

Internationalism Reading Group:
Philippine Society & Revolution and Selected Works by Jose Maria Sison
Metro D.C. Democratic Socialists of America
Fall 2025

Summary: Our Reading group will be reading *Philippine Society & Revolution* and selected works by Jose Maria Sison. Sponsored by the Internationalism Working Group of Metro DC DSA, the group will connect attendees to the work of our Philippines solidarity subcommittee along with our coalition partners from the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines (ICHRP).

Meetings will be held in-person over seven weeks plus an optional social event at the end of the course. We will meet at D.C. public libraries for discussion. No experience or knowledge level is required to join.

Readings: [*Philippine Society & Revolution*](#), *Selected Works by Jose Maria Sison* (See Links Below)

- New copies of PSR are available for \$20 (Contact 443-354-1716 to purchase)

Details: The group is organized through Metro DC DSA's Political Education Workgroup and welcomes members from outside of the organization. The group will meet on **Sundays from 1:30 pm ET to 3:00 pm ET** at various D.C. public libraries.

Structure: The group will have coordinators that take responsibility for administrative elements of the group.

Timeline and Location: The group is intended to start readings and discussion on **Sunday, September 14th, 2025**. The group will meet every week until **October 19th, 2025**, with meetings held in person at D.C. public library locations that will be provided by the facilitators.

Schedule (All Classes hosted on Sunday at 1:30 pm ET unless stated otherwise)

Session 1: Review of Philippine History (Part 1) - September 14th

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Conference Room 401-E

- I. The Philippines and the People
- II. The People Upon the Coming of the Spanish Colonialists
- III. Spanish Colonialism and Feudalism
- IV. The Philippine Revolution of 1896
- V. The Filipino-American War

Session 2: Review of Philippine History (Part 2) - September 28th

Shaw (Watha T. Daniel) Neighborhood Library - Conference Room 2

- VI. The Colonial Rule of U.S. Imperialism
- VII. The People's Struggle Against Japanese Imperialist
- VIII. The Present Public Republic of the Philippines
- IX. The Reestablishment of the Communist Party of the Philippines

Session 3: Basic Problems of the Filipino People - October 5th

*D.C. Library - **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Meeting Room 302-D***

- I. A Semi Colonial and Semi-Feudal Society
- II. US Imperialism
- III. Feudalism
- IV. Bureaucrat Capitalism

Session 4: The People's Democratic Revolution - October 12th

D.C. Library - TBD

- I. Basic Character of the Philippine Revolution
- II. Classes in Philippine Society
- III. Class Basis of Strategy and Tactics
- IV. Basic Tasks of the People's Democratic Revolution

Session 5: [Our Urgent Tasks](#) - October 19th

D.C. Library - TBD

1. Carry Forward the Anti-Fascist, Anti-Feudal and Anti-Imperialist Movement!
2. Further Strengthen the Party and Rectify our Errors!
3. Build the Revolutionary Mass Movement in the Countryside!
4. Further Strengthen the People's Army and Carry Forward the Revolutionary Armed Struggle!
5. Build the Revolutionary Mass Movement in the Cities!
6. Realize a Broad Anti-Fascist, Anti-Feudal and Anti-Imperialist United Front!
7. Relate the Philippine Revolution to the World Revolution!

Session 6: [The Philippine Revolution and the Nationality Question](#) - October 26th

D.C. Library - TBD

1. The Philippine Revolution of 1896 and Filipino Nationality
2. Filipino Nationality under US Imperialism
3. The New-Democratic Revolution and Filipino Nationality
4. The Right to Self Determination Among the Minorities
5. The People's Democratic State