

Sunday
July 6

Evening 7pm Free

Opening Conference: Socialism, not war: for a Europe of peace

**Peter Mertens, Marga Ferré,
Ulrike Eifler, Jörg Kronauer**
Belgium, Spain, Germany

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [French](#), [Dutch](#)

Militarization is escalating in all directions. For years there was supposedly no money, suddenly the European Union finds 800 billion euros for weapons. Stopping militarization and enforcing peace will come from below. Our speakers bring their perspective to the struggle for a new world of peace and socialism.

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JÖRG KRONAUER is a German journalist and author specializing in international relations and neofascism. He contributes regularly to Junge Welt.



Marxist Summer School will take place at the Staf Versluys Center in [Bredene](#), next to the great coastal town of Ostend and right by the sunny beach.

Participation costs €25 per day, including admission, a welcome packet and a lunch.



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Monday
July 7

Morning 10am

The Communist Manifesto Unraveled

Alex Gordon
United Kingdom

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [Dutch](#), [French](#)

Capitalism is war: the example of German militarization

Ulrike Eifler, Jörg Kronauer
Germany

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [Dutch](#), [French](#)

History of the Belgian labor movement (NL)

Peter Mertens
Belgium

Language: [Dutch](#)

An anti-history of the European Union

Geoffrey Geuens
Belgium

Language: [French](#)

Afternoon 2pm

To win, our class needs a name

**Nadia Moscufo, Christine
Olivier, Benjamin Pestieau**
South Africa, Belgium

Language: [French](#), [English](#)
Translation: [French](#), [English](#), [Dutch](#)

History of the Belgian labor movement (FR)

Peter Mertens
Belgium

Language: [French](#)

The class struggle as a common thread in history (NL)

Jan Dumolyn
Belgium

Language: [Dutch](#)

The class struggle as a common thread in history (FR)

Serge Deruette
Belgium

Language: [French](#)

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It's our industry: how we save European industry

**Christine Olivier,
Benjamin Pestieau, Hilal Sor**
South Africa, Belgium

Language: [French](#), [English](#)
Translation: [Dutch](#), [French](#), [English](#)

Tuesday
July 8

Morning 10am

Lenin and imperialism: how capitalism subjugates the world

Alex Gordon
United Kingdom

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [Dutch](#), [French](#)

The growing independence of the South: causes and reactions of the West

Jörg Kronauer
Germany

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [Dutch](#), [French](#)

Capitalism doesn't care: how to fight for a humane healthcare sector?

Anais Fley, Lise Vandecasteele
France, Belgium

Language: [French](#), [Dutch](#)
Translation: [French](#), [Dutch](#)

Free trade and the trade war

Martial Toniotti
Belgium

Language: [French](#)

Afternoon 2pm

Towards an Artificial Intelligence for the people

Marga Ferré, Ben Van Duppen
Spain, Belgium

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [Dutch](#), [French](#)

Imperialism for beginners: a perspective of the Global South

Jonis Ghedis Alasow
South Africa

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [Dutch](#), [French](#)

Marxist philosophy: understanding the world in order to change (NL)

Speaker to be announced

Language: [Dutch](#)

Marxist philosophy: understanding the world in order to change (FR)

Martin Georges
Belgium

Language: [French](#)

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Uprising in the South and the North: how do we connect the struggle?

**David Pestieau, Jonis Ghedis
Alasow, Alex Gordon**
Belgium, South Africa, United Kingdom

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [Dutch](#), [French](#)

Wednesday
July 9

Morning 10am

Women's Liberation: A feminist Marxist perspective

Mary Davis
United Kingdom

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [Dutch](#), [French](#)

Palestine and imperialism: a Marxist perspective

Speaker to be announced

Language: [French](#)

Will markets save the climate?

**Yann Le Lann, Mathieu Strale,
Nadia Cornejo**
France, Belgium

Language: [French](#)

The State in Capitalism: Marx and the Eighteenth Brumaire (NL)

Anton Jäger
Belgium

Language: [Dutch](#)

Marxist political economy of today's world (FR)

Martin Dupont
Belgium

Language: [French](#)

Afternoon 2pm

Trade unions and class struggle in South Africa

**Jonis Ghedis Alasow,
Christine Olivier**
South Africa

Language: [English](#)
Translation: [French](#), [Dutch](#)

Who really has the power? Marxism on the state (NL)

Olivier Goessens
Belgium

Language: [Dutch](#)

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