



SPECIAL END OF THE SEMESTER EVENT

On the weekend immediately following the end of classes – Friday evening, May 9 to Sunday afternoon, May 11 – I will be organizing a special mini-conference on “Envisioning Real Utopias” in conjunction with the graduate seminar I am teaching this semester. A group of five or six students from Argentina who are participating in this seminar via a video-conference will also attend along with (possibly) a number of sociology students from the University of California in Berkeley and from the University of Minnesota. At this mini-conference students in the seminar will present their papers on case studies of real utopias. There will also be at least one session that will be an open-ended discussion of the problem of envisioning a world beyond capitalism. The conference is being held at Upham Woods, a beautiful University of Wisconsin facility on the Wisconsin River about an hour north of Madison. In addition to discussions, the weekend will involve canoeing on the river and a rousing party on Saturday night. People interested in attending the conference but not presenting papers are also welcome.