



Will capitalism last forever, and what comes next? What is socialism? Is it even possible? Why do socialists seem to talk so much about the working class? What can we do to begin affecting change right now?

You're invited to tackle these questions and many others with us at the winter 2024 edition *Introduction to Socialism: Class, the State, and Parties*, the flagship course from the Leo Panitch School for Socialist Education. Over seven sessions we'll be looking at the history of socialist organizing, the role of the working class, where the state fits in the struggle for socialism, what role working class political parties play, and many other ideas key to the socialist tradition.

The course will not only provide a unique venue for collectively learning about these topics, but also a welcoming space where any question relevant to socialist activism, no matter how basic or advanced, can be raised and discussed. While the course is aimed at those who may have only begun coming across socialist ideas fairly recently, those with varying experiences in left activism are welcome to participate.

[Register today!](#)

Whether you plan on attending the course or not, please forward the registration info to anyone you know that may be interested. We're grateful for any help spreading the word!

Classes will be divided into three sections spanning seven weeks in total. Participants are encouraged to attend all seven classes if possible, as each week will expand on ideas

introduced in the previous sessions. **Classes will be taking place in downtown Toronto (venue info to be announced).** This edition of the course will be in-person only.

Section 1: **Why Socialism?** - 2pm-4:30pm. February 11, February 18, February 25
Facilitated by Tori Fleming, Herman Rosenfeld, and Matt Davis

Section 2: **Why the State?** - 2pm-4:30pm. March 2, March 3, March 10
Facilitated by Steve Maher

Section 3: **Why Parties?** - 2pm-4:30pm. March 17
Facilitated by Greg Albo

Not able to attend every session in person? No problem! A recording will be made available to those who might have to miss a session or two throughout the course.

For those living out of town or overseas, please contact us via email if you would be interested in joining an online edition of the course in the near future.

Feel free to visit us anytime at leopanitchschool.ca for more details and to sign up for regular email updates. You can always reach us with your questions and queries at info@leopanitchschool.ca.

Hope to see you there!!

In Solidarity,

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