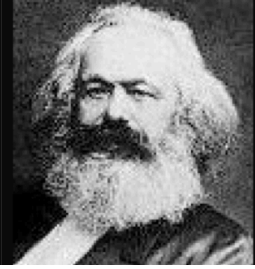


# The Institute for the Critical Study of Society at the Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library



**Sunday Morning at the Marxist Library**  
**May 18, 2014 - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

## **Consensus and Conflict** **Iraq and Ukraine as Examples of Capitalist** **Class Neoliberal Geopolitical Grand Strategy**

Much of U.S. foreign policy is based upon two grand strategic conceptions developed behind the scenes by key capitalist class institutions, especially Wall Street's think tank, the Council on Foreign Relations. These two conceptions are free market capitalist fundamentalism, often called "neoliberalism" and geopolitics, global power politics. This talk will focus on how the capitalist class and its professional class allies have applied these two concepts to their foreign policy toward Iraq in 2003 and Ukraine in 2014. The differences and similarities between these two examples will help deepen our understanding of how and why U.S. foreign policy is what it is today. Speaker will be **Dr. Laurence H. Shoup**, author of the forthcoming book from Monthly Review Press: *Wall Street's Think Tank: The Council on Foreign Relations and the Empire of Neoliberal Geopolitics 1976-2014*

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