



**IV<sup>TH</sup> International Conference  
on The Work of Karl Marx and the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Havana, Cuba, May 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Venue: Palacio de Convenciones**

**This conference celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the triumph of the Cuban Revolution which occurred on January 1, 1959**

These are times of special importance for the destiny of humanity, given the increase in imperialist aggression and its confrontation with the resistance of peoples from all corners of the globe, who are engaged in important struggles that involve transformative socialist praxis. The Institute of Philosophy, through its “Permanent Workshop for the Work of Karl Marx and the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” extends an invitation to its fourth Conference. Its purpose is to provide a space for debates the elaboration of proposals among social and political activists, scientists and all those interested in the construction of the new world which is both necessary and possible.

With the passage of 125 years since the death of Karl Marx, the strength of his work and its permanent capability to be enriched is demonstrated by the actions of all those who struggle for the emancipatory ideals announced 160 years ago in *The Manifesto of the Communist Party*.

How can we contribute today to “the emancipation of the modern proletariat,” to forge “the consciousness of its own situation and needs, and the consciousness of the conditions required for its own emancipation?” This is a challenge which today is more urgent than ever, given the continual and accelerated destruction of all our spaces of mutual coexistence, a process which is driven by the internal logic of capital.

The IV International Conference on “The Work of Karl Marx and the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” will hold sessions, grouping the debates around three axes of analysis and elaboration of proposals:

**I. The nature of capitalism, imperialism, and their contemporary contradictions.**

**II. The articulation of revolutionary subjects, the construction of a new militant internationalism, social movements, classes and contemporary forms of class struggle in order to face and transcend the “system of multiple domination” of capital.**

**III. The socialist alternative:** the need to go beyond the reforms of capitalism, the analysis of socialist experiences up to our times and practical proposals to construct **the communist society** which allows and requires the full development of human capacities **in the current conditions of the revolutionary process.**

The participants in the Conference who are interested may also attend the activities that have been scheduled for the first of May, International Workers Day, and other events with Cuban and visiting trade unionists on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. These events are sponsored by the Confederation of Cuban Workers. There will also be Interactive Sessions “Cuba in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Socialism, Politics and Economy” with the participation of distinguished Cuban specialists, that will be held before the Conference. To attend these additional activities please contact the Organizing Committee prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

CONFERENCE Registration fees: 150 CUC for presenters and attendees; student fee: 50 CUC. Cubans will pay their fees in Cuban pesos. All travel and accommodation arrangements, travel to and from the conference site, etc. are being handled by the conference official tour operator Alejandro Vasallo (Cubatur; e –mail: [eventos2@cbtevent.cbt.tur.cu](mailto:eventos2@cbtevent.cbt.tur.cu))

All requests for participation should be submitted via e-mail to the Organizing Committee as indicated below. Those interested in presenting papers should submit their abstracts **prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2008**. The maximum length of all papers should be 10 pages double spaced (8 x 10 format) with 12 point font (**maximum** characters 20,000 including spaces). Abstracts should be one page and **not exceed 2000 characters** and should be submitted either on a disk or via e-mail with Microsoft Word for Windows 95 or later versions. All papers that are submitted will be published in advance on the web pages of the conference (Cuba Siglo XXI and the Portal of Cuban Philosophy), with the exception of those who ask that their work not be published. Languages for the conference are Spanish, English and Portuguese.

Each presenter will have a maximum of 15 minutes for their presentation in order to provide the maximum time for discussions and debates. All those whose papers have been selected for presentation in the panels will be advised by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Those whose papers are not selected for presentation will have the option of presenting their written work in Poster (120 x 80 cm) presentations, coordinated in advance with the conference organizers

All information on the conference will be periodically updated on the Cuba Century XXI website ([www.nodo50.org/cubasigloXXI/](http://www.nodo50.org/cubasigloXXI/)) as well as the portal of Cuban Philosophy ([www.filosofia.cu](http://www.filosofia.cu)).

We will continue working for the strengthening of our unity and revolutionary action, which today is not only possible but imperative for the continued existence of the human species.

**Organizing Committee, Havana, Cuba. ([www.nodo50.org/cubasigloXXI/](http://www.nodo50.org/cubasigloXXI/))**

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