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Friday, September 18

Glendale Central Library: 222 E. Harvard St., Glendale, CA

Plenary Session: 8-10 p.m.

***Capitalism's Self-Inflicted Apocalypse* Michael Parenti**

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Saturday, September 19

**Glendale Community College: 1500 N. Verdugo Rd., Glendale, CA
Room SC 212**

Session One: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

The Socio-Economic Consequences of Free-Market Capitalism

Topic 1: *Neoliberal Ideology and Economic, Social, and Political Uncertainties*

Levon Chorbajian, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Topic 2: *Anti-Capitalist Intervention for Alternative Solutions: The Latin American Experience*

Khatchik Derghougassian, University of San Andres, Argentina

Session Two: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

***America Beyond Capitalism* Gar Alperovitz, University of Maryland**

Session Three: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

The Capitalist Crisis and the American Working Class

Topic 1: *The Case of Latin Immigrants and the Progressive Efforts Within the Immigrant Rights Movement*

Javier Rodriguez, March 25 Coalition

Topic 2: *The Socio-Economic Situation of the Armenian Working Class People in America*

Babken Der Grigorian, Armenian Youth Federation Member

Topic 3: *The Consequences of the Widening Socio-economic Gap in America (Issues of Race, Class and Gender Inequality in the U.S.)*

Jake Alimahomed-Wilson, California State University, Long Beach

Session Four: 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Armenia: Challenges Posed by Free-Market Economy

Topic 1: *How Has Armenia Attempted to Cope With the Transition to Neoliberal Capitalism?*

Ara Nranyan, National Assembly of RA

Topic 2: *Capitalism in Armenia: It doesn't Look Like the Picture on the Box*

Markar Melkonian, California State University, Northridge

Topic 3: *The Face of Poverty in Armenia: A Photographic Presentation*

Sara Anjargolian, Esq.

Closing: 4:45 - 5:00 p.m.