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Prof. Vijay Prashad is an Indian historian and journalist. He is the Executive Director of Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research. Prof. Prashad is the author of thirty books, including *Washington Bullets*, *Red Star Over the Third World*, *The Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World* and *The Poorer Nations: A Possible History of the Global South*. He was the George and Martha Kellner Chair in South Asian History and Professor of International Studies at Trinity College. He was a senior non-resident fellow at Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China.

Prof. Prashad's *Washington Bullets* is written in the best traditions of Marxist journalism and history-writing. It is a book of fluent and readable stories, full of detail about US imperialism, but never letting the minutiae obscure the larger political point. *Red Star Over the Third World* is an inspiring reminder of the great strength of twentieth century Communism in the Global South. The book explains the ideological power of the October Revolution in the Global South. From Ho Chi Minh to Fidel Castro, to reflections on polycentric Communism and collective memories of Communism, it shows how, for a brief moment, another world was possible. His book *The Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World*, was chosen as the Best Non-Fiction of 2008 by the Asian American Writers' Workshop and won the 2009 Muzaffar Ahmad Book Prize. This book is a paradigm-shifting history of both a utopian concept and global movement - the idea of the Third World. *The Darker Nations* traces the intellectual origins and the political history of the attempt to knit together the world's impoverished countries in opposition to the United States and Soviet spheres of influence in the decades following World War II, as nation after nation across Asia, Africa and South America gained political independence from colonial rule.

Prof. Prashad is the Chief Correspondent for *Globetrotter* and a Columnist for *Frontline* (India). He is the Chief Editor of *LeftWord Books* (New Delhi). He has appeared in two films - *Shadow World* (2016) and *Two Meetings* (2017).

His books include:

1. *Washington Bullets: A History of the CIA, Coups, and Assassinations* (New Delhi: LeftWord Books, 2020)
2. *Red Star Over the Third World* (London: Pluto Press, 2019)
3. *The Death of the Nation and the Future of the Arab Revolution* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2016 and New Delhi: LeftWord Books, 2016).
4. *No Free Left: The Futures of Indian Communism* (New Delhi: LeftWord Books, 2015).
5. *The Poorer Nations: A Possible History of the Global South*, preface by former UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali (London: Verso and New Delhi: LeftWord Books, 2013).
6. *Uncle Swami: Being South Asian in America* (New York: New Press and New Delhi: HarperCollins, 2013).

7. *Arab Spring, Libyan Winter* (Baltimore: AK Press and New Delhi: LeftWord Books, 2012).
8. *The Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World*, preface by Howard Zinn (New York: New Press and New Delhi: LeftWord, 2007).
9. *Everybody Was Kung Fu Fighting: Afro-Asian Connections and the Myth of Cultural Purity* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2001).
10. *Karma of Brown Folk* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2000).
11. *Untouchable Freedom: The Social History of a Dalit Community* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999).

His edited volumes include:

1. *Land of Blue Helmets: the United Nations in the Arab World*, co-edited with Karim Makdisi (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2016).
2. *Communist Histories*, volume 1 (New Delhi: LeftWord books, 2016).
3. *Letters to Palestine: Writers Respond to War and Occupation* (London: Verso, 2015).
4. *Dispatches from the Arab Revolt*, co-edited with Paul Amar (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press and New Delhi: LeftWord Books, 2013).
5. *Dispatches from Pakistan*, co-edited with Qalandar Memon and Madiha R. Tahir (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota and New Delhi: LeftWord Books, 2012).
6. *Dispatches from Latin America*, co-edited with Teo Ballve (Boston: South End Press and New Delhi: LeftWord Books, 2006).