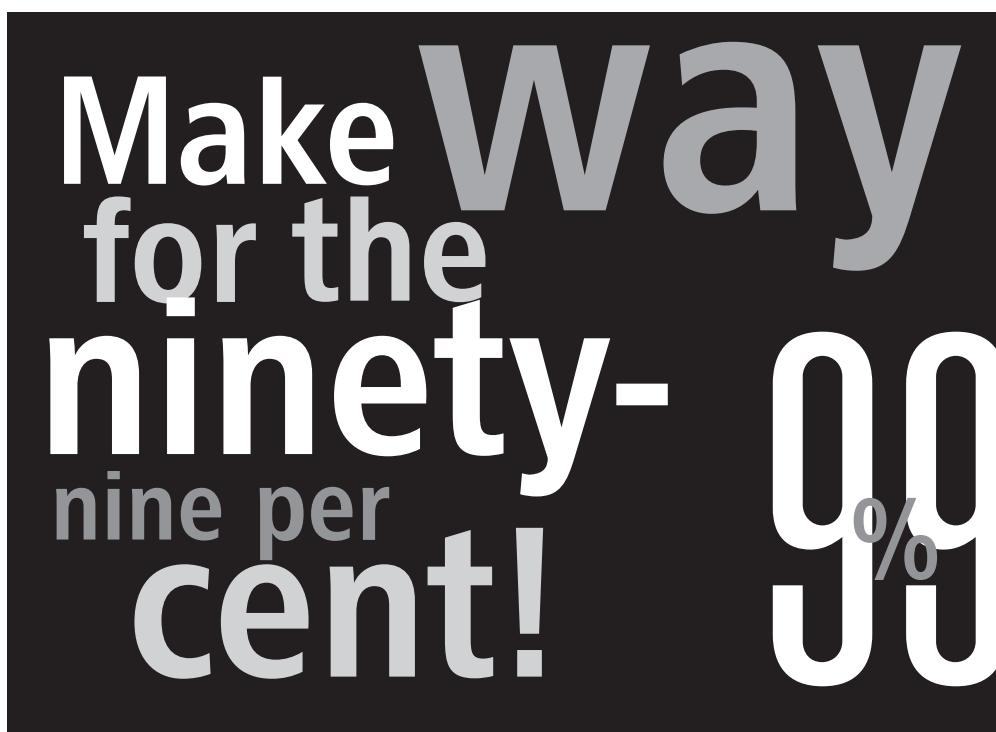




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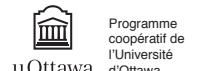
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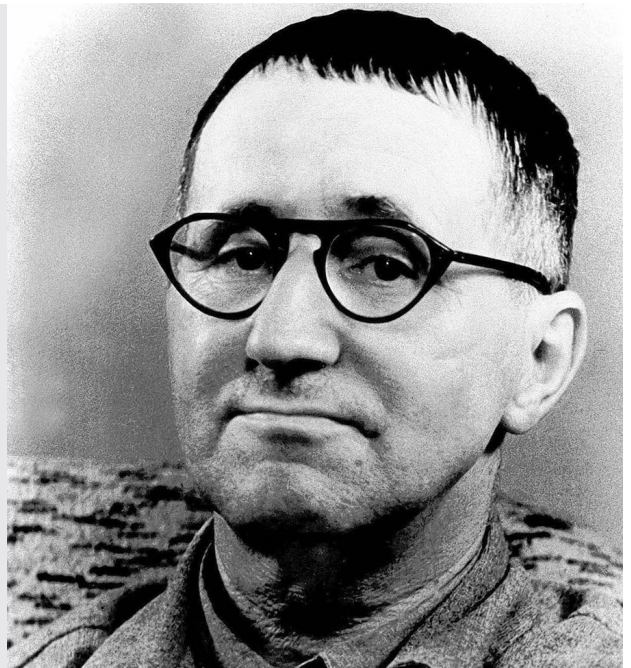
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Why the emancipation zone?

*Who's to blame if oppression remains? We are.
Who can break its thrall? We can.
Whoever has been beaten down must rise to their feet!
Whoever is lost must fight back!
Whoever has recognized their condition – how can anyone stop them?
Because the vanquished of today will be tomorrow's victors
And never will become: already today!*

Bertolt Brecht



Our planet is facing immense dangers arising from a 'crisis of crises' (political, economic, social, environmental) and at the same time, new transformational and internationalist perspectives are emerging which allow us to look and reach towards a better world, one which is both possible and necessary.

The ball is in our court!

Emancipation is the name of a program taking place at the World Social Forum (WSF) in Montreal in August



We want to address the richness and complexity of the process of emancipation. We need to put complacency behind us and move on to analyse the power machinations of the 1%. We want to go beyond the surface to consider the underlying causes of exploitation, domination and exclusion. We intend to get at the roots of the system characterised by accumulation for accumulation's sake and acquisitive individualism. From there we will proceed to the other side of the barricades in order to ponder the strategies and struggles for resistance and emancipation that are being waged by social movements around the world.

At the same time, we are going to dream, celebrate, imagine, and open ourselves up to the rich contributions of peoples and movements across the world.

Throughout this three-day program we will draw on lessons of the past to better grasp current debates. And we gain insight from the young and the young-at-heart who are involved in popular struggles in Québec, Canada, the USA, Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe.

We will be able to tap into a huge reservoir of projects, approaches, new ideas and tools that can help us advance, organize, resist and work to WIN.

Agenda Overview

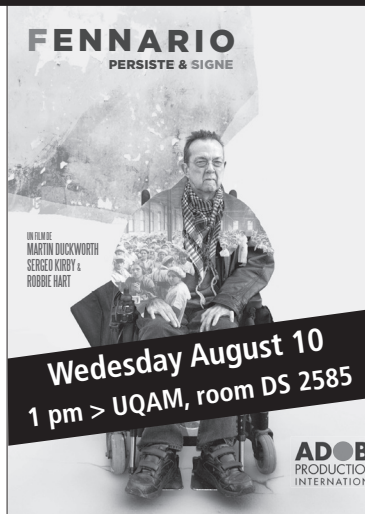
Wednesday, August 10

9:00 - 11:30 am

- The worst-kept secrets of the 1% (UQAM, DS-2585)
- A tattered democracy (UQAM, DS-3375)
- Popular movements and transformation (UQAM, R-M120)
- The USA post-Bernie (UQAM, DS-4375)
- The European left after Brexit (UQAM, DS-2520)

1:00 - 3:30 pm

- Quebec 1837-38: the republican moment (UQAM, DS-3375)
- The communist hypothesis (UQAM, R-M120)
- Alternatives to extractivism (UQAM, SH-3220)
- Art and resistance with David Fennario (UQAM, DS-2585)
- Challenging the structures of white supremacy (UQAM, DS-4375)



6:00 pm

CONFERENCE

- Syria caught in a vise (Concordia University, 1455 Maisonneuve W, Hall Building, H110)

Thursday, August 11

- Imperialism and colonialism, made in Canada (UQAM, DS-3375)
- On the left, a new Quebec-Canada dialogue (UQAM, R-M120)
- Occupy the imagination (UQAM, DS-2520)
- Struggles against exclusion and racism (UQAM, DS-2585)

- Class struggles made in the USA (UQAM, DS-4375)
- Against poverty and hunger (UQAM, DS-2585)
- Fighting trash radio and right-wing populism (UQAM, DS-2520)
- Social and political transformation (UQAM, R-M120)
- On the history of the popular movement in Quebec (UQAM, DS-3375)

4:00 - 5:30 pm

- Popular movements confronting the state: How to resist it? How to transform it? How to go beyond it? (UQAM, R-M120)

Friday, August 12

- Endless war (McGill University 1001, Sherbrooke west, Bronfman Building, room 151)
- Of course we revolt: liberation struggles from yesterday to today (UQAM, DS-3375)
- Ecological crisis: the future and/is now (UQAM, DS-4375)
- From one hot spring to the other (1972-2012) (UQAM, DS-2585)
- Challenges facing the left in Latin America (part 1) (UQAM, R-M120)
- Taking on cities in Quebec (UQAM, SH-3340)
- Decolonizing knowledge (UQAM, DS-2520)

- Challenges facing the left in Latin America 2 (UQAM, R-M120)
- Production and the Commons (UQAM, DS-M560)
- Meeting the immigration challenges (Cégep Vieux-Montréal, 255 Ontario E, room 462)
- Are states, rights and democracy reconcilable? (UQAM, DS-4375)

4:00 - 5:30 pm

- Convergences: The movement is popular, the struggle is political (UQAM, R-M120)

7:00 pm



DSpavillon J.-A.-De-Sève
Rpavillon Sciences de la gestion, 315 Ste-Catherine East (M: métro level)
SHpavillon Sherbrooke, 200 Sherbrooke St. West

Detailed Program

Wednesday, August 10

THE WORST-KEPT SECRETS OF THE 1%

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-2585

Since 2008, the neoliberal restructuring has continued apace: financialization, privatization, and reduction in services, all in the name of needed "austerity." In addition to its impact on the popular classes, this process alters the power structure through centralization, infringement of rights and repression in the name of "re-engineering" the state and "new public management." Beyond its seemingly irrational features, this approach consolidates class rule. How to develop strategies of resistance?

With Philippe Hurteau (IRIS), Dominique Plihon (Attac-France), Ghislaine Raymond (NCS)

A TATTERED DEMOCRACY

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-3375

What remains of the "people" when new entities ("isolated individual," "tribes," "cultural communities," "civil society," "tax-paying citizens," etc.) seem to take their place? Are the authoritarian abuses putting the finishing touches to a biopolitics regulated by the extensive use of surveillance techniques? How should we think of democracy today: as "radical," "insurgent," "participative," "direct," "citizen," "neighborhood," etc.?

With Fabien Torres (Cégep Lionel-Groulx), Jean-Pascal Laurin (Cégep Édouard-Montpetit), Manon Massé (Québec Solidaire Member of the National Assembly), Stéphane Chalifour (Cégep Lionel-Groulx), Paul Cliche (author), Judith Trudeau (Cégep Lionel-Groulx)

POPULAR MOVEMENTS CENTRAL TO THE TRANSFORMATION

Workshop organized by the NCS and Transform!

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, R-M120

Over and above our defensive struggles, what kind of society do we want? How can we build social relations with the leverage to achieve our goals? What are the alliances that could build a real counter-power? How can we inform our radical action with strategic thinking? The organizations fighting for social and ecological justice are more than ever before the pillars of a resistant civil society. They are central to the social and political processes, striving to build alternatives by using new methodologies. They build decentralized networks, produce new knowledges that combine theory and practice. They strive to find new roads to convergence, using tools that can reflect the intersectionality of struggles. But movements are assaulted daily by the state bent on rolling back legitimate demands for implementation of social rights, and breaking the autonomy of the popular organizations, transforming them subcontractors in poverty management.

With Marie-José Corriveau (FRAPRU), Annie Pourre (No Vox, France), Walda Katz-Fishman (U.S. Social Forum), Denise Jourdain (activist in the Innu community of Uashat mak Mani-Utenam).

THE UNITED STATES POST-BERNIE

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-4375

Bernie Sanders' campaign was a breath of fresh air in a political landscape dislocated by the inability of the Obama administration to leave the beaten track of eight years in either domestic social issues or foreign policy. The rise of right-wing populism with fascist and racist overtones appears to have attracted the attention of a large part of the lower and middle classes. What are the options for U.S. progressives not only in view of next October's presidential election but in the medium and long term? Is a progressive convergence possible?

With Bhaskar Sunkara (Jacobin), Immanuel Wallerstein (Yale University), Rose M. Brewer (University of Minnesota), Donald Cuccioletta (NCS)

THE EUROPEAN LEFT AFTER BREXIT

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-2520

The European Union, this fortress of neoliberalism, is shattered by Brexit, but moreover, by massive rejection and malcontents by the peoples throughout the continent. At this moment, a lot of this anger is captured by the right and even the ultra-right. The left is re-examining its options: opposing the EU head on? Fighting to reform it?

With Cédric Durand, professor of economics (University of Paris) and member of the Parti de gauche (France)

QUEBEC 1837-1838: THE REPUBLICAN MOMENT

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, DS-3375

With Louis-Joseph Papineau and Robert Nelson, the Patriots' Party was an unprecedented coalition of peasants, urban inhabitants and enlightened members of the élite in shared pursuit of the republican ideal. Their 1838 declaration of independence called for separation of church and state, equal rights for Whites and Aboriginals, abolition of the seigneurial regime, freedom of the press and equality of the French and English languages.

With Gilles Laporte (Cégep du Vieux-Montréal), Jean-Claude Germain (writer), Danic Parenteau (Royal Military College), Julien Vadeboncoeur (Kiuna College), Claire Portelance (Cégep Lionel-Groulx)

THE COMMUNIST HYPOTHESIS

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, R-M120

Our ancestors long fought for the "commons": a heritage, an environment and rights belonging to all. This struggle was useful in imagining a world of prevailing cooperation and solidarity. Today the word "communism" is more evocative of totalitarian regimes, but what has happened to the struggle for the commons? Beyond capitalism and its insatiable thirst to accumulate, what are the contours of a post-capitalist society that would meet the expectations of the communities?

With Jodi Dean (Hobart and William Smith Colleges, U.S.), Simon Tremblay-Pepin (Université Saint-Paul, Ottawa), René Charest (NCS)

ALTERNATIVES TO EXTRACTIVISM

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, SH-3220

The progressive governments that have held political power in Latin America in recent years have soon been caught in a contradiction. In continuity with the worker, peasant and indigenous movements that elected them they have had to integrate environmental considerations in their strategies while financing social programs through income from exploitation of natural resources. Can extractivism be a genuine tool for development or is this an illusion? How can the interests of indigenous and peasant communities be reconciled with those of other popular layers? What are the alternatives?

With Pablo Solon (Fundación Solón)

DAVID FENNARIO "THE GOOD FIGHT"

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, DS-2585

David Fennario is one of Canada's great playwrights who has never stopped fighting for the causes he believes in. His plays say as much about social injustice and English-French relations in Montreal, as they do about working class values and progressive causes. The documentary is about him and his work.

CHALLENGING THE STRUCTURES OF WHITE SUPREMACY

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, DS-4375

The institutions of white supremacy have to be confronted and challenged as the basis upon which AFRICAN and people of African descent can reclaim non-discrimination with its corollary equality. Centuries of enslavement, slave labour, racial exploitation, colonisation, and the continued domination of transnational corporations and finance capital represented by 'globalisation', including racial profiling that is becoming a permanent feature of immigration law and praxis, are all factors that have contributed to the dehumanisation of people of African descent. The UN Decade on the People of African Descent, which started January 1st, 2015 and ends December 31st, 2024, provides an opportunity to focus attention on the international and national/domestic structures of racial racism, to develop strategies for mobilisation for reparations, decoloniality of power and knowledge, decolonization and other forms of social justice.

With Mireille Fanon-Mendès France (Frantz Fanon Foundation), Kali Akuno (Cooperation Jackson) and Firoze Manji (Daraja Press)

CONFERENCE: SYRIA CAUGHT IN A VISE

6:00 pm ● Concordia University, 1455 Maisonneuve O, Hall Building, H110)

At the centre of the Middle Eastern political and historical chessboard, Syria is today a field of ruins as a result of a multifaceted war between the dictatorship of Bashar El-Assad and a host of opposition organizations, including the so-called Islamist groups. Confrontations are fueled by the interference of big powers as well as by various countries seeking to affirm their hegemony (like Israel, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Iran). The democratic opposition is resisting against great odds.

With Gilbert Achbar (Franco-Lebanese author), Samar Yasbek (Syrian author)

Thursday, August 11

IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM, MADE IN CANADA

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-3375

What are the particular forms adopted by the Canadian state to colonize territory and position itself as a link in the imperialist chain under U.S. command? What are the distinguishing features of Canadian colonial practices? Where is Canada situated as a subaltern ally of the Empire?

With Leo Panitch (Socialist Register), Thomas Chiasson-LeBel (NCS), Clifton Nicolas (Mohawk activist), Paul Kellogg (Athabasca University)

ON THE LEFT, A NEW QUEBEC-CANADA DIALOGUE

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, R-M120

Canada's rulers seek to consolidate their power and divide the popular movements. However, the movements and struggles, both Québécois and Canadian, have their own paces and cultures. What are the prospects for a convergence of these resistance movements? How can Canadian movements play a role in the national emancipation struggle of the Quebec people? How to build solidarity?

With André Frappier (QS), David Bush (Rank and File, Toronto), Leslie Thompson (Halifax union activist), Hassan Hussein (Ottawa union activist), Sarah Beuhler (Vancouver environmental activist), Andrea Levy (Canadian Dimension and NCS)

OCCUPY THE IMAGINATION

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-2520

Go into the maze of the possible, where no one expects us. Foil the rules of capitalism through art, through artistic micro-interventions, through the appropriation of a territory at the boundaries of language and mystique, in a

tangible common. Whence arise various critical postures: one that rejects the podium out of opposition to performances, another pointing to the infra-individual location where neoliberalism lords it over its emotional captures. Come and meet some inspiring authors, to see the world as it is, and to live without it.

With Steve Giasson (artist), Érik Bordeleau (researcher), Judith Trudeau (Cégep Lionel-Groulx)

STRUGGLES AGAINST EXCLUSION AND RACISM

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-2585

The massive displacement of the labour force from South to North benefits capital accumulation on a planetary scale. Many immigrants are condemned to precarious jobs. In a context in which Quebec faces repeated assault from neoliberal policies, there is a need for common struggle.

With Eric Shragge (Immigrant Workers Centre), Chantal Ismé (feminist activist), Will Prosper (activist in Montréal-Nord), Clarence Campbell (University of Syracuse)

CLASS STRUGGLES MADE IN THE USA

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, DS-4375

Where neoliberal capitalism reigns supreme, popular struggles are teeming: teachers in Chicago, Occupy everywhere, immigrants in the fast-food industry. Bernie Sanders' campaign inspired a movement courageously seeking to confront the electoral and state machine of the 1%.

With Jerome Scott (Project South, Atlanta), Jennifer Cox (U.S. Social Forum), Walda Katz-Fishman (Howard University and U.S. Social Forum), Serge Denis, University of Ottawa

AGAINST POVERTY AND HUNGER

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, DS-2585

The globalization of food production shifts the challenges internationally. The degradation of the biosphere and its consequent threat to the availability of food as a result of unfettered speculation, reveal the underlying systemic issues. How can ecologist and community movements be linked in a convergent approach?

With Frédéric Paré (Regroupement des cuisines collectives), Amélie Daigle (Paroles d'exclus), Jean-Paul Faniel (Table de concertation sur la faim de Montréal) and Fred Magdoff (scientist)

HOW TO FIGHT TRASH RADIO AND RIGHT-WING POPULISM

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, DS-2520

Right-wing populism is growing in the West. Examples are trash-radio stations in Quebec or Donald Trump's candidacy in the United States. Here we propose a socio-political analysis of this phenomenon and some alternatives the left might construct.

With Donald Cuccioletta (political scientist), Sébastien Bouchard (trade-unionist), Francine Pelletier (journalist)

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION

Workshop organized by the NCS and Transform!

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, R-M120

What processes of alternative social and political construction are emerging to counter the xenophobic, racist, nationalist political proposals that threaten us around the world? Examples of new parties, new social and ecological coalitions, and emergence of new profiles in election campaigns from Bernie Sanders to Jeremy Corbyn, as well as Sinn Féin, Podemos, Syriza, "Nuit debout."

With Chantal Delmas (Transform!), Maité Mola (Isquierda Unida, Spain), Natasa Theodorakopoulou (Syriza Greece), Fathi Chamki (Front populaire tunisien), Gustave Massiah (Intercoll), Pierre Beaudet (NCS), Christian Pilichowski (Trade unionist)

ON THE HISTORY OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT IN QUEBEC

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, DS-3375

How have the popular and trade-union struggles been transformed since the 1960s? How can the community movement reconcile work in the service industries and the struggle against the state? Can spontaneous citizens' movements inspire the movements?

With Eric Shragge (Immigrant Workers Centre), Jocelyne Lamoureux (UQAM), Jean Panet-Raymond (sociologist), Suzanne-G. Chartrand (NCS)

POPULAR MOVEMENTS CONFRONTING THE STATE: HOW TO TRANSFORM IT? HOW TO GO BEYOND IT?

4:00 - 5:30 pm ● UQAM, R-M120

Popular movements have an ambitious project: to build a social, political and economic system that breaks with "development" and extractivism, in which humans are one of the component parts. Facing us is a state structure with which we are constantly engaged through confrontations, challenges, propositions and transformations. Almost everywhere in Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Africa, the movements dispute this reality of state power, seeking to create and expand the political space needed for emancipation.

With Jonathan Durand Folco (Groupe d'action municipale), Shalmali Guttal (Focus on the Global South), Joseph Purugganan (Focus on the Global South) Pablo Solón (Fundación Solón)

Friday, August 12

ENDLESS WAR

Workshop organized by the NCS and Transform!

9:00 - 11:30 am ● McGill University, 1001 Sherbrooke West, Bronfman Building, room 151)

In the «post-bipolar» world, we witness the aggravation of inter-imperialist contradictions with the American Empire (in relative decline) and its NATO allies on one hand, and «emerging» powers (such as China, Russia, Turkey, Iran, etc.) on the other. Meanwhile, an «endless war», opened in 2003 after the US invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, goes through a kind of «arc of crisis» from Central Asia to the borders of Africa, with its epicenter in the Middle East and North Africa. Meanwhile, military spending in G7 countries and emerging economies are growing rapidly. NATO military intervention under US command multiply. In the arc of crisis, militarized factions backed by powers sow terror. In the same time the tension mounts in Europe with a process that seems to put the «cold war» on the agenda again. Meanwhile a right wind blows reviving racism and xenophobia, and targeting refugees and immigrants, particularly Arabic and/or Muslim populations. Despite these attacks, people develop resistance everywhere, often in conditions of incredible adversity, as seen in Syria, Iraq, Palestine and elsewhere. In Europe and North America, the anti-war movement that took off in 2003 is trying to catch his breath. From all this emerged several questions: may the current militarization lead to major conflicts (in the genre «third world war»? Will governance slip into authoritarianism and fascism? And what can be done to stop this murderous drift?

With Gilbert Achcar (SOAS), Fabio Alberti (Transform!), Phyllis Bennis (Institute for Policy Studies, Washington), Dominique Boisvert (Resource Center for Nonviolence, Quebec), Reiner Braun (International Peace Bureau, Zurich), Maite Mola (European Left Party), Martina Pignatti Morano (Ponte per Baghdad, Rome), Helmut Scholz (Die Linke), Kamal Lahbib (Maghreb social Forum, Casablanca) and Maite Mola (Isquierda Unida, Spain).

OF COURSE WE REVOLT: LIBERATION STRUGGLES FROM YESTERDAY TO TODAY

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-3375

Since the liberation struggles of the 20th century, humanity has acquired a rich repertoire of strategies and tools for advancing along the road of emancipation based on the work of Fanon and Cabral, the Vietnamese, Chinese and Cuban

revolutions, etc. Today all continents are traversed by a new cycle of liberation struggles and epic battles between peoples and imperialisms.

With Aminata Traoré (Mali), Mireille Fanon Mendès-France (Fondation Frantz Fanon), Patrick Dramé (Université de Sherbrooke), Didier Dominique (Batay Ouvriye), Alain Saint Victor (NCS)

ECOLOGICAL CRISIS: THE FUTURE AND/IS NOW

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-4375

The options are clear: either a world at 4 degrees higher temperatures, with the massive destruction of the biosphere and the risk of collapse of human civilization, or the beginning of a profound reconstruction of the economy and society. The workshop aims to: Understand the action of the ecosocialist forces; analyze the impact of ecologist movements on citizens; identify how the movements combine concrete demands with long-term perspectives of transformation.

With Fred Magdoff (scientist), Andrea Levy (researcher), Melissa Mollen-Dupuis (Idle No More), Daniel Tanuro (ecologist), Geneviève Azam (Attac-France)

FROM ONE HOT SPRING TO THE OTHER (1972-2012)

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-2585

In 1972, a general strike broke out following the mobilization of the public sector employees and the arrest of the union leaders. Public spaces were occupied by multitudes who stood firm and ended up imposing the demands of ordinary people. In 2012, the students initiated a powerful mass movement that became, with the Carrés rouges, a citizens' movement without historical precedent. What is the legacy? And the lessons?

With Roger Rashi (Alternatives), Fanny Theurillat-Cloutier (Cégep Marie-Victorin), Ghislaine Raymond (NCS), Philippe Lapointe (trade-unionist)

CHALLENGES FACING THE LEFT IN LATIN AMERICA (PART 1)

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, R-M120

In 1999 a new political cycle opened in South America. Catalyzed by popular struggles against the neoliberal policies of the "lost decades" (1980s and '90s), progressive parties were elected and promoted important initiatives in the redistribution of wealth, advances in social policies, and the promotion of rights and the legitimacy of struggle against oppression. However, these experiences failed to confront the legacy of skewed development inherited from neoliberalism. The progressive governments benefited from an international context that inflated natural resource prices but in doing so they sank deeper into the globalized economy and are now struggling to counter the fallout from the reduction in global growth, especially in China. Popular movements and the left face a dual challenge: to confront the return of the Right, and to renew thinking and political practice in the sense of a genuine emancipation. This workshop (in two sessions) will help to map the critical moment the region is now experiencing, with particular attention to the common and specific features of the situations in various countries and an exploration of the new strategies emerging from the struggles.

With Sueli Carneiro and Sergio Haddad (Brazil), Emilio Taddei (Argentina), Lilian Celiberti (Uruguay), Giovanna Rosa (Chile), Pablo Solon (Bolivia), Eduardo Ballon (Peru), Edgardo Lander (Venezuela), Pierre Mouterde (Quebec) and Bernardo Toro (Colombia)

TAKING ON CITIES (THE QUEBEC CHALLENGE)

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, SH-3340

The Quebec left has led many struggles in the municipal area. In the 108s, the RCM, a broad-left platform, won the election and managed the city for 10 years. What are the lessons? How to build citizen power at the local/municipal level.

With Jonathan Durand Folco, Emanuel Guay, Rafik Bentabbel, Dimitri Roussopoulos, and Anne Latendresse (all of them members of Réseau d'action municipale).

DECOLONIZING KNOWLEDGE

9:00 - 11:30 am ● UQAM, DS-2520

In addition to its role in political domination and exploitation, power is used to shape our values and thinking. And in our globalized world the colonial nature of power is exercised not only through military occupation but through the penetration of culture and ways of thinking.

With Mireille Fanon Mendes-France and Boaventura Sousa Santos

CHALLENGES FACING THE LEFT IN LATIN AMERICA (PART 2)

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, R-M120

PRODUCTION AND THE COMMONS

Workshop organized by NCS and Transform!

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, DS-M560

How to move from a production under the yoke of private property and commodification to a production run by the Common and solidarity.

With Chantal Delmas (Transform), Christian Pilichowski (Transform), Theodora Kotsaka (Nikos Poulantzas Institute, Greece), Kevin Flanagan, Silke Helfrich (Commons strategies Group), Joseph Baum (European Left, Austria), Jason Nardi (Solidarity Economy network), Christian Pilichowsky (Transform!), Elisabetta Cangelosi.

MEETING THE IMMIGRATION CHALLENGES

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● Cégep du Vieux-Montréal, 255 Ontario E, room 462

The crisis surrounding the arrival of refugees that we witnessed during 2015, with its share of human tragedies, has once again underscored in all its brutality the "fortress" logic behind which the western countries try to barricade themselves. This seminar aims to contribute to thinking about the development of an appropriate paradigm for a structural and progressive response to this crisis. We want to organize the workshop in a way that initiates a dialogue among actors, progressive politicians, immigrants' associations and experts on the intertwining of social and migratory questions.

With Gregory Mauzé (Transform!), Judith Bend (Die Linke, Germany), Natasa Theodorakopoulou (Greece).

ARE STATES, RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY RECONCILABLE?

1:00 - 3:30 pm ● UQAM, DS-4375

In the western countries that pride themselves on their rule of law, we are witnesses to on the one hand, a disengagement or refusal of responsibility by the state when it comes to guaranteeing access to justice for everyone, and on the other hand, the commitment of the state and its repressive apparatus to a criminal law policy that threatens human rights and freedoms. How can the terms law and democracy be redefined to give them again a real, inclusive and unifying meaning?

With Peter Leuprecht (professor of international public law at the UQAM, Boaventura de Sousa Santos (sociologist at the University of Coimbra), Lucie Lamarche (professor of juridical sciences at the UQAM).

THE MOVEMENT IS POPULAR, THE STRUGGLE IS POLITICAL

4:00 - 5:30 pm ● UQAM, R-M120

Everywhere, popular movements and progressive parties are trying to converge. To defeat the Right and neoliberalism, movements and parties must find ways to work together while respecting their autonomy and respective capacities. What are the electoral platforms that can unite the left? How can we overcome the legal and political constraints on our political action? How can the "cultural" obstacles to convergence between movements and parties be overcome?

With Aurélie Lancôt (Ricochet), Christophe Aguiton (trade-unionist from France), Manon Massé (Québec solidaire Member of the National Assembly), Marie-Ève Rancourt (trade unionist), Ludvic Moquin-Beaudry (student activist), Sébastien Bouchard (trade-unionist), Ronald Cameron (Alternatives), Francisco Orozco (Podemos), Ronald Cameron (Alternatives), Francisco Orozco (Podemos)

AMERICAN DREAMS

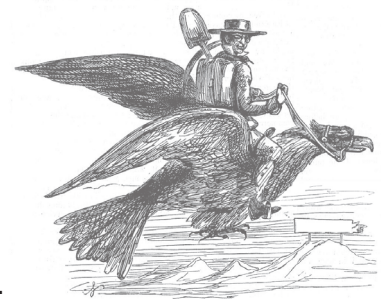


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For centuries, our continent was inhabited by peoples with ancestral knowledge whose wealth had dazzled the Vikings, the Basques and the Bretons when they came to our shores. Later, when capitalism took off, the European conquest perpetrated an immense trauma. Genocide and ethnocide of Native Americans occurred at the same time as the arrival of millions of slaves from Africa. European settlers too have been subjugated under the yoke of systems designed to function in the interest of the 1%.

But our ancestors have not just been victims. They revolted, they organised. The slaves liberated themselves. The poor went on strike. The indigenous people survived and began to reclaim their rights. They have all told their stories, sung of their resistance, and re-imagined their world.



It is this magnificent and tragic epic which is at the centre of this performance

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