IYSSE lecture series in Australia

Seventy years after the Chinese Revolution: How the struggle for socialism was betrayed

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Seventy years ago, on October 1, 1949, Mao Zedong, leader of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), stood in Beijing’s Tiananmen Square and proclaimed the establishment of the People’s Republic of China. The momentous events of the 1949 Chinese Revolution put an end to more than a century of subordination of China to the imperialist powers, united the country after decades of civil war and warlord rivalry and improved living conditions.

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The lecture will review 1949 Chinese Revolution and its consequences, and argue for the perspective of the Trotskyist movement—for a unified struggle of workers in China and around the world to put an end to the exploitative profit system on the basis of socialist internationalism. The lecturer, Peter Symonds, is the...
SEP’s national *World Socialist Web Site* editor and has written extensively on China and Asia more broadly.

**Details:**

**Griffith University (Brisbane)**
Wednesday, 25 September, 1p.m.
Building N61 (Law) Lecture Theatre -2.06.

**University of Newcastle**
Thursday, 26 September, 6p.m.
Hunter Building HB13

**University of Melbourne**
Thursday, 3 October, 6:30p.m.
Laby Theatre, Physics South building
(near corner Elgin & Swanston St)

**Victoria University (Melbourne)**
Friday, 4 October, 1:30p.m.
Room 209, Building C
(Footscray Park campus)

**Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand)**
Monday, 7 October, 6:30p.m.
Kirk Building, room KK204

*Further lectures to be announced*

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