

^{*} Embedded in my seminar on imperialism and war at the Department of Development Studies at the University of Vienna, this event is open to the public as well. After having an introductory discussion on site, Vijay Prashad will join online at 07.00 pm CEST. Contact details: helmut.krieger@univie.ac.at



Abstract

This talk with Vijay Prashad will discuss solidarity in times of imperialism and Israel's wars both on Palestine and Iran by explaining the significance Palestine as well as the Palestine solidarity movement have globally.

Drawing from a post- and decolonial analytical framework, Hamid Dabashi from Columbia University discussed in one of our previous public lectures the role Western countries play in Israel's colonial war on Palestine. He used the following equation: 'The West is Israel and Israel is the West. The World is Palestine and Palestine is the World'. He underscored that the significance Western countries have, goes far beyond complicity with Israel's genocidal warfare in Gaza. In contrast to this, he also referred to overwhelming global solidarity with Palestine when linking it to the world.

From a materialist point of view, Vijay Prashad will further elaborate on how we can understand the trajectory of US imperialism in the Arabic speaking region and Israel's wars both on the Palestinian society in its different localities and on Iran. He will then highlight the global (strategic) significance Palestine has from a Southern perspective and explore as to how such a frame of reference is and can be materialised in today's Palestine solidarity movement as well as transformative movements in general.

Vijay Prashad

Vijay Prashad is an Indian historian, editor, and journalist. He is the author of forty books, including *The Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World (2007), The Poorer Nations: A Possible History of the Global South (2012), Red Star Over the Third World (2017), Washington Bullets (2020), and The Withdrawal: Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, and the Fragility of U.S. Power (2022)*, written with Noam Chomsky.

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