

# CULTURE OF RESISTANCE

## 1968-2008

**Marxism 2008** Gala Event  
Sat, May 10, 5:30 dinner, 7:00 show  
International Student Centre  
33 St. George Street

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care are provided with advance notice by April 14. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

Don't miss the largest socialist and progressive book sale in Toronto during Marxism 2008, on location in the Resistance Press bookroom.

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 7:30pm • OPENING MEETINGS**

# Why the West is losing in Afghanistan

# AFTER KYOTO

## What next for the movement?

Speakers:  
**Ken Wu**  
**Carolyn Egan**



## REGISTRATION FORM PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Early registration deadline: **Monday, April 14.** Register early for reduced rates. Billeting and quality on-site child care provided with advance notice by Monday, April 14.

**Full 4-day Conference:**

- \$75 waged (\$100 after April 14)
- \$40 student (\$60 after April 14)
- \$30 unwaged (\$35 after April 14)

**Group rate:**

- 5 members for \$150  
(\$30 each for full conference)

Group name: \_\_\_\_\_

**One Day:**

- \$40 waged (\$50 after April 14)
- \$20 student (\$30 after April 14)
- \$17 unwaged (\$20 after April 14)

Specify day: \_\_\_\_\_

**One Session:**

- \$5.00 - \$10.00 (sliding scale)

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**Fee enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please make cheques payable to "IS Canada"**

Send registration form to: **Marxism, P.O. Box 339, Station E, Toronto, Ontario, M6H 4E3**  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 11\***

**10:00 - 11:15am**

Room 1: Orientalism and the writing of Edward Said – Matt Jones  
Room 2: Bertolt Brecht’s theatre to change the world – David Fennario  
Room 3: Lenin and ‘Leninism’ in the 21st century – Brian Donnelly  
Room 4: Capitalism and cancer: neoliberalism and the fight for the cure – Maureen Aslin, Jesse McLaren  
Room 5: Education under capitalism – Bradley Hughes

**11:30 - 12:45pm**

Room 1: From bed-ins to wed-ins: civil disobedience and same-sex marriage in the USA – Nancy Nicol (video screening)  
Room 2: Racism and Canada’s new “security state” – Saima Mohammad, Faisal Kutty, Jessica Squires  
Room 3: Unbearable Lightness: 1968 the Prague spring – Peter Votsch  
Room 4: Stalinism, fascism and the united front – James Clark  
Room 5: Disability: ‘the last civil rights movement’ – Julie Devaney, Erin George

**1:00 - 2:00pm CLOSING RALLY**

**Social to follow.** Regal Beagle, 333 Bloor Street West

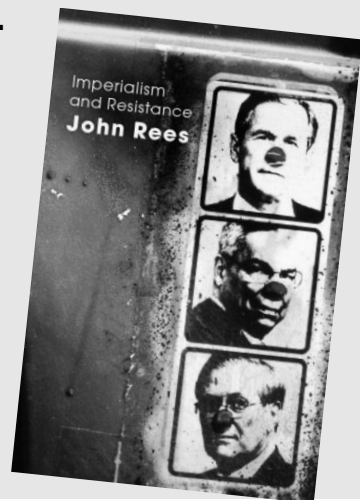
# RESISTANCE BOOKROOM

Don’t miss the largest socialist and progressive book sale in Toronto during Marxism 2008.

Open from 10:00am - 7:00pm every day during the conference.

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## COURSE DIRECTORY\*

**IMPERIALISM & ANTI-IMPERIALISM**

- Why the West is losing in Afghanistan  
Ausma Malik, Faline Bobier
- Is the US empire in decline?  
Pam Frache
- Suez Crisis and the real legacy of Canadian peacekeeping  
Pam Johnson
- Pakistan in crisis: justice, democracy and the war on terror  
Sid Lacombe, Nauman Mir
- Mining, oil and gas companies: the face of Canadian imperialism  
Joel Harden

**CAPITALISM TODAY: BETWEEN CRISIS AND NEOLIBERALISM**

- Booms, slumps and the Marxist theory of crisis  
Judith Orr
- Canada’s economy: immune to the US crisis?  
Pam Frache
- The US, China and the world economy  
Carolyn Egan

**1968: THE YEAR OF THE BARRICADES**

- The Tet Offensive and the US defeat  
Giles Hodge
- Unbearable lightness: the Prague Spring  
Peter Votsch
- 1968: students and workers in the streets  
Carolyn Egan, Ali Awali



**CLIMATE CHANGE**

- After Kyoto: what next for the movement?  
Ken Wu, Carolyn Egan
- Climate change and revolution  
Michelle Robidoux
- Poisoned environment: Canada’s shameful record  
John Bell
- Are India and China a threat to the environment?  
Brian Champ

**RACISM AND ANTI-RACISM**

- Racism and Canada’s new ‘security state’  
Saima Mohammad, Faisal Kutty, Jessica Squires
- Racism and education: religious schools and Afro-centric schools  
Grace-Edward Galabuzzi, Chantal Sundaram
- Orientalism and the writing of Edward Said  
Matt Jones



**MARXISM AND RELIGION**

- The revolutionary roots of Islam  
Ritch Whyman
- Marxism and religion  
Shawn Whitney
- The Enlightenment and the new atheism  
Chantal Sundaram

**IMAGINING EMANCIPATION**

- Socialism and freedom: alienation and emancipation  
Abbie Bakan
- Capitalism, democracy and socialism  
Paul Kellogg



**THE WORKING CLASS**

- Which way forward for the labour movement?  
Ritch Whyman
- Teamsters strike of 1934: rank and file rebellion  
Christine Beckermann

**NATIONAL LIBERATION AND COLONIALISM**

- Today’s struggle for indigenous liberation  
Cheryl Bryce, Leslie Doucet
- The Communist International and national liberation  
Benoit Renaud
- Israel 1948: the making of a colonial settler state  
Mazen Masri, Ayesha Adhami

**POLITICS AND POPULAR CULTURE**

- Music and revolution  
Ali Aumeer, Belladonna
- The Olympics: competition unplugged  
Stephen Boyd
- Bertolt Brecht’s theatre to change the world  
David Fennario

**INTRODUCTION TO MARXIST THEORY: IDEAS TO CHANGE THE WORLD**

- Lenin and ‘Leninism’ in the 21st century  
Brian Donnelly
- What is capitalism?  
Sid Lacombe
- Gramsci’s Marxism  
Jessica Squires
- REVOLUTIONARY STRATEGY AND TACTICS
- Russia 1917: how a revolution was won  
Ken Golden
- Reform and revolution of Rosa Luxemburg  
Abbie Bakan, John Riddell
- Stalinism, fascism and the united front  
James Clark

**AFRICA**

- Somalia and Darfur: new fronts on the war on terror  
Valerie Lannon, Faduma Mohammad
- Egypt: on the edge of the volcano  
Ali Mallah, James Clark

**LIFE UNDER CAPITALISM**

- The housing question in the age of neoliberalism  
Paul Denison
- Crime and punishment under capitalism  
Charlotte Ireland
- Capitalism and cancer: neoliberalism and the fight for the cure  
Maureen Aslin

**STUDENTS IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE**

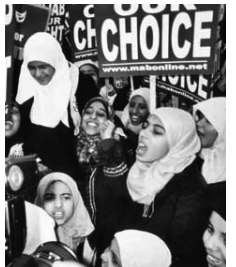
- The student movement today  
Shelley Melanson, Kelly Holloway
- Education under capitalism  
Bradley Hughes
- SDS and the 1960s student revolt  
Doug Nesbitt

**THE RISE OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH**

- Tibet: China’s powderkeg  
Jonathon Hodge
- Hugo Chavez after the referendum  
Paul Kellogg, Chad Brazier

**OPPRESSION**

- Disability: ‘the last civil rights movement’  
Erin George, Julie Devaney
- Abortion rights and the struggle for women’s equality  
Judith Orr  
Kathryn Palmateer, Kelly Holloway



**Women’s liberation in the age of Hillary Clinton**

- Lindsey Fulford
- Women’s and gay oppression: reality and myth in Iran today  
Faline Bobier
- From bed-ins to wed-ins: civil disobedience and same-sex marriage in the USA  
Nancy Nicol

**REBUILDING THE LEFT**

- Quebec Solidaire two years on  
Alexa Conradi, Benoit Renaud

**SPECIAL SESSIONS**

- The US election: will it make a difference?  
Virginia Rodino
- Introduction to the International Socialists  
Doug Nesbitt, Sara Marlowe

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## FRIDAY, MAY 9\*

### 9:00 - 10:00am REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

#### 10:00 - 11:15am

- Room 1: The Tet Offensive and the US defeat – Giles Hodge
- Room 2: The revolutionary roots of Islam - Ritch Whyman
- Room 3: What is capitalism? – Sid Lacombe
- Room 4: Canada's economy: immune from US crisis? – Pam Frache
- Room 5: Hugo Chavez after the referendum – Paul Kellogg, Chad Brazier

#### 11:30 - 12:45pm

- Room 1: Poisoned environment: Canada's shameful record – John Bell
- Room 2: Gramsci's Marxism – Jessica Squires
- Room 3: Russian 1917: how a revolution was won – Ken Golden
- Room 4: Crime and punishment under capitalism – Charlotte Ireland
- Room 5: Suez Canal crisis and the real legacy of Canadian peacekeeping – Pam Johnson

### 12:45 - 2:00pm LUNCH

#### 2:00 - 3:15

- Room 1: Is the US empire in decline? – Pam Frache
- Room 2: Socialism and freedom: alienation and emancipation – Abbie Bakan
- Room 3: Teamsters strike of 1934: rank and file rebellion – Christine Beckermann
- Room 4: Music and revolution: Ali Aumeer, Belladonna
- Room 5: Abortion rights and the struggle for woman's equality – Judith Orr, Kathryn Palmateer, Kelly Holloway

#### 3:30 - 4:45

- Room 1: The US, China and the world economy – Carolyn Egan
- Room 2: Israel 1948: the making of a colonial settler state – Mazen Masri, Ayesha Adhami
- Room 3: The Olympics: competition unplugged – Stephen Boyd
- Room 4: Mining, oil and gas companies: the face of Canadian imperialism – Joel Harden
- Room 5: SDS and the 1960s student revolt – Doug Nesbitt

### 5:00 - 7:00pm SUPPER

#### 7:30 - 9:30pm

- Room 1: Booms, slumps and the Marxist theory of crisis – Judith Orr
- Room 2: Racism and education: religious schools and Africentric schools – Grace-Edward Galabuzzi, Chantal Sundaram

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## SATURDAY, MAY 10\*

### 9:00 - 10:00am REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

#### 10:00 - 11:15am

- Room 1: Tibet: China's powderkeg – Jonathon Hodge
- Room 2: Marxism and religion – Shawn Whitney
- Room 3: Egypt: on the edge of the volcano – James Clark, Ali Mallah
- Room 4: The Communist International and national liberation – Benoit Renaud
- Room 5: The housing question in age of neoliberalism – Paul Denison

#### 11:30 - 12:45pm

- Room 1: Are India and China a threat to the environment? – Brian Champ
- Room 2: Women's and gay oppression: reality and myth in Iran today – Faline Bobier
- Room 3: Reform and revolution of Rosa Luxemburg – Abbie Bakan, John Riddell
- Room 4: Somalia and Darfur: new fronts on the war on terror – Valerie Lannon, Faduma Mohammad
- Room 5: The US election: what difference will it make? – Virginia Rodino

### 12:45 - 2:00pm SPECIAL LUNCH SESSION Introduction to the International Socialists

#### 2:00 - 3:15pm

- Room 1: Pakistan in crisis: justice, democracy and the war on terror – Sid Lacombe, Nauman Mir
- Room 2: 1968: students and workers in the streets – Carolyn Egan, Ali Awali
- Room 3: Climate change and revolution – Michelle Robidoux
- Room 4: Today's struggle for Indigenous liberation – Cheryl Bryce, Leslie Doucet
- Room 5: Booms and busts: which way forward for the labour movement? – Ritch Whyman

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- Room 1: The Enlightenment and the new atheism – Chantal Sundaram
- Room 2: Capitalism, democracy and socialism – Paul Kellogg
- Room 3: Women's liberation in the age of Hillary Clinton – Lindsey Fulford
- Room 4: The student movement today – Shelley Melanson, Kelly Holloway
- Room 5: Quebec Solidaire two years on – Alexa Conradi, Benoit Renaud

### 7:00 - 9:30pm GALA: CULTURE OF RESISTANCE, 1968-2008

- Food, performances, music and more
- Dinner begins at 5:30pm (vegetarian buffet)
- Show begins at 7:00pm
- International Student Centre, 33 St. George Street
- Cost: \$15 for dinner; \$10 for show; \$20 for both (full Conference registration includes entry to show)

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