

. Politics and the State
Fri-Sun 6-8th September 2013
At RMT Education Centre, Doncaster



Weekend school. Special fee, including accommodation (B&B, en suite, all meals and sessions): **only £95.00** (grant-aided by RWF). Deposit £30
Key-note Lecture 'Politics and the State' on the Friday evening by **Roger Seifert**, Professor of Industrial Relations and Human Resources Management; adviser and consultant to large private and public companies, trades unions and government departments; visiting professor in Malawi, Zimbabwe and China.
Facilitator for the weekend and the discussion sessions: **Tony Dennis**, former WEA, OU and Luton University teacher.
Discussion sessions on themes, as below, on Saturday 7th September (4 sessions, with one session free-time) and Sunday morning (1 session).
The dominant power relations in the modern world may be more complex and sophisticated than before, but remain largely unchanged for over a century. In the UK our lives, individually and collectively, are still dominated by class relations with the majority of workers denied access to a full social and economic life through the control over major decisions by a relatively small minority. The ruling political class have narrowed the area of policy debate, protect their own interests wrapped up in the national interest, and hold on to state power through a combination of divide and rule and suppression of their opponents at home and abroad.

We need, therefore, to explore the constantly changing dialectic as between class, party, and the state; and further explore how ideologies become dominant through control over knowledge in education, the media, and wider social networks. Power, its use and abuse, therefore remains the main element in any struggle for real alternatives.

Time-table: Friday, arrive for registration, 17.00hrs on. School starts with dinner at 18.30 followed by the Key- Note lecture.

Sunday, School finishes with coffee at 11.00hrs, depart for home 11.30hrs.

Full programme will be sent to all who book.

Payable by PayPal below or by post using this [application form](#). Any queries or further information, email ria@rwcollege.org.uk

The course will run at the

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