Monday, March 7: Putin’s War on Ukraine: History, Analysis, Solidarity

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Join us for this forum to hear Ukrainian activists and analysts discuss the unfolding crisis and how internationalists should respond to it.

Russia’s large-scale invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine is among the most dangerous and disturbing events in recent European history and has occasioned an international crisis. Putin appears hell-bent on occupying all of Ukraine and setting up a puppet regime. While the situation is in flux and it’s unclear how it will play out, it is certain that the human consequences of the war will be horrendous, and the geopolitical consequences perilous.

How should we make sense of this crisis? What are the historical dynamics behind the current juncture? What are the ideological components of Putinism? What’s wrong with the responses of many leftists and antiwar activists? In contrast, what would a genuine socialist-internationalist perspective on the issue look like? How do Ukrainian and Russian leftists view the situation, and why are their perspectives missing from so much of the discussion on the Western left?

This forum will address these and related questions.

SPEAKERS

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