



Once the fifth largest city in the U.S., the manufacturing center of the country with a population of nearly 2 million, Detroit now has 700,000 people and vast tracts of uninhabited space. The crisis in the real economy that has been devastating Detroit for decades, has spread to the whole country in today's Great Recession, really a depression in employment.

The U.S. Social Forum was held in Detroit in 2010 because it is the epicenter of the current economic crisis with an official unemployment rate of nearly 30 percent. What can the history of Detroit, especially the revolutionary ideas and actions of its workers that in many commentaries have disappeared with its barren landscape teach today's anti-capitalist movement?

**Sharat G. Lin** and **Ron Kelch**, who both participated in the 2010 U.S. Social Forum, will present a photo essay, a commentary and a discussion of Detroit and its implications for the U.S.

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