in Russia in 1917 was directed against the war and its consequences. But the new - Social Democratic - government ended neither. Only the Bolsheviks did what the majority wanted: End the war. We will discuss the debates within the Bolsheviks and the lessons for today in this study group.

"Critical Masculinity", "Male Allies" & Co. - Men and the Struggle against Sexism

We ask ourselves what role masculinity plays in the struggle for socialist systemic change. Why on

the one hand the struggle for individual behavioral change has no chance to fight for long term social change and on the other hand we have to prevent negative masculine behavior from having a negative influence on our political work. How can we build an organization in which the most militant and important parts of the working class - among others women, youth, migrants and workers without a university degree - can participate and develop in the best possible way? Why do we think it is wrong if men do not participate in the organizing and development of our socialist-feminist work?

Bread and Roses! - For a socialist feminism!

The attacks of the extreme right, such as the fall of Roe V. Wade in the U.S. or the threat of forces like Bolsonaro in Brazil are only one side of the coin: from the union struggles in the U.S., protests by health care and social service workers, to the (also successful) protest movements for abortion rights, to the climate movement and mass revolutionary uprisings like in Sri Lanka or Myanmar, women and LGBTQI+ people are in the forefront of the struggle against this system - and historically always have been. We stand in the tradition of women from the workers movement who, like Clara Zetkin, recognized very early on that the struggle for full liberation as women is inseparable from the general struggle of workers and the oppressed. A socialist feminism today is more necessary than ever: what can we learn from past struggles for building such a movement today?

Thursday: ROSA

Marxism and the fight against oppression

Marxist theory offers a lot that helps us analyze the

oppression of women, people of color, queer people, and other groups and understand its roots in the system of society. What marxist texts and frameworks help us fight oppression today?

Pride is a protest! - Rebellion against gender norms and the struggle for a socialist society.

The struggle for LGBTQI+ rights and against gender norms and role images challenges the whole underlying system because these very norms and images are vital for the survival of capitalism. Rainbow capitalism is therefore not only not much help, but even dangerous. We discuss what role the rebellion against conservative gender norms can play in the struggle for a system alternative in which all people can freely develop their sexuality and identity.

Who knows Rosa Jochmann or Amalie Seidel? - women in the Austrian working class movement

With very few exceptions, the women of the working class were never "only housewives". They worked outside the home and organized themselves - this also applies to the Austrian workers' movement in which there were important organizers and speakers, resistance fighters and opposition members. In their struggle for workers' rights, they often had to deal with resistance from the male parts of the workers' movement. The various reformist currents have always put women's interests at the back - and thus weakened the class as a whole.

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My body - my choice! - why capitalism needs to control female bodies

Few issues are as central to the women's movement as abortion. In the U.S. and Poland, right-wing governments are curtailing this right; in Argentina and Ireland, movements have won victories. But why is control of the female body, and especially its childbearing capacity, so central to capitalism? And how does this relate to the political right, the question of nation states and imperialism? The workshop will focus on why it is so central for the ruling classes to control our bodies and what role the struggle for abortion rights plays in this.

agitate, educate, organize! - revolutionary women's work

What can we learn from the "first wave" of the revolutionary women's movement? We look at Clara Zetkin and her role in German and international social democracy, as well as the Russian Revolution and the Bolsheviks: What debates did they have within the party to push through the orientation towards women from the working class against prejudices and resistance? What role did women play in the workers' movement of the time and among revolutionary socialists? What measures did they take to organize women and win them for the revolutionary struggle? Clara Zetkin once called men in the workers' movement who ignore women's concerns "conscious saboteurs of the revolution": What was and is the connection between the struggle for women's liberation and against capitalism - then and now?

Learning to write political texts

What types of political texts are there? Where do I get the necessary information? How do I structure a text and how do I adapt it in form but not in content to the respective readership.

Organize political meetings

At meetings we discuss political issues, plan our campaigns and speak about building our organization. How can a meeting be structured and prepared in such a way that everyone gets something out of it and also has a role? How can meetings not only be discussion about practical topics, but as political as possible and at the same time serve us to prepare for upcoming struggles?

Meeting: Get to know the ISA!

The camp is the perfect opportunity to get to know the ISA and ROSA. But this meeting is specifically dedicated to your questions. Who is the ISA in Austria and internationally? Or have you ever asked yourself: What are Trotskyists? Why do we sell our newspaper at every demo? What do you have to do to become a member? Here you can find out who we are, where our political roots come from, how we work and how you can join us.

Friday: Active in the workplace & union

Striketober in the USA as a forerunner for class struggles worldwide

"Striketober" refers to a wave of strikes and labor struggles in the fall of 2021 in the U.S. during the COVID crisis. There were disputes in almost all sectors: from Hollywood to car industry to Kellogg's, but also teachers and nurses went on strike. In October alone, more than 100,000

workers were involved, the largest uprising of the organized labor movement in the United States in the 21st century.

"Don't slaughter the cow you want to milk"? - Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) as co-management of the system

The role of the ÖGB as well as the sectoral trade unions, which are part of it, is more than disappointing considering the many crises. At the same time, trade unions are of central importance. Why is the ÖGB in particular so far from being a fighting organization and even lags far behind other countries? What does this have to do with its history and connection to the social democracy. What is the role of trade unions in the reconstruction of the workers' movement and why is the struggle against the leadership of the ÖGB part of the struggle to save it?

A balance sheet and perspective of new left parties

In recent years, different left parties and formations have developed worldwide: left parties like DIE LINKE, Syriza and Podemos in Europe, individuals like Corbyn and Sanders or currently the wave of left governments in Latin America. At the same time, we see how all these projects have failed relatively quickly in showing the working class and youth a perspective. In the workshop we want to draw a balance sheet of these new formations and develop a perspective on what role they will play in the future in the class struggle and the reorganization of the working class movement.

#metoo in the company

Sexism is especially difficult to fight in the

workplace because the dependence on the job often makes it difficult to point out grievances or to fight back against them. Female bosses are not the solution, nor are quotas in management. We discuss experiences and limits of #metoo struggles at Mercedes, Google & Co. and show how the fight against sexism goes hand in hand with the fight for democratic and militant unions.

Teachers learn to revolt

Schools are supposed to do what society fails to do. Imparting knowledge, integration, social work, fighting pandemics and "on the side" also administration - to name just a few of the tasks that teachers are supposed to perform today. Many teachers, especially young teachers, do not feel represented by the responsible trade union for public services (GÖD). Organizing teachers at the grassroots level has a long tradition. How can organizing succeed, how can struggles be led and won?

Building a socialist alternative in times of crisis and confusion

All over the world we see the impressive resistance of workers and youth against the decay of the capitalist system. But at the same time, most uprisings and even revolutionary movements remain unsuccessful. The masses lack an idea of how to fight and organize and what a system alternative can look like. Therefore, there is a need for an organization and activists who are equipped with this knowledge and experience. We are building this organization with the International Socialist Alternative (ISA).

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Saturday: Off to an intense next period!

The autumn will be characterized by intensive disputes: wage negotiations in the context of inflation, resumption of collective bargaining in the private social sector, the international day against gender-based violence, protests in defense of the right to abortion and possibly further care protests. We want to prepare ourselves politically and organizationally for this. On this day, you will find out what our priorities and initiatives are and how you can get involved in the various campaigns.

Trade union concept of "Organizing" - possibilities and pitfalls

Around the world, most major unions are highly bureaucratically organized and focus on negotiating with bosses rather than fighting for the interests of their members. In response to this situation, new "organizing" concepts have developed in the U.S. and other countries that place organizing and struggle in workplaces. In part, these concepts have been responsible for very successful labor struggles (e.g., at the Berlin Charité in 2021). But at the same time, these concepts often do not really address the question of how to fight for a political alternative to the union bureaucracy and what role union organizing and resistance as a whole can play in the struggle for a systemic alternative. In the workshop we want to discuss especially the approaches of Jane McAlevey in her book "No Half Measures": what can we learn from it and where are the limits?