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DANGEROUS TIMES: Global Resistance & the Decline of Empire

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ABOUT LEFT FORUM 2006:

The Left Forum brings together intellectuals in and out of the universities, and activists from social movements to share their perspectives, strategies, and experiences. This conference comes at a time when the assaults on civil liberties, the lack of economic security for the vast majority, and threats to cultural freedoms have reached new levels of intensity. However, this time also brings the first sustained unraveling of the Bush presidency. Proliferating scandals of political bribery, officially sanctioned torture, the failure to destroy Social Security, the regime's gross betrayal of the people of New Orleans before and after Katrina, and revelations of its illegal domestic spying are adding to the mounting opposition to the military occupation of Iraq. More than in recent years, a major renewal of left strength is within our grasp.

The unbroken record of electoral victories by center-left and left parties in almost every Latin American country has dealt a stunning blow to the neo-liberal program of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. With the growth of social movements of workers and peasants, and with the support of intellectuals at the base of these societies, there is reason to believe that the long struggle of millions of disenfranchized people may achieve a revolutionary transformation. We need a new commitment to solidarity from the global left to defend these gains.

New left formations are emerging in Europe, around the Left Party in Germany and opposition to the European constitution in France and elsewhere. The World Social Forum and the smaller efforts it inspires continue to grow. Within the US, African-American, feminist, and civil libertarian movements are facing increasingly provocative threats from Bush et al., and are undertaking strategies to respond with new energy. The split in the labor movement offers the left new opportunities to contribute to the revival of the power of organized labor.

The 2006 Left Forum is a place of reflection and debate about all these developments. Woven into the panels will be key questions we face today: How can the left arise from the ashes of fragmentation and defeat? What is the relationship between electoral activity and direct action in the struggle to preserve and extend democracy? How best can we combat the permanent war at home as well as abroad? How can we integrate the struggles for racial justice, gender equality, immigrant rights and sexual freedom with the battle against capitalist globalization and destruction of workers' gains and organizations? Finally, how best can we organize for a left alternative future for the US, so critical for all left movements around the world?

We urge you to join the dialogue March 10th through12th.

confirmed speakers also include

Brian van Arkadie
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OPENING PLENARY:

Friday, March 10 — 7 pm–9 pm

PANELS AND WORKSHOPS:

Saturday, March 11 — 10 am–6 pm
Sunday, March 12 — 10 am–6 pm

The 2006 Left Forum features over 70 panels and workshops, including:

- Europe after the "No" to the E.U.
- African Americans vs. Immigrant Populations?
- Does Capitalism Ruin Music?
- Whiteness Reloaded: Colorblind racism
- Do We Need a New Radical Party?
- Academic Freedom Under Attack, Again
- The Criminalization of Dissent
- The U.S. Debt Bubble in 2006
- Katrina and Racial Denial
- Debating Strategies within the Anti-War Movement
- Will China and India Remake the World System?
- Evo Morales and the New Bolivia
- Changing the World Without Taking Power
- Labor, Capital and the Crisis in the Auto Industry
- A Soldiers' Movement Against the Iraq War
- Examining the Venezuelan Revolution
- Theorizing a Post-Capitalist Future
- Wal-Mart and the Changing Structure of Capitalism
- An Intergenerational Activist Dialogue
- After Sharon: Prospects for Palestinian & Israeli Politics
- U.S. Neo-Imperialism and Latin America
- The Emerging Police State
- A Tribute to Harry Magdoff

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