

# Revolution Festival 2024: Recommended reading

As well as an anti-imperialist conference, the Revolution Festival is a school of communism to train revolutionary leadership.

In the current world situation of imperialism, wars, and revolutions, the importance and urgency of building a theoretically trained revolutionary leadership cannot be overstated.

Theory is a guide to action. Without it, there can be no revolutionary movement. Attendees to the Revolution Festival should prepare themselves in advance by using this list of recommended materials for each session they attend.

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## Horror without end: Imperialism & world relations today

- ★ [Imperialism today and the character of Russia and China](#)
- ★ [Alan Woods on world perspectives: crisis, class struggle and the tasks of the communists](#)

## Crisis in the USA: The next chapter

- ★ [Class War 2024: The Tasks of Communists in the Coming Election](#)
- ★ [\[Audio\] Class War 2024: The Communist Campaign Against Both Parties](#)

## Lenin, the First World War, and the collapse of the Second International

- ★ [Lenin's struggle against imperialist war](#)
- ★ [Socialism and War \(V.I. Lenin\)](#)

## The role of British imperialism today

- ★ The role of British imperialism today – Centre pages of The Communist: issue 15 (online version to be uploaded soon)
- ★ [\[Audio\] The role of British imperialism today](#)

## How to smash the state: Lenin's State and Revolution

- ★ [Rekindling communism: the significance of Lenin's 'The State and Revolution'](#)
- ★ [\[Book\] The State & Revolution \(V.I. Lenin\)](#)

## The legacy of British imperialism in Ireland

- ★ [The partition of Ireland at 100: a story of blood-soaked counter-revolution](#)
- ★ [Ireland after the Ceasefire](#)

## Why is there a genocide in Gaza?

- ★ [IMT statement: Defend Gaza! Down with imperialist hypocrisy!](#)
- ★ [The history of Israel-Palestine to 1993](#)
- ★ [\[Video\] The Palestinian struggle: Intifada until victory!](#)

## How South African apartheid was overthrown

- ★ [Remarks on the Draft Theses of The Workers Party in South Africa \(L. Trotsky\)](#)
- ★ [Did boycotts, divestment and sanctions overthrow the Apartheid regime in South Africa?](#)

## How to fight imperialism: Pacifism, direct action, and revolutionary tactics

- ★ [War, peace and class struggle: Marxism vs. pacifism](#)
- ★ [The United Nations: A talking shop for deaf ears](#)
- ★ [Direct action vs class struggle](#)
- ★ [\[Audio\] Profits vs peace: War and imperialism](#)

## The history of philosophy: A Marxist perspective

- ★ [Introduction to The History of Philosophy: A Marxist Perspective](#)
- ★ [\[Audio\] Alan Woods on the History of Philosophy](#)

## In Defence of Marx's Labour Theory of Value

- ★ [In Defence of Marx's Labour Theory of Value](#)
- ★ [Value, Price and Profit \(K. Marx\)](#)
- ★ [\[Video\] What is Capitalism? Introduction to Marxist economics](#)

## Bangladesh's unfinished revolution: The 1971 war of liberation

- ★ [The 1971 War of Liberation and Bangladesh's unfinished revolution](#)

## How to fight racism: De-colonialism vs Marxism

- ★ [\[Video\] Is class struggle 'Eurocentric?' Marxism vs. postcolonialism](#)
- ★ [\[IDOM 45\] Franz Fanon's Wretched of the Earth: A Marxist critique](#)
- ★ [\[Video\] Fanon's Wretched of the Earth: A Marxist critique](#)

## What is dialectical materialism?

- ★ [What is Marxism? Introduction to Dialectical Materialism](#)
- ★ [Introduction to the Revolutionary Philosophy of Marxism](#)
- ★ [\[Video\] The Revolutionary Philosophy of Marxism](#)

## Was the USSR communist?

- ★ [\[Audio\] Was the USSR communist?](#)
- ★ [Russia: How the Bureaucracy Seized Power](#)

## Communism and the fight for women's emancipation

- ★ [Women, the family, and the Russian Revolution](#)
- ★ [Lenin, communism, and the emancipation of women](#)
- ★ [\[Audio\] Women's oppression and the family](#)

## Art, culture, and revolution

- ★ [\[Video\] IMU22: Alan Woods on Marxism and art](#)
- ★ [Is art necessary?](#)

## Lenin and the Russian Revolution of 1917

- ★ [Lenin in a Year: The Tasks of the Proletariat in our Revolution](#)
- ★ [Why you should read Lenin's 1917 writings](#)
- ★ [\[Book\] In Defence of Lenin \(Chapters 19-24\)](#)

## Labour in power: From 1924 to today

- ★ IDOM 22: Labour in power (E. Grant) — out of print, digital version to be uploaded soon
- ★ [\[Book\] In The Cause of Labour](#)

## The 'golden age of capitalism'? The post-war boom and the crisis of 1973-75

- ★ [The global crisis of 1973-75: A turning point for capitalism](#)
- ★ [Will there be a slump? \(E. Grant\)](#)
- ★ [Marxism, money, and inflation](#)

## Leon Trotsky's Permanent Revolution

- ★ [\[Book\] Permanent Revolution \(Introduction by A. Woods\)](#)
- ★ [\[Book\] Permanent Revolution \(Russian and German Introductions, L. Trotsky\)](#)
- ★ [Three Conceptions of the Russian Revolution \(L. Trotsky\)](#)
- ★ [What is the Permanent Revolution? \(Chapter 10, L. Trotsky\)](#)
- ★ [\[Video\] The theory of Permanent Revolution](#)

## Artificial Intelligence and human consciousness

- ★ [Artificial Intelligence: Doomsday for humanity, or for capitalism?](#)
- ★ [\[Audio\] Artificial intelligence and the nature of consciousness](#)

## Can we really learn anything from history?

- ★ [What is historical materialism?](#)
- ★ [\[Video\] Why we need a theory of history](#)
- ★ [Civilization, Barbarism, and the Marxist view of History](#)
- ★ [Preface to A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy \(K. Marx\)](#)

## Slaves in revolt: The Haitian Revolution

- ★ [The Black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution \(CLR. James\)](#)

## Fires, floods, and finance: How capitalism is killing the planet

- ★ [Revolutionary change, not climate change!](#)
- ★ [ULEZ expansion: Green austerity and the climate culture war](#)
- ★ [Greenwashing and sustainable investment](#)
- ★ [\[Video\] System change, not climate change! Marxism and the environment](#)

## Fascism: What it is and how to fight it

- ★ [Communist tactics in the struggle against fascism and racism](#)
- ★ [The Menace of Fascism \(E. Grant\)](#)
- ★ [\[Audio\] How to smash the far right – a communist perspective](#)

## Capitalism today: Debt, inequality, and trade wars

- ★ [Another global recession is coming](#)
- ★ [The Organic Crisis of Capitalism \(Part one & two\)](#)
- ★ [Debt crisis: Predatory powers fight over scraps in pillage of poor nations](#)
- ★ [\[Audio\] Will there be a boom? Capitalism, cycles, and crises](#)

## Creeping mysticism: Why science needs dialectical materialism

- ★ [Scientific revolution and materialist philosophy](#)
- ★ [New Scientist vs. reality](#)
- ★ [\[Book\] Reason in Revolt \(Preface\)](#)
- ★ [\[Audio\] Creeping mysticism: The philosophical crisis in modern science](#)

## Marxism vs Anarchism

- ★ [Marxist and Anarchist Theory](#)
- ★ [On Authority \(F. Engels\)](#)
- ★ [Marxism or anarchism? - An open letter to thinking anarchists](#)
- ★ [\[Video\] Spontaneity, organisation and the role of the state: Marxism vs. Anarchism](#)

## How did Lenin build the Bolshevik party?

- ★ [Where to Begin? How the foundations of Bolshevism were laid \(V.I. Lenin\)](#)
- ★ [What is to be Done? How Lenin built a battle organisation](#)
- ★ [\[Video\] How the Bolshevik Party was built](#)

## Lessons from the 2011 Arab Revolutions

- ★ [Five years on: What happened to the Arab Revolution?](#)
- ★ [10 years on: lessons of the Egyptian Revolution](#)