

BOOK REVIEW

Che Guevara on Economics and Politics in the Transition to Socialism

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Che felt that it was essential for working people to win state power “Then there's the second stage, maybe more difficult than the first” - the transition from dog-eat-dog capitalism to socialism. That includes moving from work as a compulsory condition of survival, to voluntary social labor through which we express our common humanity.

In the footsteps of Marx and Lenin, Che's efforts to lay the economic foundations of this historic transformation were hammered out in revolutionary struggle. They chart a road for working people everywhere to join in the fight for a socialist world. And, above all, to transform ourselves in the process.

Critique: This trade paperback (8.5 x 5.5 x 1 inches, 1.05) edition of Carlos Tablada's “Che Guevara on Economics and Politics in the Transition to Socialism” from Pathfinder Press is a seminal and unreservedly recommended contribution to personal, professional, community, and college/university library 20th Century Communism, Socialism, and Political Science history/biography collections and supplemental curriculum studies lists.

Editorial Note: Carlos Tablada has worked as a researcher for the Havana-based Center for the Study of the World Economy, taught at the University of Havana, and worked as an economic director of Cuban state enterprises. In 1987 he received the Ernesto Che Guevara Special Award for the book published in English under the title “Che Guevara: Economics and Politics in the Transition to Socialism” (1989). His work with Pathfinder Press on this new edition has produced the most accessible presentation of Che's views on these questions.