

This text is our contribution to the discussion for the assembly "Let's join forces, war on their war!" which we joined and which will be held on June 11, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Milan, at the Auditorium Teresa Sarti Strada, Via Ca' Granda 19.

Defeatism and anti-militarism

Only possible class response to the war in Ukraine

We have been arguing this since Feb. 24, 2022, with respect to the ongoing war in the Ukrainian plains, occurs to take sides resolutely, without wavering or sophistical distinctions: *Against Russian imperialism, against U.S.-Europe-NATO imperialism, against Ukrainian capitalism. With the Ukrainian and Russian proletarians, against the prospect of inter-capitalist, world war, opened with the "proxy" war in Ukraine, against the barbarism of this present.*

Against Russian imperialism

Russia bears the "main responsibility" for the outbreak of the war, she chose to go directly to war operations at some point in the "confrontation - competition" with the U.S.-Europe and, on Ukrainian territory, at least since 2014 after Maidan Square, with the pro-Western sector of the local bourgeoisie.

Russia, *not only since February 24, 2022, has a reactionary role* against its own proletariat and the international proletariat, primarily from the former Soviet and Central Asian area. **It would suffice to record the repressive intervention of its army in Kazakhstan in early 2022 against the struggling proletariat.**

Russia is an accomplished capitalist country and an imperialist power, ruled by "right-wing" forces, intimately linked to the ultra-retrograde Orthodox patriarchate in Moscow and siding with the worst paraphernalia of international reaction, **competing and opposing with the Western bloc led by the US¹**. The political and military management of this contraposition to the Western "bloc" is structurally reactionary and anti-proletarian, with no trace of qually "objective anti-imperialism".²

The Russian proletariat has the sole function of serving as "cannon fodder" for this war, we here must support its defeatist initiatives and break with its own imperialism, its attempts to oppose the ongoing conflict.

Against the U.S.-Europe-NATO imperialist bloc

The US and, behind them with different degrees of divergent interests, **the various Western allies** (euro-

1 To the "nostalgic," the forgetful and the seekers of improbable "objective" *anti-imperialisms* of the Putin & co. clique, let us remind them that in Russia there is a very heavy capitalist exploitation of wage labor, a continuous immiseration contrasted with a swirling increase in wealth for a very small sector of the population. In the country there is a lack of the slightest political and trade union agility rules for the proletariat, police repression against the oppressed is the norm of daily life. The Russian dominant class, the state apparatuses, Putin & co.'s political organizations, are pervaded by positions and sentiments, as they used to say, "*big Russian chauvinists*," which the decades-long years of Stalinism and Khrushchevism have transmitted to this day. The co-named "*Communist*" Party of Russia currently is the second largest party in the Duma, after Putin's United Russia, also supports the reactionary war in Ukraine and calls for persecution of opponents to the war. If that were not enough, the Russians, with junction with the U.S., endorse Turkish military attacks on the Kurds in Rojava and Assad and Erdogan's ruthless repression of Kurds and Syrian refugees massed in tent cities on the borders between the two countries.

2 It should not be forgotten that Russian capitalism, until now, has done great business with Western capitalisms, but that a part of its bourgeoisie *still continues to do so*, despite sanctions, by sharing in the surplus profits generated by *futures* and sanctions enforcement measures on energy commodities (the price of which had been rising since before the war in Ukraine).

pei first) and NATO, present themselves as the advocates of freedom and democracy, defending Ukraine's right to exist, well helped by the moves of Putin, now presented with the role of "**enemy number 1.**"³

In reality, for some time now, "the U.S. and friends" have been **engaged in deep economic, political and military penetration** into the sort of "backyard" for the defunct Soviet state capitalism that was Eastern Europe.⁴ Enlargement that has always been experienced by Russian capitalism as "encirclement," gradually becoming more suffocating and threatening, and to which it had already responded **even militarily** with the interventions in Georgia (2008) and Crimea (2014); with support for the pro-Russian separatists in the Donbas (2014); with a renewed military presence in "hot" areas such as Syria, Libya, and the Sahel; as well as by eroding the Western monopoly of arms sales among NATO allies by placing its own S-400 missiles in Turkey.⁵

The U.S., European and NATO policy of "*encirclement*" of Russia⁶ and the Russian responses to it, **are both reactionary**, there is not one that is more "*serious*" than the other, *they should all be opposed, starting with that of "our" Italian imperialism.*

Against Ukrainian capitalism

The role of "**attacked,**" "**invaded,**" and/or "**aggressor,**" "**invader,**" **does** not in itself allow one to define the class nature of a state's politics. It is its mode of production, its politics and its choices that will show it to us.

The Zelensky regime is radically anti-proletarian. Like its predecessors, anti or pro-Russian, it has safeguarded the interests of the local bourgeoisie, fostered the penetration of Western finance and industry into the country, and contributed to the increased exploitation of the Ukrainian proletariat. Proletariat increasingly impoverished and forced in large numbers to emigrate; in its female component to make up as *caregivers*, underpaid and off the books, for the destruction of welfare in the West; in its male component to supply cheap labor to European construction sites.

By siding with the Western bloc, demanding entry into the EU and NATO, *Ukraine ended up being the classic crock pot between the two opposing blocs. The Ukrainian proletariat, all Ukrainians, were dragged into fighting a "proxy war," dying on the front lines or under bombing not for the freedom of Ukraine, but for the clash of economic and political interests between the two blocs.*

Not only that, **the Zelensky regime**, with the endorsement of Western governments, is using the war to compress workers' freedoms and labor-political rights to the maximum, to pursue with pro-

3 It is the "remake" of the film already seen with the two war expeditions in Iraq (1990-1991 and 2003-2011); with the aggression against Serbia (1999); with the war, the 20-year occupation and abandonment of Afghanistan (2001-2021); with the unsuccessful *Restore Hope* military expedition in Somalia (2003); with the dethronement of Ghedaffi in Libya (2011); ... the perennial "*comedy-tragedy*" of the "good guys"(!!) who, dispensing bombs left and right, announce the glad tidings of liberation from the enemy of the moment; not always "produced" by the UN, in any case long since reduced to a cover-up forum for its own nefarious deeds, to be used or discarded according to convenience. Lesson, let it be said incidentally, taken up by Russia, which from the U.S. "and friends" has learned not to call wars by their own name, but to use oxymorons such as "*humanitarian war,*" so it immediately baptized Russia's invasion with a "neutral" locution such as: "*special military operation.*"

4 NATO memberships, by date: 1949 Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Great Britain, U.S.; 1952 Greece, Turkey; 1955 Germany; 1982 Spain; 1999 Czechia, Hungary, Poland; 2004 Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia; 2009 Albania, Croatia; 2017 Montenegro; 2020 North Macedonia; 2022 Sweden and Finland applied for membership (by signing an agreement with Turkey to hand over Kurds they had taken as refugees: *Trilateral Memorandum*, 28-6-2022, https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_197342.htm?selectedLocale=en); pending remain the accession of Georgia and, of course, Ukraine.

5 The US, for this purchase, has "sanctioned" Turkey by excluding it from the already planned supply of F35 fighter jets. (Roberto Bongiorno, Turkey buys Russian missiles, US retaliation: halt to F-35 supplies, *Il Sole 24 Ore*, 3-4-2019, <https://www.ilssole24ore.com/art/la-turchia-compra-missili-russi-ritorsione-usa-alt-forniture-f-35--ABaX1HkB>)

6 Which cannot be fully understood in its concrete dynamics without also considering its contradictory elements, such as the non-complete accession of Germany and France, as well as the prolongation of the "*confrontation-competition*" on a global scale launched by the Biden administration against China.

"summary" cesses the oppositions (under the guise of "collusion" with the Russian enemy).⁷

From the beginning of the war, **Zelensky got rid of all "naive" forms of self-organization of resistance to the Russian invader, dismembering them and framing them within the ranks of the state military forces, dispersing the opponents and supporters of the "resistance to fight the Russian imperial- smo" into different wards and battlefronts.**

The Ukrainian proletariat has nothing to gain from participation in this war. We here must support its, the undoubtedly now limited, attempts at defeatism and desertion, at refusing subordination to the Sacred Union to drive out the invader.

Against the prospect of global inter-capitalist, global war opened with the "proxy" war in Ukraine

The war in Ukraine **is not a politically and geographically bounded conflict**; on the contrary, **it is a product of the "new world disorder"** and *marks the opening of the possibility that the current general crisis of capitalism will have as its epilogue a global inter-capitalist conflict, a World War III.*

The inter-capitalist balances have long been invested by a centrifugal thrust, generated by the course of its general crisis, which **has now irreversibly undermined** the old order that came out of the Yalta Accords in 1945, hinged on the U.S. as the fulcrum of the entire globe economy and as the main economic, political, and military power.

A direct competitor, *a pretender to the throne as humanity's No. 1 enemy*, with the political, economic and military power that was the U.S. is yet to be glimpsed. *But in Europe all the way to the farthest East via Africa, U.S. primacy is increasingly resented and increasingly questioned. "Multipolarity" is the current form by which the struggle, reactionary, inter-capitalist is expressed.*

With the disastrous retreat from Afghanistan, the end of U.S. dominance, which the U.S. does not want to give up *peacefully*, *has been sanctioned*, and the rupture of the pre-existing system of equilibrium is no longer recomposable. **The war in Ukraine is the first concrete expression of this process.**⁸

A process toward global war, but it has begun

A *process*, indeed, which therefore has its *accelerations* and *counter-trends*, and of which we are certainly not yet in a position to determine the "fateful X hour," *but whose manifestation must be grasped.*

If one does not want to do that, if one wants to claim that there is "one of many wars" in Ukraine, *but accept the fairy tale, that NATO and Italy itself are not involved in the ongoing war in Ukraine, that supplying weapons of all kinds and in quantities never seen in the last fifty years is not participating in the war, that sending drones from Sigonella to the Black Sea is not collaboration in the war.* But if we accept this, then we can also hold true that *the Russian invasion of Ukraine is only "a special military operation" against fascism and Nazism*, that the war will never leave the borders of the Ukrainian plains.

Today we do not know **how long it** may be until a World War III, but we cannot trust that this one will not occur because war production is well *inferent* than it was in World War II (true fact), *but war does not break out at the reasoning of either an absolute x amount of war material, or at a y percentage of production.*

⁷ News in Italian from time to time on the: Telegram Channel <https://t.me/matrioskainfo>; or Scaglione Fulvio, Lights and Shadows of the Zelens'kyj Leader, in Limes No. 10/2022 "All Another World"

⁸ On the topic of the "new world disorder" and *the path to World War III: meeting on 11-05-2022 [The New World Disorder. The war that is there and the war to come, with Sandro Moiso](#)* . (war in Ukraine); meeting on 3-3-2023 [Has the next World War come to the countdown? One year after the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine, we open a discussion to reason about the war advancing in the "new world disorder." With Sandro Moiso and Viscount Grisi](#)

ical warfare on total production.

Much less can we hope that the process will be blocked by economic interests, that multinational corporations will prevent the slide into an eventual global conflict so as not to lose their profits, that we are faced with a little theater whose strings are pulled by the war industry and that this possibility can interrupt the spiral toward global war at will.

Nor can it be forgotten that with "Strategic Conception 2022" NATO has identified Russia and China as the two enemies to be defeated, taking up particularly for the latter, the themes of "Democrat" Biden's election program. The war with Russia is ongoing in Ukraine, the possible war with China is heralded by the Taiwan issue, pulled out of the hat after three decades of hibernation.⁹

Meanwhile, *already now* NATO forces on the eastern front have quadrupled to 40,000 soldiers, and the rapid response force has been increased from 40,000 to 300,000, and the U.S. military presence in Europe has risen from 80,000 to 100,000 soldiers.¹⁰

There are those who argue that this is just vulgar propaganda; we think that it is instead the backbones on which the prospect of global war is being laid out and that the war in Ukraine is its first link. *Therefore, even more so, the only possible position with respect to the ongoing war can only be defeatism. Otherwise, willingly or unwillingly, we either stand by, or we schiera with one of the war fronts, helping to reinforce the premises of the framing of the pro - letariat in the future world war.*

The nuclear danger and the war in Ukraine

More and more "signs" are emerging from the current war that **we cannot rule out the possibility that the barbarity of the war waged by capitalism will not slide into nuclear war as well.** To deny it, because of the horror inherent in the thing itself, many cling to the idea that the international bourgeoisie would not be willing to take the risk of the elimination of the human species, of the nuclear holocaust. That is to say, *remaining with the main atomic device holders, should we trust the Biden, Putin, Sunak, Macron, Netanyahu or even the Xi Jinping, Modi?*

But already NATO's nuclear deterrence strategy alone, is conceived as an option of possible response, which the adversary must perceive as powerful, but whose actual scope it must not be able to com - take. *It contains in itself an alea, an implicit indeterminacy of the limit beyond which one cannot go, which is not fixed, but variable left to the situation.* Add to this, then, that with the "Strategic Concept 2010," NATO has eliminated the U.S. monopoly of the nuclear response, also involving some other countries in the alliance, including Italy, which hold atomic weapons and the launchers to launch them. So this exclusive monopoly is no more.

From Russia and the U.S. one increasingly hears the nuclear danger evoked as a possible result of an escalation of retaliation related to the war in Ukraine, undoubtedly buoy - na part of these statements may be propaganda; but ever since the time of the first occi - dental invasion of Iraq (1990) the use of tactical nuclear missiles is increasingly "cleared" and presented as a possibility *in fieri*, which should allow nuclear power to be kept at an "acceptable" (sic!, for whom?) level.¹¹

Today we do not know if and when nuclear devices could be used, but we know they could be! Capitalism has achieved for the first time in history the technical capacity to destroy the entire planet with nuclear war; *it is placing an aut aut aut not only on the proletariat,*

9 NATO 2022: Strategic Concept. https://www.nato.int/nato_static_files2014/assets/pdf/2022/6/pdf/290622-strategic-concept.pdf.

10 ISPI, A year of war in Ukraine: 12 charts to understand how the world has changed, 20-2-2023, www.ispionline.it/it/publicazione/un-anno-di-guerra-in-ucraina-12-grafici-per-capire-come-e-cambiato-il-mondo-116428

11 By way of example only: Royer Jean-Marc, Vers l'emploi de l'arme nucléaire en Europe ? Carnets de Guerre #4, Lundi Matin, 3-10-2022, <https://lundi.am/Vers-l-emploi-de-l-arme-nucleaire-en-Europe>; Fabio Mini, Europe at War, PaperFirst, 2023; Maz-zeo Antonio, Starting today in European skies NATO nuclear warfare air exercises, Foreign Pages, 17-10-2022, pagesest-ri.en/2022/10/17/first-plan-from-today-in-European-skies-air-exercises-of-NATO-nuclear-warfare/; Mussetti Mirko, Why a Russian missile became Ukrainian, Limes, no. 12, December 2022.

but to all mankind: the survival of the human species is closely linked to the elimination of capitalism as a (a)social system. One more argument in favor of defeatism from all policies of war, to be conducted jointly with Ukrainian and Russian proletarians, against the barbarism of this present.

The habituation to war

Given the above premises, it must be admitted that more than a year after the beginning of the war in Ukraine, in Italy, but also in the other countries of the U.S. bloc, Europe, NATO, even in those such as France, which have more social conflict than Italy, **there has not been the development of a mass mobilization against the war, let alone a stable, lasting, active movement.**

The explanation for the overall trade union and political backwardness of the proletariat is not re - conductible to a single cause, *but remaining in the specific field of war*, we can say that it is partly attributable to a long process of "habituation" to war itself, to which the masses in Western countries have been "trained" through the almost 30-year management of the "permanent war" waged in the peripheries, which began with the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

The war has always been made to live as "distant," a kind of video game from the evening news listened to distractedly during dinner, absolutely anesthetized by the materiality of the physical destruction and death, of the horror inherent in the barbarity of war, in the operations of "our" military. The small number of Western casualties, the absence of a daily media ritual of coffins returning from war wrapped in the national flag, helped make - re "credible" the deception that ... the war was not *there and that Italian imperialism did not participate in it, while the Italian armed forces are engaged in dozens of theaters, starting with Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq, Lebanon, etc..*

Language, too, has been bent to the needs of regime propaganda, with the rampant use of oxymorons and definitions, often invented by rulers of the institutional "left," such as former British prime minister Tony Blair or the oft-times French minister (with both the left and the right) Bernard Kouchner, such as *"humanitarian war," "peace mission," "police operation against terrorism" ... , aimed at making the word "war" disappear, with the ready help of the media all, on this chorally "embedded" without the need for the stick or the carrot.*

The **war** is thus made to "disappear," and no one now *seems to hardly notice the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, while everyone continues with the usual trance of daily life punctuated by work, study, vacations, turning their heads the other way.*

The war in Ukraine is not one of "many" wars

Even in the camp of what used to be called the "extra-parliamentary left" and in the ranks of grassroots trade unionism the habituation has taken root, since February 24, 2022 everyone has declared themselves against the war and there have been more initiatives, *but it has been one among many things for which one "must" mobilize, a "war like any other."* Even we are seeing conferences, coordinations, etc., addressing numerous issues of capitalist militarism, from the role of ENI to military servitudes, from the war industry to the presence of the military in schools, and so on, *but without taking sides and intervening preemptively on the war in Ukraine, without continuously linking these issues to the ongoing conflict.*

Thus, a "curious" paradox is realized, **Italy is in fact at war** (it provides weapons, *adde- strument and bases for activities related to war operations*), but anti-militarist intervention is focused on other issues, perhaps even calling for Italy's exit from NATO ... **while we are engaged in the conflict together with NATO**.¹²

¹² Of course, these are all issues that need to be addressed today, they should not be put aside, but they can only be subordinated to the

Let's take just one example, to try to make our point, May 1 in 2023 (let's not say 2022!) *should have been one year after the start of the war and Italy's participation in it* an at least national, **coordinated** deadline against the conflict in Ukraine (*illusion!*), in- ce at the political and trade union level each did its own initiative separately.

Of course everyone has put the denunciation of the war at the tail end of their communiqués, but it is "ritualistic," because they wearily continue with the usual grind, repeating like a mantra always the same things, the claims and slogans that have been hurled against militarism for years, *as if the Ukraine conflict did not represent a turning point in the breakdown of the balance of states and the evolution of the general crisis of capitalism and they did not have to come to terms with the novelty of the situation, of the process toward global war that has opened.*

This modus operandi also resulted in *a failure to provide solidarity and support for the* (undoubtedly minority) *Russian, Belarusian and Ukrainian forces opposed to the war.* With few exceptions, even the mere popularization of the existence of phenomena of opposition to the war, however pacifist and "inconsistent" from the point of view of class struggle they might have been, was mostly a monopoly of the regime media, which reported, however, only something of what was happening in Russia. *It should be remembered that "democratic" Eu- ropa does not grant political asylum to Ukrainians and Russians who refuse to fight in Ukraine.*¹³

We know very well that political problems are not solved on the basis of one's own wishes and wills, but in this situation the *effort, political and organizational, must be directed toward the regroup- ing and coordination of those opposed to the war in Ukraine, to try to succeed in stabilizing permanent forms of opposition to the war, first and foremost to the Italian government's belligerent policy (supported by the institutional opposition). And a classist anti-militarism can only be defeatist against all contenders in the war in Ukraine.*

Opposing the interventionism of Italian imperialism.

The Meloni government, in full agreement with predecessor Draghi, is *actively participating in the Ukrainian conflict, continuing to allocate billions of euros in funding, send weapons and instructors, and support NATO.* One of her goals is also to have Italian industries and banks participate as protagonists in the grand bargain of the *"reconstruction of Ukraine."* In addition, Meloni and her "Brother of Italy" defense minister Crosetto plan billions more increases in military spending, so as not to lose ground in the rearmament race to France, Germany and other competing powers; and to give orders to Leonardo, Fincantieri and the hundreds of industries linked to the national "military-industrial complex."

This warmongering policy costs and will always cost more; it weighs on the shoulders of the workers and produces poverty; it will lead to *"giving one's life for the homeland,"* the logical landing place of the government's *God Family Homeland*; it increasingly complicates, by turning them into war missions, the conduct of Italian "peace missions" in the most dangerous areas of the Euro-Mediterranean theater (Bosnia, Iraq, Lebanon), which is the vital zone of influence of Italo-imperialism and is inextricably linked to the events of the Ukrainian war.

war that is there, even if it doesn't look like it.

13 Alessandra Fabbretti, From Russian objectors appeal: "EU gives asylum to those who say 'no' to war," *Dire*, Dec. 14, 2022, <https://www.dire.it/14-12-2022/848939-dagli-obiettori-russi-lappello-lue-dia-lasilo-a-chi-dice-no-alla-guerra/>, *"In Ukraine, there are about 5,000 young Ukrainians who have declared themselves conscientious objectors and would like to perform civilian service as an alternative to serving in arms, but current martial law denies them this. Some of them are already facing criminal proceedings. According to the NGO Un Ponte per, there are 971 people indicted for choosing not to enlist and fight, based on Article 336 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code, which regulates military conscription."* from: *Protecting Defectors*, Atlas Wars, 12/27/2022. The article also for- nishes news about Russian and Belarusian deserters. <https://www.atlanteguerre.it/proteggere-i-disertori/> With all due respect for those who risk their lives, however, we must say that in a country at war to claim conscientious objection under the illusion that it can be accommodated means a total misunderstanding of the mechanisms and purposes of capitalist militarism.

"Anti-militarism," "internationalism." o ... participation in the war in Ukraine?

If the first problem we have is that of broadening opposition to the war, first of all breaking the mechanism of habituation, *the second is the "type" of positions that standards circulating.*

In the anti-war protests there are *both calls for peace based on a "humane, moral" rejection of war, and positions that nominally call for peace but simultaneously support in substance participation in the war by endorsing the sending of arms to Ukraine.* On the latter, *de facto warmongering* position has irreversibly sided with the entire European and international "institutional" left, whether in government or opposition, and which has long found in NATO "a protective umbrella"¹⁴ and the trade union world.

In this way in the "name of peace" the enlargement of war is prepared and the proletariat is framed to the logic of war, its necessity, its inevitability, to defend freedom and democracy. *In this way the "frontist" tradition that consigned the proletariat to slaughter in the first two world wars is resumed and adapted to "modernity," it is again reaffirmed that a prospect of social emancipation, of "communism" is unthinkable, percorri- bile.*

On this same kind of pro-war approach, **it is unfortunate to note**, a number of anarchist and socialist forces, especially from the Slavic area, have ended up converging, making the choice to participate and fight in the war in Ukraine against the Russians. They have come to the choice of "armed resistance" *both by supporting Ukraine's right to defense and self-determination and by arguing that the main enemy to be beaten is Russian "imperialism," whose defeat in the field would bring down the main reactionary force.* Many of them think that by participating in the bellio- operations they will have greater credibility among the Ukrainian population and a chance to play in the postwar period.

All proponents of these theses who participate in the fighting must do so framed in the various Ukrainian military and logistical forces, today there is no independent military structure of the "armed resistance," and scrolling through the news published by these forces, several have fallen in battle.

We do not intend here to go into the point-by-point merits of these positions; those who are interested can read a very interesting paper by a group of anarchists in the Czech Republic, "*Anarchist Antimilitarism and Myths about the War in Ukraine*"¹⁵; *let us only emphasize that these positions help to frame the proletariat in the war fronts, to deprive it of any attempt at class autonomy, and are somewhat specular to those who believe that Russia should be supported (sic!), because this would weaken Western imperialism, USA first (sic!).* Those who want to know them can find some indications in this note.¹⁶

We think, on the contrary, that a key political task today in the fight against the war in Ukraine is to **block Western arms supplies**, *thus counteracting the policy of continuing and widening the war, the increasing danger of it slipping further and further towards a global inter-capitalist conflict.* Beware this claim **must be closely linked to defeatism against all contenders in the conflict**, because this claim is also being advanced by forces that support the Russians in the conflict and masquerade it as a break with the politics of the Italian government!

14 Expression coined in 1976 by Enrico Berlinguer, secretary of the PCI, in the process of the party's shift from political subordination to Russian state capitalism to subordination to Italian and Western liberal capitalism.

15 Translated into Italian by "Gli amici della guerra di classe" you can find it here <https://www.autistici.org/tridnivalka/guerra-di-class-le-posizioni-programmatiche/>, recently "Il Pungolo Rosso" also published it on its site here <https://pungolorosso.wordpress.com/2023/05/24/lantimilitarismo-anarchico-e-i-miti-sulla-guerra-in-ucraina/>

16 <https://www.facebook.com/sinistraperlucraina>, <https://t.me/matrioskainfo>, <https://t.me/quisiamoinguerra> in Italian, <https://lundi.am/UKRAINE-ces-anarchistes-s-organisent-face-a-la-guerre> in French

We would like to reiterate that **defeatism** is neither an abstract claim nor a goal that can be re- vindicated only in the midst of a war, as was concretely the case in Russia in 1917. The defeatist perspective, the class autonomy of the proletariat from the war fronts, must be reco- structed from today, agitated, explained, made comprehensible. The proletariat, the broader masses, have been "adde - strated" for more than a century to policies of war participation, frontism, national defense. The rupture of the sacred union of war, or the illusion of military but not political alliance, van- no prepared first.

In conclusion, the broadest effort is needed for us today to place class opposition to the war in Ukraine at the center of the political struggle, to affirm proletarian internationalism against all nationalism, to build a network of international relations with all forces fighting against the war, especially Russian and Ukrainian, to arouse among the la- vorators and youth strikes, demonstrations and actions to demand the imme- diate cessation of war actions, to compel Russia to renounce the invasion, Ukraine to cease conducting the "proxy war," and the U.S., European, and NATO blocs to cease for- ing weapons and prolonging the conflict, with the goal of ending the massacre of Russian and Ukrainian proletarians and youth, and to oppose the warmongering policy of the Italian state.

It is necessary to multiply initiatives, from conferences to demonstrations, for the affirmation of a defeatist position and to make it clear that in current events the possibility of a Third World War has opened up. It is necessary to link social and labor struggles also to that - horizon of war and catastrophe that threatens the existence of the human species itself.

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