

Women Resist Fascism: Yesterday and Today

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 30 & Dec. 7

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October 26 Session 1 What is Fascism?

Key ideas:

- *What is fascism? Is it already here? The relationship between capitalism and fascism.*
- *Why women, people of color, LGBT people and Leftists are scapegoated under fascism.*

To read aloud

Definition of fascism from *Lyndon LaRouche: Fascism Restyled for the New Millennium*

"The Ultra-Right: What It Is and How to Fight It," Radical Women & Freedom Socialist Party leaflet, 7/2006

November 2 Session 2 Fascism Reinforces Misogyny, Racism and Oppression

Key ideas:

- *How fascism seeks to enslave the working-class by scapegoating marginalized groups and enforcing patriarchal norms*

Readings

"The Nationalization of Women," *How Fascism Ruled Women: Italy, 1922-1954*

"Mosaic of [Nazi] Victims," U.S. Holocaust Museum

"Charlottesville rally represents an alliance between pro-Confederates and Nazis," *Vox* (includes discussion of anti-Semitism in present and past fascist movements)

November 9 Session 3 Why the Right Wing Seeks to Control Reproduction

Key ideas:

- *Motives behind racial and ableist eugenics, obligatory motherhood for some, and targeting of lesbians and gay men.*

Readings

"Racism and sexism in Nazi Germany: Motherhood, Compulsory Sterilization, and the State," *When Biology Became Destiny*

"Never Going Back! Keep abortion legal in Victoria: Build a movement to stop the far right," Radical Women – Melbourne, October 2012

"Persecution, 'Re-education' or 'Eradication' of Male Homosexuals between 1933-1945," *Hidden Holocaust?*

November 30 Session 4 Women Who Resisted Fascism

Key ideas:

- *Women were an important part of anti-fascist resistance in standing up for their rights and opposing war, genocide and tyranny.*

Readings

"There Will Come A Day," How Fascism Ruled Women: Italy

"White Rose: The Germans Who Tried to Topple Hitler," BBC World Service

"Appeal to German Women"

December 7 Session 5 How to Defeat the Far-Right

Key ideas:

- *The need for a militant, intersectional and working-class anti-fascist movement*
- *Direct action and the right to self-defense*
- *Uprooting fascism at its capitalist source and building a socialist future.*
- *There is a proud history of effective confrontation of the far-right by feminists, labor, queers and people of color in the Pacific Northwest.*

Readings

"For a United Front Against the Right Wing and Fascism," The Radical Women Manifesto

"The Right to Militantly Organize against Rising Fascism Must be Defended," Freedom Socialist, October 2017

Speech on United Front Against Fascism history by Guerry Hoddersen