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# Russia: Solidarity with the Mass Protests against the Putin Regime!

## For the immediate release of Alexei Navalny and all other arrested protesters!

*Joint Statement of the RCIT Russia and the International Bureau of the RCIT, 24 January 2021*

1. The arrest of opposition leader Alexei Navalny when he returned to Moscow from Germany has provoked the largest street protests in Russia since 2012. On 23 January, tens of thousands of people rallied in nearly 100 cities all over the country, despite temperatures as low as minus -50 Celsius. In central Moscow, Reuters reporters estimated that up to 40,000 people participated in the demonstration. On various occasions, protesters chanted “*Putin is a thief*”, “*Disgrace*” and “*Freedom to Navalny!*” The wide-spread popular response to the call for demonstration by Navalny supporters is all the more impressive as the rallies were declared illegal and authorities had publicly warned against participation.

2. Unsurprisingly, the regime has reacted with brutal repression. According to the OVD-Info group, which monitors political arrests, 3,068 people had been detained in some 90 cities, among them 1,167 people in Moscow alone. Among those arrested was also Yulia Navalnaya, the wife of Alexei, albeit she was later released. Nevertheless, calls for more demonstrations on next weekend are already circulating.

3. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and its Russian comrades fully support the mass protests against the arrest of Navalny. We join the call for his release not because we share his political and ideological opinions. He and his opposition party *Россия Будущего* (“Russia of the Future”) are bourgeois liberals. They combine a pro-capitalist program with demanding a de-centralization of power. They call for an end of widespread corruption and of Putin’s all-powerful bonapartist presidency. Navalny has strong support from the European imperialist powers – in particularly Germany and United Kingdom – which hope to utilize him as an instrument for weakening their imperialist rival in the East. However, it would be wrong to characterize Navalny and his

movement as “Western puppets”. He has a long-standing record of pro-democratic protest activities against the corrupt and bonapartist Putin regime. Because of this record, Navalny has become a symbol for democratic aspirations of the popular masses.

4. We also aware that Navalny is unwilling and incapable to overcome a reformist strategy for the protests – despite having at his disposal unprecedented support and popularity (his last *Youtube* video has got 64 million views within four days)! He believes that protests should only be used to out-vote the Putin government or to convince some oligarchs, *slabovikis* and middle-class people to stop supporting the regime. Even now Navalny calls to stop protests when they are becoming too large to handle. Hence, even the pro-liberal press calls him and his supporters as a “*opposition until 18:00*”. We remind the old wisdom said by the U.S. socialist Eugene Debs about Kerensky and similar forces: “*Some intermediate class invariably supplanted the class that was overthrown and “the people” remained at the bottom where they have been since the beginning of history. They have never been “ready” to rid themselves of their despots, robbers and parasites. All they have ever been ready for has been to exchange one brood of vampires for another to drain their veins and fatten in their misery.*”

5. The RCIT also calls for the release of the activists arrested in the so-called “Network case” as well as of the anarchist Azat Miftahov who had been recently sentenced for 6 years in prison! All of them were charged by clear loopholes in Russian laws and using barbaric methods like tortures and strange, invisible “witnesses”.

6. As revolutionaries and Trotskyists, we have nothing in common with the policy of Stalinist forces like Zyuganov’s KPRF which has collaborated with the Putin regime in various forms for years. Socialists and democrats denounce the Putin government as a chauvinist bonapartist

## The Rise of Russia as an Imperialist Great Power

**\* Russia as a Great Imperialist Power. The formation of Russian Monopoly Capital and its Empire**

**\* Lenin’s Theory of Imperialism and Russia’s Rise as a Great Power**

*Two Pamphlets by Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT)*

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regime which serves the interests of Russia's monopoly capitalists. Likewise, the RCIT characterizes Russia as an imperialist Great Power (like the U.S, EU, China and Japan). We fully support the right of the Chechen people – who have experienced barbaric oppression by Russia in the past decades – to form their independent state. Likewise, we support the struggle of the Syrian people against the Russian occupation forces and the Assad dictatorship.

7. The RCIT also denounces the diplomatic protest of European and North American governments against the arrest of Navalny and the yesterday's police violence. Who are they to lecture Russia?! Just a few months ago the French government, later joined by Austria, waged unprecedented repression against the Muslim migrant community. Macron also wants to criminalize making pictures of police! And when tens of thousands of people marched in the streets against such a law, the police reacted with brutal force. Furthermore, all over Europe governments are imposing anti-democratic mass curfews against the people under the pretext of COVID-19. No, the US and the EU are denouncing Putin not for any concerns about democracy but solely because they seek to advance their geopolitical interests in the inter-imperialist rivalry. Similarly, United Kingdom uses the COVID-19 crisis as a pretext to expand censorship against left-wing forces and limit the rights of transgender and Muslim people (while their liberal democrats are only concerned with "authoritarian politics" and the oppression of minorities in foreign countries like Russia or China).

8. We consider it as urgent for progressive activists to support the mass protests. However, socialists should

participate with an independent program which combines democratic demands with calls for the expropriation of the oligarchs and the nationalization of their corporations under workers control. Socialists should also advocate anti-imperialist positions (Freedom for Chechnya, Russia forces out of Syria, etc.) and, at the same time, stating their equally ferocious opposite against Western imperialism. Finally, we think it is important to transform the movement from one of occasional street demonstrations to a general strike by the workers and students. We call those who agree with such a perspective to join the RCIT in building an revolutionary organization in Russia and internationally!

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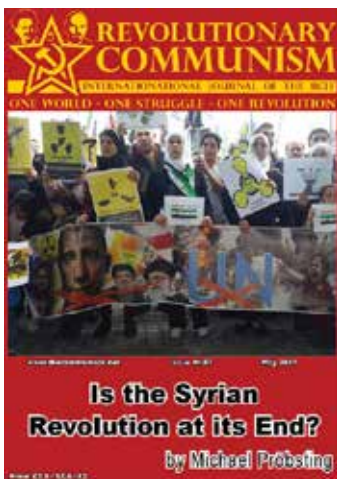
The RCIT has published various documents on Russia. We draw reader's attention to the following links:

Fight against Russian capitalism and imperialism at home and abroad! Provisional Platform of the Revolutionary Communists (Russian Federation), September 2019, <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/platform-of-rcit-russia/>

Petr Sedov: Protests in Ingushetia: Down with the Yunus-bek Yevkurov Government! For national self-determination of the Ingushes! No to Russian Imperialism! 29 March 2019, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/europe/protests-in-ingushetia-russia-down-with-the-yunus-bek-yevkurov-government/>

Michael Pröbsting and Petr Sedov: Mr. Ichlov's Truth Barometer. A reply to a polemic against the RCIT by the Russian left-wing journalist Boris Ichlov, 7 September 2020, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/europe/truth-barometer-reply-to-russian-journalist-boris-ichlov/>

Joseph Adams: Britain: No to the Anti-Russian Hysteria and Chauvinism! 09.11.2018, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/europe/britain-no-to-the-anti-russian-hysteria-and-chauvinism/>



## *Publications of the RCIT*

# Is the Syrian Revolution at its End? Is Third Camp Abstentionism Justified?

*By Michael Pröbsting, April 2017*

*An essay on the organs of popular power in the liberated area of Syria, on the character of the different sectors of the Syrian rebels, and on the failure of those leftists who deserted the Syrian Revolution*

**Introduction \* The Nature of the Local Coordination Councils in Syria \* The Contradictory Nature of the Petty-Bourgeois Rebel Factions \* A note on the adjectival juxtaposition of "progressive" to liberal democrats versus "reactionary" to Islamists \* Hayyat Tahrir al-Sham and Other Islamist Militias \* The Role of Religion in Democratic and National Liberation Struggles \* Some Arguments on the Ongoing Progressive Character of the Syrian Revolution \* Have the Rebels Become Agents of US Imperialism and Regional Powers? \* On Foreign Powers' Support for Liberation Movements p\* Lenin and Trotsky on Liberation Struggles and Imperialist Interference \* What Did Lenin and Trotsky Say about Getting Support from Imperialists? \* Imagining Two Different Scenarios of the Revolution's Success & Failure \* A Period of Defeats and Retreats: What Are the Reasons? \* Some Thoughts on the Future Prospects of the Arab Revolution \* The Urgent Need for a Revolutionary Party \* Footnotes**

*A RCIT Pamphlet, 24 pages, A4 Format*

# Uganda: Only a Mass Uprising can Defeat Musevenism!

## Stop the Persecution of Bobi Wine! Fight for Democratic Rights in Uganda!

*Statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV) [Nigerian section of the RCIT], 30.12.2020*

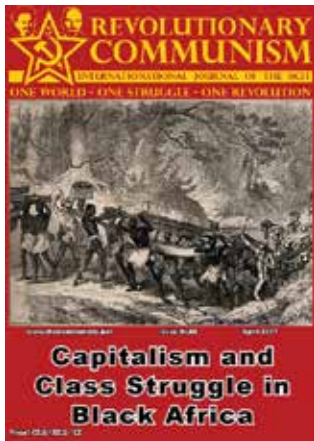
Uganda is claiming top spots in the world news these days, especially since the presidential election campaign kicked off. In a country where 80 percent of the population are youths below 35, the elections of January 14, 2021 seem almost like a day of destiny between the decades-long autocrats breathing down on Ugandans led by president Yoweri Museveni and Bobi Wine, the figure head of the radicalised masses with a teeming youth population. Robert Kyagulanyi Ssentamu, better known, as Bobi Wine, has had a hard time campaigning since he declared his ambition to run for the presidency. Matters went from bad to worse for him when he was officially made a running candidate for the presidential elections in 2021 as the Museveni regime has launched every ounce of attack possible to intimidate Bobi Wine and bring his campaign to an end.

This rising spate of attacks reached a climax when during his campaign and “as he was leaving the Kyambogo University cricket grounds on the outskirts of the capital” he was arrested and his supporters brutalized. This sparked a mass revolt demanding his release to which Museveni and his brutes in uniform responded to by barbarously killing at least 50 of the demonstrators, this is apart from the collateral damage of state high-handedness where people not actively involved in the protests were also killed. The excuse for this state terrorism is the new trick in the book for the ruling class—violation of COVID-19 restrictions. This

trick which seems to have worked quite well in dissolving the uprising in Hong-Kong may still be used in other parts of Africa, even though police and state forces have been known to kill more people than the pandemic has actually done across the continent.

### Another Young versus Old Scuffle for Power?

76 year old Yoweri Museveni has been at the head of the Ugandan autocracy since he took power through a military coup d'etat in 1986, thirty-five, years ago. This means that almost 80% of Ugandans have not known any other regime. Such longstanding dictatorship can create a kind of young versus old conquest for power or even supremacy. In fact Bobi Wine was very active in resistance to the removal of the presidential age-limit, an issue that dominated the political scene in Uganda for almost 3 years since 2017, but we see that in North African countries where similar decades-long dictatorships have ruled, the agitations against old people in power is not as strong as it is in Uganda. If one disclaims this fact what of in Nigeria where no singular ruler has been in office for a decade yet this call to dismantle the reign of old people continues to gain momentum by the day to the point that during the END SARS anti-government protests the *Youth Democratic Party of Nigeria/National Youth Democratic Party* (YDPN/NYDP) was formed or gained utmost popularity.



## PUBLICATIONS OF THE RCIT

# Theses on Capitalism and Class Struggle in Black Africa

*An Analysis of Imperialist Exploitation and Oppression  
and the Perspectives of the Liberation Struggle*

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**Introduction \* Some Background Notes on Black Africa's Modern History: How Colonial Plunder and Oppression Blocked Independent Development \* Popular Struggles against Colonialism Led to Formal Independence \* Formal Independence as Disguised Imperialist Dependency \* The Reactionary Role of White Settlers \* Is Capitalist Black Africa Rising? \* Africa in the Grip of Imperialism \* China as a new Imperialist Great Power Challenging the Western Domination \* The Working Class and the Oppressed \* Rising Class Struggle \* Key Lessons for a Revolutionary Strategy in Black Africa \* Imperialist Domination and Authoritarian Regimes Remain in Place despite Formal Changes \* Breaking the Capitalist Chain – The Program of Permanent Revolution \* The Revolutionary Struggle against Imperialism \* Imperialist Chauvinism and the Anti-Imperialist Patriotism of the Oppressed \* The Independence of the Working Class and the Struggle against the Popular Front \* The Struggle for Pan-African Unity \* The Revolutionary World Party and its African Sections \* Footnotes**

One can say that the strong drive for younger representatives in government is because the incumbents are old people hence the similarity of such drive in Africa but this too doesn't cut it because it fails to explain why this kind of drive or agitation is not strong or barely even exists in Europe and North America. Angela Merkel, 66, has been the German chancellor for 15 years, while Donald Trump despite being 74 still tried to run for second term. What is even more astounding for this topic is that he lost to an older candidate Joe Biden, 78. So the question that still lingers is: What exactly is the driving force behind this young against old sentiment in the political arena especially in Sub-Saharan Africa?

At first glance, it would seem that this is a struggle against the African culture which places high premium on reverence to or supremacy of elders but this argument too does not suffice, for it fails to say why and how the ageism in African culture has lasted for so long. The economy is an integral and decisive part of culture and since most Sub-Saharan nations are still neo-colonies, that is, they have a poorly developed industry on top of the fact that they are economically subservient to the imperialist powers, remnants of ageist supremacy and feudal absolutism still persist. In other words, since the economic transformation of African nations was unduly interrupted at a very early stage by colonialism the struggle for democracy and independence is far from reaching world standards.

So all African countries are but pseudo-independent nations or neo-colonies. Evidence of this why Africa is the continent with the youngest population another reason why the corona virus did not claim as many lives as it did in Europe and the Americas. However what this truly depicts is the low life expectancy of Africans because of the deplorable standard of living. Hence the fight of the African youth is not against old people or old people in office per se it is against imperialism, dictatorship and for democracy. Before we go deeply into this there are still questions that boggle even sincere minds like can the youth be as experienced as old people, if not is it advisable to allow an inexperienced person take part in something as important as politics or the economy?

### What about Experience?

For that question the first answer that comes to mind is another question: how do we determine if a person is experienced? Do we confer the special title, "experienced" on someone just because of their age range? Experience is a question of exposure or knowledge gained from past errors or trials but because of the cosmopolitan inequality in human society it is very much possible for someone to have less experience/knowledge than their age mate or someone even younger than they are. At the same time this inequality ensures that only a few people have such exposure or draw practical conclusions from trial and error. That is why the few who are "experienced" may end up using such knowledge to their own benefit or to the detriment of their fellow men.

If experience is the accumulation of knowledge from trials and mistrials, even if we are to assume that the longer you live the greater your experience then everyone, both young and old should be, as much as possible, integrated into the active process of decision making concerning poli-

tics and the economy so that no section of the population would lag behind. This is particularly important because without the more or less unanimous trial and error in society there can't be any true progress or advancement. Anything void of this are merely schematics of oppression that seek to put people, mostly youths through certain "processes" before they can be "qualified" which should be done away with. If one is not treated as if they are worthy to gain knowledge by practice, how can they?

### What does this mean for Age Limits?

It certainly means that the current system of capitalism is designed to perpetuate ageism especially through electoral politics and that any direct consistent involvement of young people in the political and economic system can only be by mass movements. The Extinction Rebellion which spread from the UK, across Europe dealt the final blow to the myth of "experience", since the grey headed and pot-bellied MP's could not seem to care that the world's ecosystem were spiralling towards disaster bringing the human race an inch closer to oblivion by the day, thousands of pre-school and high school boys and girls led by a sixteen year old, Greta Thurnberg, will bring them to heels.

The paradigm of Greta Thurnberg and the Extinction Rebellion proves once again that the liberation of all oppressed groups like women, ethnic minorities and youth can come only by popular uprisings and not routine elections. More so, the fetters placed on the world's young people by electoralism can only be burst asunder by vibrant unionism and radical association. While we support the earliest possible voting age we hold that the right to unionism must be guaranteed for young people of the lowest ages. Similarly, this must go with the effort by progressives to introduce unionism and make even children participate in demonstrations and protests.

### Should Revolutionaries support removing the Presidential Age Limit in Uganda?

If we agree that the youngest possible people should participate in social decision making even to the highest level we are essentially dismantling the system of age-limits in societal issues including politics. As this applies to the young so must it for the old but this seems like a contradiction to a fight led by Bobi Wine, as earlier mentioned one of the most notable campaigns he led was against the removal of the presidential age limit. If there should be no age limit in politics should revolutionaries have supported Bobi Wine's call against the bill that was all about removing age limits for older people? The answer is yes, because in the case of Bobi Wine it was not just about age limits rather it was the ploy by a reactionary regime to maintain power.

True there's nothing wrong in simply removing the age-limit for old people but under the influence of the dictatorial precedence of Museveni that constitutional amendment meant a go ahead for an already overbearing dictatorship. It goes without saying that there were certainly numerous other more burning issues than the said Act but the Museveni regime was hell bent on imposing it despite its anti-popular nature. This shows that the ulterior mo-

tive behind it was perpetuating Museveni's reign. That is why such changes as are described in this piece must be executed only through mass insurrections and not merely by parliamentary or electoral reforms, that is, these tasks can never be truly achieved by the ruling classes no matter how hard they pretend to effect these changes.

When in Nigeria the Buhari regime began in 2019 to push for a lowering of the age-limits to allow younger people to contest for political office in the "Not too young to run" bill revolutionaries were quick to expose the bill as an attempt by the Buhari administration to feign progressiveness by cajoling the youthful mass to support them since at the time virtually all students' unions across higher institutions were proscribed and many student activists under state sponsored victimization. The tactic required at the time was to explain this and call for reinstatement of the proscribed students' unions while in Uganda the tactic was to oppose the presidential age limit by radical means.

The battle for democracy and against neo-colonialism remains at the heart of increased participation of youth in politics since the rulers in Africa promote an anti-democratic atmosphere to keep the continent in the service of imperialism. Likewise, if the yoke of imperialism on the continent is not destroyed all reforms including democratic gains face the constant threat of being reversed. Although this two edged struggle will inevitably culminate in a socialist victory for the masses and the oppressed, it must take the practical form of a campaign against corruption, election malpractices, nepotism, god-fatherism and all the attendant offsprings of capitalism which appear at varying degrees across all capitalist states. It must also take the concrete form of a joint campaign against all discrimination and marginalization of national minorities, women, immigrants, youth as well as fighting for the right of dissenters and opposition parties to freely express ideas and to campaign. To this end we call for the defence of Bobi Wine, the *National Unity Platform* (NUP) against the aggression of Museveni, his minions in uniform and the rascals in his *National Resistance Movement*.

Even if the age limit for things like voting or contesting

in elections is lowered this does not give the youth equal stake in power with the elite or ruling class. A case study is Nigeria where APC/PDP spend billions of naira on election campaign the youth can hardly reach office without passing through the god-fathers in these parties and even when they do they are figureheads of the same cabals. The battle must be to displace the ruling class and as such must be done alongside the working class both old and young, at the same time, it can only be through radical means of mass uprisings.

We hold that only in a socialist world where everyone is regarded as a potential contributor to the advancement of society through collectively planning of the economy can the marginalization of the youth population be eliminated completely.

### The 2021 Elections and the Task of Revolutionaries

Bobi Wine and the *National Unity Platform* (NUP) have become a force to reckon with in all of Uganda especially since it now serves as a lightning rod to more or less unite all opposition parties against the main impediment to the people's progress the *National Resistance Movement* (NRM). To its credit the *People Power Movement* adopts radical means to combat the injustices and the hold of the Museveni dictatorship in Uganda. This means that revolutionaries can enter a united front with the party both during elections and at the barricades, that is to say, revolutionaries must give critical electoral support and practical collaboration to the party while retaining the right to openly criticize it. Hence we raise a few but very vital criticisms.

First, *People Power* is not a socialist movement it is a progressive popular movement with a strong petty bourgeois outlook. While this characterization may be eclipsed by the clamp-down against the movement, revolutionaries must point out this weakness which may lead to pitfalls in future. No doubt because of its petty bourgeois nature it seeks to collapse all mass uprisings to elections, constitutional or electoral reforms by "putting pressure on parlia-



## RCIT AFRICA PROGRAM

# Manifesto for the Revolutionary Liberation of Black Africa

*Adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of the RCIT in November 2017*

**Introduction \* Foreign Exploiters – Out of Africa! \* The Wealth to Those Who Create It! Economic Freedom Now! \* Down with the Capitalist Dictatorships and Corrupt Pseudo-Democracies! \* Organize the Workers and Oppressed for the Mass Struggle! \* For a Government of Workers and Poor Peasants! For a Socialist Revolution! \* For Pan-African Unity! For the United Socialist States of Africa! \* For a United Front of Struggle! Overcome the Crisis of Leadership – Build a Revolutionary Party Nationally and Internationally! \* Appendix**

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ment” and other methods. Socialists must call the party out on this and fight within it for the adoption of socialist demands. Such movements usually have strong pacifist inclinations, these must be combated and replaced with a democratically controlled self-defense arm to fend off attacks from state thugs in uniform!

Drawing parallels from the just concluded US elections one can say that without the Black Lives Matter protests which opened up a pre-revolutionary situation there, Donald Trump would not have lost. In the same way, even after Trump lost he still used all the machinations within his reach to discredit the elections and withhold power. What is worse is that while Trump may be leaving the White House come January 20, Trumpism might be the new “mode of operation” for the US government for a long time especially since Trump is now using his lame-duck period to shape the future policies of the next administration by trying to provoke wars and arouse conflicts especially with Iran by the help of Israel.

Furthermore, the Senate might be dominated by more or less die hard Trumpists of the Republican Party come next year. The president elect, Joe Biden who is just a slower poison than Trump, folds his arms as the out going president creates hostility especially abroad as long as he can blame Trump for it and in so far as the workers and masses do not rise against him. This is why we uphold our critique of the *National Youth Democratic Party/Youth Democratic Party of Nigeria (NYDP/YDPN)*, a petty bourgeois party which was formed or gained popularity during the END SARS protests because the party seeks to collapse all

momentum of popular uprising into electoral politics especially the 2023 general elections in Nigeria.

Hence it is very likely that Bobi Wine will be able to enter office not via election but via a popular uprising. In any case, a revolutionary socialist transformation of the country is only possible through an uprising of the masses. While Donald Trump has surrendered the presidency Museveni is not likely to do so without a mass insurrection. Revolutionaries must prepare the masses for a long battle even after the elections against the pro-imperialist Museveni regime and all elements of its neo-colonial reign even after Bobi Wine’s emergence.

Again we emphasize that a battle for freedom of association, movement, expression and public gathering must be part of the front burner in this fight. No capitulation to draconian restrictions under the cover of COVID-19. Museveni’s violation of his own COVID-19 restrictions shows that the whole travesty of the COVID-19 emergency measures globally is a fraud that has nothing to do with public health and everything to do with the ruling class trying to maintain power and wealth. The People Power Movement must reject all pacifist persuasions and brace itself for armed defence against Museveni’s henchmen in which ever form they take.

The defeat of Musevenism in Uganda will happen not through the ballots but rather by the expropriation of the native bourgeoisie and the establishment of a workers and poor peasant republic based on a planned economy in Uganda.

**Aluta continua!**

## Books of the RCIT

### Michael Pröbsting: The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution

What It Is and How to Fight It. A Marxist analysis and strategy for the revolutionary struggle

In *The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution* Michael Pröbsting analyses the dramatic events in spring 2020 which have opened a new historic era. A triple crisis has shocked the world. The Third Depression has begun, characterized by a devastating economic slump of the capitalist world economy which is certainly no less dramatic than the crisis which started in 1929.

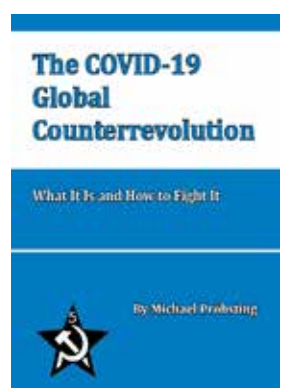
In addition, there is a wave of anti-democratic attacks of a scale which has not been seen in the imperialist countries since 1945. This has triggered a global turn towards Chauvinist State Bonapartism and the creation of a monstrous Leviathan-like state machinery.

And finally, the world faces COVID-19 – a pandemic which endangers many lives and which is exploited by the ruling classes in order to spread fear, to deflect attention from the capitalist causes of the economic crisis and to justify the turn towards chauvinist state bonapartism.

*The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution* also shows that large sectors of the reformist workers movement and the

so-called left fail to understand the meaning of this triple crisis. Similar to the situation in 1914 after the beginning of World War I we can observe a gigantic wave of opportunist capitulation by many self-proclaimed socialists as they support or at least do not denounce the global lockdown and the suppression of democratic rights which the ruling classes are imposing in the name of combat against the pandemic. *The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution* offers a Marxist analysis of this historic crisis and elaborates a revolutionary perspective for the struggles ahead.

The book contains an introduction and 6 chapters plus an appendix (176 pages) and includes 5 figures and a diagram.





# Tunisia: Long Live the Uprising of the Workers and Youth!

## Build Action Committees and Self-Defense Units! Forward to a General Strike!

*Statement by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 19 January 2021*

1. Thousands of Tunisian working class youth are demonstrating on the streets for four consecutive days. There have been clashes with the police in poor districts of the capital, in Mallassin, Kasserine, Gafsa, Sousse, Monastir, Fouchana, Sijoumi, Kef, Bizerte, Kalaa Kebira and Siliana. All over the country, demonstrators are chanting slogans denouncing police and government corruption, police repression and the rise in poverty. A popular slogan reflects the determination of the youth: *"No fear, no fear! The street belongs to the people!"* No doubt, this is the most significant mass protest in Tunisia since the rebellion in January 2018.

2. The uprising was triggered by a video circulated on social media showing Abdul Rahman Al-Othmani, a shepherd in Siliana province, being humiliated and beaten by a police officer after his sheep accidentally entered a government building. This provocation has taken place nearly exactly ten years after first victory of the Arab Revolution when the masses brought down the long-time dictator Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali. This uprising was provoked by the humiliating beating of Mohammed Bouazizi by police in the town of Sidi Bouzid in December 2010 after which he set himself on fire and died.

3. The deeper reason for the new uprising is the poverty caused by the decaying capitalist system. According to the World Bank, the percentage of poor and those vulnerable to poverty is expected to have increased from 16.6% to 22% of the total population in 2020. Official unemployment currently exceeds 15%, with higher rates found among university graduates (around 30%), and disproportionately affecting young people in the country's

long-marginalised interior. The IMF expects a fall of national output (GDP) by -4.3% in 2020, inflation stands at 6% and public debt has exploded in the past decade (+95% between 2010 and 2019).

4. The government tries to suppress the uprising by any means. It imposed a nationwide lockdown on 14 January – the anniversary day when Ben Ali fled the country – under the pretext of the coronavirus pandemic. This is another example which demonstrates that the ruling class all over the world is deliberately utilizing the pandemic in order to expand the powers of the bonapartist state – a crucial development of the current period as the RCIT has repeatedly pointed out. However, similar to other countries, the COVID-19 Counterrevolution has failed to keep the people from the streets. Until now, a total of 632 people have been arrested, according to Interior ministry Spokesman Khaled Hayouni. Amnesty International says that the majority of those arrested are minors aged between 14 and 15. As the police has failed to smash the uprising, the government has begun to deploy troops in Bizerte in the north, Sousse in the east and Kasserine and Siliana in central Tunisia.

5. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) strongly welcomes the popular uprising of Tunisia's working class youth! We send our greetings to the courageous activists who fearlessly fight against the repression apparatus. In our opinion, it is urgent to broaden the protests so that the movement towards a *general strike* which can bring down the government. It is necessary to form *action committees in the workplaces, neighborhoods, schools and universities* in order to better organize the



## *Publications of the RCIT*

### Syria and Great Power Rivalry: The Failure of the „Left“

*By Michael Pröbsting, April 2018*

*The bleeding Syrian Revolution and the recent Escalation  
of Inter-Imperialist Rivalry between the US and Russia –  
A Marxist Critique of Social Democracy, Stalinism and Centrism*

**Introduction** \* The liberation struggle of the Syrian people against Assad retains its just character \* **Against all imperialist aggressors!** \* Old and new Great Powers \* The Ex-Stalinist turned social democrats: **"God save the United Nations"** \* The Stalinists (and some caricatures in Trotskyist camouflage): **social-imperialist servants of Assad and Putin** \* The Morenoite LIT, UIT and FLTI: the heart on the right place but not their brains \* CWI and FT: failure to understand the imperialist nature of China and Russia \* CWI / SWP(UK) / FT: refusing to support the Syrian Revolution \* **Conclusion** \* **Footnotes**

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struggle. Furthermore, the movement needs to create *self-defense units* so that it can defend itself against the attacks of the repression apparatus. It is important to call the trade union federation UGTT and other workers and popular mass organizations to support the uprising.

6. To overcome unemployment and poverty, activists should call for a *public employment program under the control of the UGTT and other mass organizations, financed by the expropriation of Tunisia's super-rich*. Such demands should be combined with the perspective of fighting for an authentic *workers' and popular government*. Such a government would serve the interests of the popular masses and would remove power and wealth from the hands of the small corrupt elite of super-rich politicians, business men and army generals. It would also expropriate the foreign imperialist corporations which are exploiting semi-colonial Tunisia.

7. The latest uprising of Tunisia's working class youth must not be viewed in isolation. It is part of the *Arab Revolution* which began in 2011 and which experienced a new revival in the last two years. The ongoing popular liberation wars in Syria against the Russian-Assadist tyranny and in Yemen against the Saudi/UAE invasion, the resistance of the Egyptian people against the military dictatorship of General Sisi, the ongoing struggles of the masses in Iraq and Algeria, the steadfast Palestinian people in Gaza who continue their resistance against the Zionist enemy – these are all parts of the ongoing heroic Arab Revolution. The task is unite these struggles into a *single Intifada in the whole Middle East* and to fight for a socialist program of permanent revolution and working class power directed against all imperialist Great Powers (U.S., EU, Russia, China, Japan) as well as the local bourgeois regimes!

8. The RCIT calls activists in Tunisia to work for the formation of a revolutionary party. Without such a party, any new popular uprising is in danger of failing just like the first did in the years after 2011. Such a party must also be part of the new revolutionary world party as political and economic developments in Tunisia are closely inter-related with international capitalism. We call upon revolutionaries to join forces on the basis of an unambiguous socialist program of action. Join the RCIT!

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The RCIT has published numerous documents on the Arab Revolution. We draw reader's attention to the following links:

Tunisia: Solidarity with the Mass Protests! Down with the Price Hikes! For the Creation of Action Committees and Self-Defense Units! For a United Front to Organize a General Strike! Unite the Popular Struggles in Tunisia, Palestine, Syria, Iran and Yemen! For a single Intifada in the whole Middle East! 10.01.2018, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/solidarity-with-the-mass-protests-in-tunisia/>

Documents of the RCIT on the second wave of the Arab Revolution: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/collection-of-articles-on-2nd-wave-of-great-arab-revolution/>

Documents of the RCIT on the Syrian Revolution: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/collection-of-articles-on-the-syrian-revolution/>

# Books of the RCIT

## Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People.

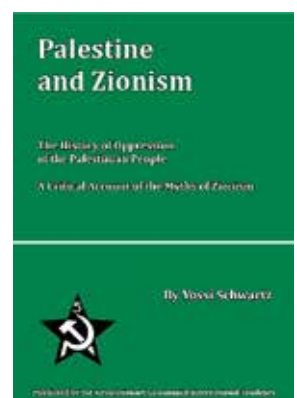
A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz provides a critical analysis of numerous Zionist myths about the Jews as well as about the Palestinians. He demonstrates that the Zionist claim that Palestine is the historic homeland of the Jews lacks any serious basis. *Palestine and Zionism* shows that the history of Zionism in the 20th century is a history of colonialism in the service of the Great Powers and directed against the native population – the Arabs. In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz deals with key events – the "Nakba" in 1948, the wars in 1956, 1967 and 1973, more recent events like the Lebanon War, etc. – which were decisive for the expulsion of most Palestinians from their homeland. Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analysis the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership by signing the Oslo Agreement in 1993. In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz defends the right of national self-determination for the Palestinian people and outlines

a socialist perspective. He emphasizes that the only solution is the right of millions of Palestinian refugees to return to their homeland and to replace the Zionist entity with one democratic state from the river to the sea – a *Free Red Palestine* with equal civil rights to the Arabs and the Israeli Jews.

The book contains an introduction and 7 chapters (112 pages) and includes 7 Tables and 3 Maps. The author of the book is Yossi Schwartz, a leading member of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency and its section in Israel / Occupied Palestine..

You can find the contents and download the book for free at <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/palestine-and-zionism/>



## Rally on the 10th Anniversary of the Egypt Revolution 2011

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 24 January 2021, Austrian Section of the RCIT

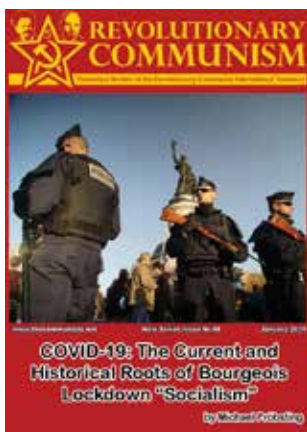
The Egyptian migrant community in Vienna organized a rally on 24<sup>th</sup> January to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Egypt Revolution. Ten years ago, the Egyptian workers and poor toppled the regime of the dictator Mubarak via a popular uprising. This revolution was an important victory as it secured important democratic rights. However, the days of freedom didn't last for long. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013, General Sisi launched a bloody military coup. Since then, the regime has killed thousands of people and threw more than 60.000 people into prison.

The rally was addressed by Ibrahim Ali, the leader of the Egyptian migrant community in Austria. Activists of the Austrian section of the RCIT attended the rally. Our comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, delivered a speech in which he stressed the solidarity of the RCIT with the resistance of the Egypt people against the military dictatorship.

See photos and a video clip of Michael Pröbsting's speech here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/rally-on-the-10th-anniversary-of-the-egypt-revolution-2011/>



Rally against the dictatorship of General Sisi in Egypt (Vienna, 24.1.2021)



### Publications of the RCIT

## COVID-19: The Current and Historical Roots of Bourgeois Lockdown "Socialism"

*Police State, Universal Basic Income & a new version of "War Socialism" of 1914*

*By Michael Pröbsting, January 2021*

Introduction \* 1. An Overview of the Policy of the Lockdown Left \* 2. A Marxist Critique of Lockdownism and Universal Basic Income \* 3. The Bourgeois Ideology of the "Caring State" (The Capitalist Handout State) \* 4. The Objective Basis for Lockdown Socialism: Changes within the Political and Economic Physiognomy of Capitalism \* 5. A Historical Analogy: The Mobilization of the Imperialist State for World War I \* 6. War Socialism in 1914: The Social-Chauvinist Lensch-Cunow-Haenisch Group in German Social Democracy \* 7. Lenin and other Marxists Declare War on War Socialism \* 8. The Lockdown Left: A Worthy Successor of Social-Chauvinist War Socialists \* 9. Once Again, the State Question: Marxism versus the Opportunist Left

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## U.S.: The Pseudo-Coup at the Capitol

### Workers and Oppressed: Mobilize against the Right-Wing Extremists! But No Support for Biden!

*Statement by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 7 January 2021*

1. A rally of tens of thousands of Trump supporters in Washington DC on 6 January resulted in the storming of the Capitol by a small group of right-wing extremists. Several hundred fascists and semi-fascists broke police lines and occupied the building – where the Congress (consisting of the House of Representatives and the Senate) meets – for several hours. Lawmakers, including Vice-President Mike Pence, had to be evacuated in haste. According to latest news reports, four people died and 52 were arrested. Smaller protests were also held by Trump supporters in front of capitols in various states.

2. The assault on the Capitol was the result of Trump's numerous efforts to suppress the election result of 3 November. Despite a clear electoral victory of Biden by a margin of 7 million votes and 306-232 in the Electoral College, Trump pressurized – without success – state governors, courts, and his Vice-President – to overrule the electoral results so that he can continue his presidency. The assault on the Capitol was probably the last attempt of his desperate supporters to keep Trump in power. Nevertheless, Biden's victory has been certified in a joint session of Congress a few hours ago.

3. A broad united front representing nearly all wings of the American bourgeoisie has denounced the assault on

the Capitol as an “*insurrection*”. They call for the defense of “*law and order*” and push for an orderly transition of power to Biden. This alliance includes not only the whole Democratic Party (including “left-wing” lawmakers like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez) but also Republican establishment politicians from Bush to Senate leader Senator Mitch McConnell. Likewise did numerous business leaders – including Apple CEO Tim Cook, Microsoft President Brad Smith, PayPal CEO Dan Schulman, and others – condemn the assault on the Capitol. In addition, 10 former Defense secretaries, including Dick Cheney and two who worked under Trump, warned against using the military to try and overturn the election. In short, Trump – an erratic would-be dictator and racist – has lost all support among the ruling class. They know that there is no chance to halt the decay of U.S. imperialism as long as the orange idiot occupies the Oval Office. Hence, the political establishment tries to exploit the right-wing assault on the Capitol for mobilizing support of the public opinion for the consolidation of crisis-ridden capitalist America by an orderly transition of power to Biden.

4. The assault on the Capitol was not a serious coup. It was rather a pseudo-coup – a desperate attempt of fascists and what the English call “*the bad, the mad and the*

## Brazil: Debating the Major Events of 2020 and an Outlook to 2021!

*Report (with Video) on a Facebook and YouTube Meeting on 21 December 2020, RCIT*

A representative of the *Corrente Comunista Revolucionária* (Brazilian section of the RCIT) attended a public meeting on December 19 in which they held a 2020 retrospective addressing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the setback of mobilizations worldwide, the presidential elections in the USA, the Black Lives Matter movement and the regional elections for mayors in Brazil. The meeting can be viewed

on Facebook and YouTube. The meeting was addressed by speakers from different groups including comrade João Evangelista who represented the RCIT section.

Below are the links to the video of meeting.

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<https://www.facebook.com/emancipacaodotrabalho/videos/437699844300653>



### PUBLICATIONS OF THE RCIT

## The Meaning, Consequences and Lessons of Trump's Victory

*By Michael Pröbsting, November 2016*

Introduction \* I. The Election Outcome \* II. Where is the Trump Administration Heading? \* III. Global Consequences: The Beginning of a New Era \* IV. Lessons and Perspectives for the Struggle \* V. Summary Theses \* Footnotes

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sad". However, it lacked any serious plan and organization since a coup would have aimed at occupying several centers of power and holding them by force of arms. While it is evident that Trump incited his fanatical supporters, it is unclear how much he resp. his underlings were involved in preparing this assault. Anyway, it is telling that the formally still incumbent President was not able to mobilize any sectors of the state apparatus for his goal to stay in power.

5. A remarkable feature of the latest events – causing astonishment all over the world – is the fact that a relatively small mob of right-wing extremists could storm the U.S. Congress during a rally publicly announced long before?! Everyone knew that the Proud Boys and like-minded fascists were coming to the rally! No one could be surprised about such a violent outburst. Even more astonishing, the Capitol was defended by only small police forces who withdrew relatively quickly without firing a single shot! Compare this to the small state of Wisconsin where Democratic Governor Tony Evers immediately activated 500 National Guard troops a few days ago in fear of violent protests after a prosecutor disgracefully announced that he will not file criminal charges against a white police officer who shot Jacob Blake. How is it possible that the Democrats – who also control Washington DC, the country's capital – did nothing to defend the Capitol against the fascist assault?!

6. The failed storming of the Capitol was both a farce as well as a warning. While it was not a serious coup, it shows the existence of a determined and armed fascist movement. There can't be any doubt that these fascist forces will start a series of violent actions directed against

Black, migrants, left-wing activists and even against Democrat politicians (who have supposedly "stolen the election"). In this sense, the pseudo-coup at the Capitol marks both the end of the Trump Presidency as well as the beginning of a radicalized right-wing extremist movement (which will include sectors of the Republicans).

7. In general, the events of the last 24 hours demonstrate once more the deep crisis of U.S. capitalism and its political order. This former absolute hegemon of the imperialist world order is experiencing a dramatic decay which provokes counterrevolutionary attacks as well as revolutionary upheavals both in the U.S. itself as well as globally. There can be no doubt that the U.S. will pass through similar political explosions in the coming years – making it a focus of world politics.

8. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) calls workers and oppressed to prepare and organize against right-wing and fascist threat. It is crucial to build armed self-defense forces to protect Black, Latino and working-class communities against assaults by fascists as well as by the police. Irrespective of its political limitations, we welcome the formation of the black nationalist militia movement NFAC led by John Fitzgerald Johnson (Grandmaster Jay) as a step forward.

9. At the same time, we warn against the trap of supporting the Biden Presidency. We repeat what we said in our election statement published some months ago: *"Trump and Biden, the Republicans and the Democrats offer different faces and different words, but they share the determination to attack the social and democratic rights of the popular masses. Both are enemies of the working class, Biden no less than Trump. In such a situation, it is more urgent than ever that the*

## Books of the RCIT

### Michael Pröbsting: Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry

The Factors behind the Accelerating Rivalry between the U.S., China, Russia, EU and Japan.  
A Critique of the Left's Analysis and an Outline of the Marxist Perspective

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting analyses the accelerating rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers – the U.S., China, EU, Russia, and Japan. He shows that the diplomatic rows, sanctions, trade wars, and military tensions between these Great Powers are not accidental or caused by a mad man in the White House. They are rather rooted in the fundamental contradictions of the capitalist system. This rivalry is a key feature of the current historic period and could, ultimately, result in major wars between these Great Powers.

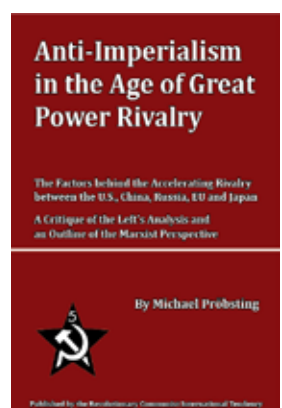
*Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* demonstrates the validity of the Marxist analysis of modern imperialism. Using comprehensive material (including 61 Tables and Figures), Michael Pröbsting elaborates that a correct understanding of the rise of China and Russia as new Great Powers is crucial for assessing the character of the current inter-imperialist rivalry.

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting critically discusses the analysis of modern imperialism by a number of left-wing parties (left social democrats, Stalinists, Trotskyists and others). He demon-

strates that most of these organizations fail to understand the nature of the Great Power rivalry and, consequently, are not able to take an internationalist and revolutionary stance.

The author elaborates the approach of leading Marxist figures like Lenin, Trotsky and Luxemburg to the problems of Great Power rivalry and imperialist aggression against oppressed peoples. He outlines a Marxist program for the current period which is essential for anyone who wants to change the world and bring about a socialist future.

The book contains an introduction and 29 chapters plus an appendix (412 pages) and includes 61 figures and tables. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.



workers and oppressed take the road of independent struggle and independent organizing. Such independence necessitates refusing support for any candidate and any party of the ruling capitalist class. Hence, the RCIT calls to vote neither for Trump nor for Biden, neither for the Republicans nor for the Democrats, at the upcoming election."

10. Of course, socialists oppose any attempt by Trump to suppress the election results and to launch a coup in order to stay in power. But this must not result in support for Biden – the President of the billionaires. There can be no doubt that he will launch a series of attacks against the workers and popular masses – starting from austerity programs, anti-democratic Lockdown policy to imperialist aggression against oppressed people in the South and Great Power rivalry. We defend democracy against Trump but, equally, also against the police and National Guard which kill Black people and suppress mass protests. Biden, the big corporations, the "deep state" and all the institutions of U.S. imperialism – they are certainly no lesser evil than the mad man in the White House! Shamefully, large sectors of the labor movement and the "left" advocated voting for Biden at the election.

11. The RCIT calls activists of the workers and oppressed movements to advocate a struggle in defense

of social and democratic rights independent of any faction of the bourgeoisie. Such a struggle must take place, first and foremost, on the streets, at the workplaces and in the neighborhoods. For this it is urgent to build popular assemblies and committees of action in workplaces, neighborhoods, schools and universities. Such committees should decide about the demands and the course of action. Most importantly, revolutionaries advocate the creation of an independent workers party based on mass organizations of the working class and the oppressed. Such a party would remain completely independent from both parties of the capitalist establishment – the Republicans as well as the Democrats. We call unionists, supporters of Sanders and the DSA to break with the Democratic Party and to join forces in building such a new Labor Party. Revolutionaries advocate a program of struggle for such a party, aiming towards the creation of a workers government which expropriates the super-rich and nationalizes the core sectors of the economy under workers control. The RCIT wants to unite revolutionary activists on the basis of such a program! Join us!

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## Brazil: Debating the Crisis at the Heart of Imperialism and the Pseudo-Coup at the Capitol

*Report (with Video) on a Facebook and YouTube Meeting on 8 January 2021, RCIT*

A representative of the *Corrente Comunista Revolucionária* (Brazilian section of the RCIT) attended a public meeting on January 08 in which they held a debate on the invasion of Capitol in the USA by extreme right-wing Trump's supporters. The meeting can be viewed on Facebook and You Tube. The meeting was ad-

ressed by speakers from different groups including comrade João Evangelista who represented the RCIT section. Below are the links to the video of meeting.

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# What the RCIT Stands for

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) is a fighting organisation for the liberation of the working class and all oppressed. It has national sections in various countries. The working class is the class of all those (and their families) who are forced to sell their labour power as wage earners to the capitalists. The RCIT stands on the theory and practice of the revolutionary workers' movement associated with the names of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

Capitalism endangers our lives and the future of humanity. Unemployment, war, environmental disasters, hunger, exploitation, are part of everyday life under capitalism as are the national oppression of migrants and nations and the oppression of women, young people and homosexuals. Therefore, we want to eliminate capitalism.

The liberation of the working class and all oppressed is possible only in a classless society without exploitation and oppression. Such a society can only be established internationally.

Therefore, the RCIT is fighting for a socialist revolution at home and around the world.

This revolution must be carried out and led by the working class, for she is the only class that has nothing to lose but their chains.

The revolution can not proceed peacefully because never before has a ruling class voluntarily surrendered their power. The road to liberation includes necessarily the armed rebellion and civil war against the capitalists.

The RCIT is fighting for the establishment of workers' and peasant republics, where the oppressed organize themselves in rank and file meetings in factories, neighbourhoods and schools – in councils. These councils elect and control the government and all other authorities and can always replace them.

Real socialism and communism has nothing to do with the so-called "real existing socialism" in the Soviet Union, China, Cuba or Eastern Europe. In these countries, a bureaucracy dominated and oppressed the proletariat.

The RCIT supports all efforts to improve the living conditions of workers and the oppressed. We combine this with a perspective of the overthrow of capitalism.

We work inside the trade unions and advocate class struggle, socialism and workers' democracy. But trade unions and social democracy are controlled by a bureaucracy. This bureaucracy is a layer which is connected with the state and capital via jobs and privileges. It is far from the interests and

living circumstances of the members. This bureaucracy's basis rests mainly on the top, privileged layers of the working class - the workers' aristocracy. The struggle for the liberation of the working class must be based on the broad mass of the proletariat rather than their upper strata.

The RCIT strives for unity in action with other organizations. However, we are aware that the policy of social democracy and the pseudo-revolutionary groups is dangerous and they ultimately represent an obstacle to the emancipation of the working class.

We fight for the expropriation of the big land owners as well as for the nationalisation of the land and its distribution to the poor and landless peasants. We fight for the independent organisation of the rural workers.

We support national liberation movements against oppression. We also support the anti-imperialist struggles of oppressed peoples against the great powers. Within these movements we advocate a revolutionary leadership as an alternative to nationalist or reformist forces.

In a war between imperialist states (e.g. U.S., China, EU, Russia, Japan) we take a revolutionary defeatist position, i.e. we don't support neither side and advocate the transformation of the war into a civil war against the ruling class. In a war between an imperialist power (or its stooge) and a semi-colonial country we stand for the defeat of the former and the victory of the oppressed country.

The struggle against national and social oppression (women, youth, sexual minorities etc.) must be led by the working class. We fight for revolutionary movements of the oppressed (women, youth, migrants etc.) based on the working class. We oppose the leadership of petty-bourgeois forces (feminism, nationalism, Islamism etc.) and strive to replace them by a revolutionary communist leadership.

Only with a revolutionary party fighting as its leadership can the working class win. The construction of such a party and the conduct of a successful revolution as it was demonstrated by the Bolsheviks under Lenin and Trotsky in Russia are a model for the revolutionary parties and revolutions also in the 21 Century.

For new, revolutionary workers' parties in all countries! For a 5<sup>th</sup> Workers International on a revolutionary program! Join the RCIT!

*No future without socialism!*

*No socialism without a revolution!*

*No revolution without a revolutionary party!*

