



WARS, ELECTIONS, AND THE ECONOMY EMPIRE AT THE CROSSROADS

San Diego City College October 11, 2008

PROGRAM

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Plenary 1) - 12:30 PM

ROXANNE DUNBAR-ORTIZ - "War, Empire and Everyday Life" Room A-213

MARJORIE COHN - "Afghanistan" Room A-213

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Plenary 2) - 4:00 PM

MIKE DAVIS - "The Elections" Room A-213

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

MARTIN EDER - "War, Racism and Immigrant's Rights" Room A-213

RICK GREENBLAT - "Is There a Future for the Antiwar Movement?" Room A-213

RICH GIBSON - "Political Economy" Room A-213

WORKSHOPS

2:00 PM ROOM A216

The Network of Spiritual Progressives, San Diego

A New Global Marshall Plan: Generosity Beats Domination for Homeland Security

This is a proposal to end war and promote world peace by donating 1% of our GDP (along with other G8 countries) for the next 20 years to end global and domestic poverty, homelessness, hunger, inadequate education and health care, and repair the world's environment. This is now HR 1078.

2:00 PM ROOM A215

San Diego Veterans for Peace

Waging Peace

An overview of active nonviolence. As opposed to simply focusing on anti-war protest, active nonviolence is a set of strategies and methods focused on creating social change. This overview also partly introduces a longer training seminar that is scheduled in San Diego February 5-8, 2009.

2:00 PM ROOM A213

National Lawyers Guild

Guantanamo

Program will discuss experience of attorneys in representing Guantanamo detainees and provide an update of the numerous legal issues involved, including several Supreme Court decisions, how the "military tribunals" are kangaroo courts and how lawyers (both military and civilian) are responding to the injustices in this system

2:00 PM A214

Education not Arms coalition

2:00 PM ROOM A217

MECIC

A panel that presents an integrated view of a region under attack--that Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Palestine are all victims of an integrated imperial strategy, that failure of the anti-war movement to link them all together has allowed people like Obama to pose as anti-war by claiming to be against war in Iraq while promoting war elsewhere, and that a truly alternative view must be based on a commitment to self-determination and justice region-wide.

3:00 PM ROOM A213

International Socialist Organization

War, empire, and the economy

How did history, politics and economics come together to create the financial meltdown? How is the crisis likely to affect our lives, now and in the future? What are the connections between the wars and the economy? What does this all mean for political organizing?

3:00 PM A215

Rouge Forum

Why have school? Cutting the School to War pipeline.

This interactive session led by Rich Gibson, emeritus professor San Diego State and two San Diego k12 teachers, all members of the Rouge Forum (www.rougeforum.org) will ask participants to anticipate the questions below in considering the possibility of a Schools-to-War Pipeline and what to do about it. The session links theory to practice, demonstrating that one is lifeless without the other.

*Why Have School?

*What are the Key Things Happening in Schools Today?

*What are the Key Things Happening in Society?

*From This Analysis, What Shall We Do and Think?

3:00 PM ROOM A214

Military Counseling Project

The Military Counseling Project will workshop will discuss how the peace movement, in San Diego and nationally, can support the development of a "GI Movement" in today's military: some comparison of today to Vietnam times, how we talk to and about active duty people, and what activism aimed at the military might look like.

3:00 PM ROOM A217

Alternate Focus

Alternate Focus produces and broadcasts Middle East related half hour weekly videos on cable and satellite nationwide, and post shows on the internet where hundreds of thousands of viewers "hit" our documentaries. Learn how to shoot and edit video, do proper interviews, broadcast on local and national cable stations, satellite stations, produce DVDs for distribution to schools and libraries. Expand activism by using the video revolution.

3:00 PM ROOM A216

Communities of Conscience/Faith Leaders for Peace

A moral challenge: Faith leaders in the age of the Bush doctrine

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