

Introduction

The material in this fourth issue of International Socialist Forum needs little introduction – it is strong enough to speak for itself.

In the first section on Events, Bob Myers writes about the war unfolding in Europe – a subject on which we welcome correspondence and debate in future issues. Yassamine Mather explains the fast-changing situation in Iran. Roger Smith reflects on the lessons of Europe's largest-scale revolution.

The second section continues the discussion started by the Minimum Platform document published in ISF No.1.

The third section on theory includes articles by David Hookes and Cyril Smith that began life as contributions at our meetings in London, a review by Jim Smith inspired by recent discussions between ISF and the Alliance for Workers Liberty, and a most welcome contribution sent from Russia by Mikhail Voyekov and from Sweden by Mehdi Keshmiri. The article by Hal Draper is a reprint, justified "by popular demand".

Some final points. The first is that we need your active participation in our discussion. If you are in London, come to our meetings, usually in Conway Hall, Red Lion Square (nearest tube Holborn) on the first Sunday of the month at 2.0 pm, preceded by an organising meeting at 12 midday. Phone Jim Smith on 0181 690 2723 to check details.

If you can not make meetings, please send us material for publication in the journal if you have something to say relevant to discussion. Also please visit our web site (www.isf.org.uk). There is plenty of capacity on the site and we are happy to share it with other organisations whose purposes are similar to our own.

Finally (you have guessed) we need money to keep the journal and the web site going. Donations are welcome. Subscriptions are £12 for four issues and if you can add anything to that it will go to publication and electronic media expenses.

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