For many, the battle between “capitalism” and “socialism” — much less communism — has been fought and won. The collectivist societies of Bolshevik Russia, China and Cuba rose and swiftly collapsed while market-friendly countries across the world prospered. Countries with private property rights, lower taxes, less regulation and a fair rule of law defeated those with more centralized economies. Generally speaking, the world has moved toward freedom.

But today, there’s been a surge of affection for “socialism” — or at least “democratic socialism.” But how do we define these terms? Where did these ideas come from? And is the likely end result what people really want?

Dr. Paul Kengor, a historian and professor of political science, will talk about the forgotten history and legacy of communism and socialism and their effect on society and political conversations today.

Event is free for attendees who RSVP. Registration is required by Oct. 3. Please register online at mackinac.org/events, email events@mackinac.org or call 989-698-1905.