

ENVISIONING PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2005

Opening Panel 6 pm at SFU Harbour Center (515 West Hastings)

"Two years of War, Five Hundred Years of Resistance"

Waleed Rabia: *embedded journalist with the Iraqi resistance forces and founder of Al Muajaha; Iraq's first independent media project that was initiated one week after the war began.*

Clifton Arihwakehte: *community activist of the Kanehsatà:ke Mohawk community (near Montreal).*

Angélica Gutiérrez: *recently returned from Venezuela and member of the Internationalist Bolivarian Circle.*

Harsha Walia: *writer and activist with No One is Illegal and South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy.*

SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2005

Panels are from 10 am to 6 pm at SFU Harbour Center (515 West Hastings).

[series 1]

[series 2]

<p>10:00 am >> 11:30 am</p>	<p>Rethinking the Labour Movement</p> <p>Sid Shniad (Telecommunications Workers Union and Stopwar.ca) on labour unions and social justice struggles; Kim Toombs (IWW and Community Solidarity Caucus, Victoria) on organizing beyond unions; Gene McGuckin (Prepare the General Strike Committee) on the state of the labour movement; and the Filipino Nurses Support Group on organized labour and migrant labour issues.</p>	<p>Resisting the 2010 Olympics</p> <p>Maryann Abbs on the Olympics globally; David Cunningham (Anti-Poverty Committee) on gentrification; Billie Pierre (Native Youth Movement) on indigenous land struggles; Erika Fuchs from Mexican migrant labour support group; Martha Roberts (Bus Riders Union) on development of the RAV line.</p>
<p>11:30 am >> 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Health Under Capitalism</p> <p>Hospital Employees Union on privatization; Gary McCarron (SFU School of Communications) on social control; Samir Hussain, an activist, author and medical practitioner from Montreal; a traditional Mayan medical practitioner; Nazilla Betta on medical monopolies and AIDS crisis; Megan Olsen (street nurse and recent recipient of human rights award) on grassroots projects for community health and safety in the Downtown Eastside.</p>	<p>Legal and Political Strategies</p> <p>Vancouver Network of Drug Users organizes through harm reduction while challenging traditional client/provider relationships; Copwatch is a program to "police the police"; Ontario Coalition Against Poverty is one of the most powerful and effective direct-action organizations; Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade organizes to protect indigenous proprietary rights.</p>
<p>11:30am >> 1:30pm LUNCH</p>		
<p>2:30 pm >> 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Possibilities and Limitations of Electoralism</p> <p>Marysol Torres (Vancouver Bolivarian Circle) on the Left taking state power in Venezuela; Hari Sharma (South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy) on the Left in local government in Kerala and West Bengal; Cecilia Pereyra on social movements beyond electoral politics in Argentina; Confronting colonial governance systems in Canada; Waleed Rabia (Iraqi journalist) on the elections in Iraq; and Phil Lyons on the recent provincial elections.</p>	<p>Anti-war and Anti-globalization</p> <p>Arthur-Martins Aginam (former Nigerian Public Affairs journalist) on struggles in Africa against neo-colonialism; Anthony Fenton (author and activist with Haiti Solidarity BC) on war profiteering; Free trade agreements and occupation in Latin America; Resistance against occupation in Turtle Island; Military occupation and imperialism in the Philippines; Harjap Grewal on social movements against corporate globalization in South Asia</p>
<p>4:00 pm >> 6:00 pm</p>	<p>History Matters: Past Resistance</p> <p>Tatsuo Kage on Japanese-internment Redress campaign; Benita Bunjun on the women's movement; Jill Chettiar on Anti-poverty organizing; Ray Bobb (Native Alliance for Red Power); Sid Tan on the Chinese Head Tax Redress campaign; Hari Sharma on solidarity with Third world liberation and immigrant organizing against racism.</p>	<p>Indigenous Self determination</p> <p>From June 17-24, the Second International Indigenous Youth Conference (IIYC) will take place and we are honoured to have some of the indigenous delegates from around the world participate in this workshop. With indigenous speakers from Guatemala, BC, Philippines, Mexico, and India.</p>

SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2005 [continued...]

SFU Harbour Center (515 West Hastings) from 1:30-6 pm (parallel to the set of afternoon panels).

FILM FESTIVAL

1:30 - 2:30 pm *"Poverty Outlaws"*
2:30 - 4:00 pm *"Continuous Journey"*
4:00 - 4:30 pm *"Short documentary by Revolutionary Women in Afghanistan"*
4:30 - 6:00 pm *"Control Room"*

"Historical Struggles in the Downtown Eastside Walk"

6:15- 7 pm - Will leave from SFU Harbour Center (515 West Hastings).

Community activists and residents of the neighbourhood will guide the Walk with a history of the many communities that have resisted gentrification and displacement.

SUNDAY JUNE 26, 2005

In Various Locations.

[9:30 am to noon] - Space available for strategy sessions, caucuses, networking.

[Noon to 2 pm] - "Resistance to War and Colonialism"

Closing panel at Lore Krill (65 West Cordova)

Clement Apaak (*PhD Candidate at SFU*): The democratic experiment in Ghana

Palestine Community Center: Occupation of Palestine

Anthony Fenton (*author & activist with Haiti Solidarity BC*): Role of US/Canada in the occupation of Haiti

Lisa Yazdi (*Iranian activist and Masters student at SFU*): US hegemony in Iran & the Iranian elections

Dustin Johnson (*International Indigenous Youth Conference Secretariat*): Colonialism in Canada

[1:00 - 3:00 pm] - "A Canadian Refugee Camp"

at Victory Square (Cambie and Hastings) Lunch served.

The Refugee Camp, constructed by over dozen immigrant/refugee groups, highlights well known exclusionary policies in Canadian immigration history; a history that is repeating itself with the political drive of the "War on Terrorism" both at home and abroad.

Lunch will be served at the Refugee Camp from 1:30 to 2:30 pm

[2:00 - 4:00 pm] - "STATUS FOR ALL!" March

leaves from Victory Square (Cambie and Hastings).

A silent march to honour all the deportees struggling against Citizenship and Immigration Canada. This march is being organized to coincide with the historic 200 km walk from Montreal to Ottawa being organized from June 18-25, 2005. For every agonizing moment, for every day spent in anxiety, for every detention, for every deportation, for the stolen time and the stolen lives, this march will pay tribute to all those fighting in this silent battle.

For more information check: <http://noii-van.resist.ca>

[4:00 - 7:00 pm] - Anti-oppression organizing in an anti-imperialist/anti-capitalist context.

Facilitated by educator **Sharmeen Khan**.

This workshop has **mandatory registration** to ensure a minimum number of participants.

REGISTRATION and INFORMATION - *Space is limited so please register on the website. The conference is by donation (suggested donation 10-20\$ for the entire conference including food and all the film festival).*

Email: eps2005@resist.ca **Website:** <http://resist.ca/~eps2005> **Phone:** 778-552-2099