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THE STRUGGLE AGAINST BOLSONARO AND THE RIGHT INTERNATIONALLY

FIGHT FOR A SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!



The victory of Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil's second round presidential election by a 10% margin over the Workers' Party (PT) candidate Fernando Haddad, represents a setback for the Brazilian working class and opens a new chapter in Brazil. It will also embolden the far right in other Latin American countries.

Bolsonaro is a far-right populist from a military background. He has defended the former military regime, defended the use of torture, and adopted an anti-poor, racist, misogynist and homophobic stance both during the election campaign and before it.

At his last election rally he spoke of the need to "eliminate the opposition and socialism and communism".

'Third round'

Brazil's outgoing billionaire, neoliberal president Michel Temer (who in 2016 ousted former PT president Dilma Rousseff in a parliamentary coup), following Bolsonaro's victory is now reintroducing his previously defeated attack on pensions. This and other anti-working class measures will give the left the opportunity to begin to build a fighting socialist alternative.

Brazil's 'third round' will be fought on the streets. The workers and left organisations need to be drawn together to begin a fightback. This means defending democratic rights and repelling all attacks on working people and the oppressed. The need, in the short term, to form self-defence committees against threats and attacks from the far right is urgent. Students and workers organised in 'Liberty, Socialism and Revolution (LSR, with which Socialist Students has links) is fighting now to build the resistance to Bolsonaro and to fight for a more powerful socialist alternative.

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What does the rise of Bolsonaro and Trump mean? How can students best get organised to fight against the rise of the far right threat? How do we fight against the growth of far right and racist organisations here in Britain? Come along to our meeting to discuss these questions and more.

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