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# Robert Fitch Memorial Lecture

Monday, March 18, 2024

1:00 - 2:00pm

LaGuardia Community College  
31-10 Thomson Ave, Queens, NY 11101

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## 13th Annual Robert Fitch Memorial Lecture with Robin D. G. Kelley

Dr. Kelley's talk is "Working Class Democracy and the Question of Palestine"

By Karen Miller

Kelley Fitch Lecture in person at LaGuardia CC

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## About this event

 1 hour

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"Working Class Democracy and the Question of Palestine"

Recently, the UAW made history by becoming the largest union in the country to call for a ceasefire in Gaza, and yet Shawn Fein's endorsement of President Biden has disaffected a significant segment of its rank-and-file, especially auto workers in Michigan, which has a substantial Arab-American working class along with Black and other workers opposed to U.S. policy toward Israel. The divide, Robin D. G. Kelley argues, reflects a longstanding problem that Bob Fitch identified when he argued that the labor Left should focus less on "union democracy" and instead fight for "working class democracy"—that is to say, "creating a system of representation that offers workers a choice of political ends" and "that promotes solidarity." Since at least 1967, the question of Palestine has divided organized labor, especially between leadership and the rank-and-file, but only the former has the power to set labor's international political agenda. As a consequence, union leadership has essentially foreclosed avenues of solidarity with Palestinian workers, despite pressure from

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