

## WORLD PEACE FORUM TEACH IN 2009 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SPEAKERS' SHORT BIOS

**Ingo Schmidt** is originally from Germany. He is an economist and Academic Coordinator of Labour Studies at Athabasca University

**Gary Cristall** works in the arts as a teacher and artists' manager. In a previous life he lived in Chile and studied Latin American history.

**Lorena Jara** came to Canada as a refugee from Chile. She has long been active in Latin American solidarity activities.

**Joel Kovel** is both a scholar and an activist. Two of his recent books are *The Enemy of Nature: The End of Capitalism or The End of the World* and *Overcoming Zionism-Creating A Single Democratic State in Israel/Palestine*.

**Miguel Figueroa** is the leader of the Communist Party of Canada. He was first elected leader in December 1992 at the 30th Party Convention.

**Alison Ayers** is a Professor at Simon Fraser University specializing in theories of global/international political economy, globalization, imperialism and development, amongst other things.

**Mark Leier** is a Canadian historian of working class and left-wing history. He is the director of the Centre for Labour Studies at Simon Fraser University, where he is also a Professor of Canadian History and the history of Marxism.

**Fred Glass** is the communications director of the California Federation of Teachers (CFT), and is currently teaching labor history at San Francisco City College.

**Elsbeth Gardiner** has been involved in movements for political change and social justice since the late nineteen thirties.

**Elsie Dean** is a retired teacher and lifelong activist. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the World Peace Forum Society.

**Thekla Lit** is founder and Co-chair of the Canada Association for Learning & Preserving the History of WW II in Asia (ALPHA) and President of its B.C. chapter.

**Claude Shema Rutagengwa** is a Rwandan doctor and peace activist now living in Norway.

**Greg Albo** is a community activist and professor of political economy at York University in Toronto. He is on the board of *Canadian Dimension* magazine and a member of Socialist Project.

**Andrew Gavin Marshall** is a Research Associate with the Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG). He is currently studying Political Economy and History at Simon Fraser University. A recent paper is *Global Power and Global Government: Evolution and Revolution in the Global Political Economy*.

**Jim Sinclair** is the President of the BC Federation of Labour, the umbrella organization that represents 54 unions and 450,000 private and public sector employees in the province. He was elected to that position in 1999 after serving more than 18 years in the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union - CAW.

**Stephen McBride** is Professor and Director of the Centre for Global Political Economy at Simon Fraser University. He specializes in political economy, comparative public policy, and Canadian politics.

**Dan Labotz** teaches history and Latin American studies at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He is the author of several books on labor in Mexico, Indonesia, and the United States.

**Peter Prontzos** is a social activist and teacher at Langara College where he is currently teaching: Politics of Developing Nations, Contemporary Ideologies, International Political Economy, and Democratic Socialism. He ran unsuccessfully for the provincial legislature in 2001.

**Gail Davidson** is a member of the Law Society of BC. In 2001 she founded Lawyers Rights Watch Canada (LRWC), a committee of Canadian lawyers that provides support internationally for human rights defenders. Gail also works with Lawyers Against the War (LAW), a Canada-based committee of jurists and others with members in thirteen countries.

**Regina Brennan** is a full time worker for the Public Service Alliance of Canada when she is not singing. She is a labour educator and activist.

**Beverly J. Silver** is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at the prestigious Johns Hopkins University. Her most recent book—*Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization since 1870*— has won several awards.

**Geoff Mann** Teaches in the Geography Department of SFU where his interests include political economy, work/labour, money and monetary policy, inequality and unemployment, politics of race and gender, environment and natural resources. A recent article is *Should political ecology be Marxist? A case for Gramsci's historical materialism*.

**Kat Norris** is from the Lyackson First Nation and is of Coast Salish and Nez Perce ancestry. She is the coordinator for the Indigenous Action Movement which provides a voice for Indigenous people against injustice.

**Mable Elmore** is a former member of the Board of Directors of the World Peace Forum, former co-chair of Stopwar.ca and a union activist in the Canadian Auto Workers when she was driving a bus. Today she is the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Vancouver for Vancouver-Kensington, the first Filipina elected to the legislature.

**Stewart Phillip** is an Okanagan Aboriginal leader who has served four terms as President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs. The Fraser Institute, a neo-conservative think tank, has criticized Phillip, calling him a "well-known militant."

**Marlea Clarke** is a former instructor at McMaster in the Economic and Labour Studies program. She now lives in Victoria, BC.

**Tatsuo Kage/Save Article Nine Committee** The Vancouver Save Article Nine Committee is a group of Japanese Canadians devoted to preventing a new rise of Japanese militarism.

**Saturday Evening Cabaret: The Diggers** are **Earle Peach**, a musician, social activist and the conductor of the Solidarity Notes; **Regina Brennan**, a full time union representative for the Public Service Alliance of Canada; and **Dan Keeton**, who is a freelance journalist, and the host of *The Union Made Show* on Co-op Radio. The three met in the Solidarity Notes Labour Choir and from that experience, moved on to form their group. **Fraser Union** is **Dan Kenning**, **Henk Piket**, **Roger Holdstock**, and **Barry Truter**. They formed more than 20 years ago to sing 'songs with a bite'. **Elizabeth Fischer** is a Vancouver singer and visual artist known for her work with Animal Slaves. She is also a rare interpreter of the songs of Berthold Brecht, which she will present in the Thirties Cabaret.

..... Tickets are \$30 for the whole Teach In.  
..... Day Tickets are \$20 for Saturday and Sunday  
..... Saturday Evening Cabaret only is \$10.  
..... Youth (21 and under) are free for entire Teach In.  
..... Wednesday Nov. 11 is free to all.

..... Tickets can be reserved by e-mail at [info@worldpeaceforumbc.ca](mailto:info@worldpeaceforumbc.ca)  
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## THE WORLD PEACE FORUM SOCIETY PRESENTS



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FROM CRASH TO CATASTROPHE  
A TEACH-IN ON WHAT HAPPENED  
AND ITS LESSONS FOR TODAY

NOVEMBER 7, 8 & 11  
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**SATURDAY November Seven** Registration opens at 8:30am

Plenary 9:00 - 10:30	<b>OPENING PLENARY - THEN AND NOW - Differences and similarities between thirties and our world.</b> <b>Presenters</b> INGO SCHMIDT & ANDREW MARSHALL				
Morning Sessions 10:45 - 12:00	<b>The Great Debate-Marx vs Keynes</b> <b>Presenter</b> INGO SCHMIDT	<b>The Rise of Fascism</b> <b>Presenter</b> ALISON AYERS	<b>'Fight Back' Strategies of workers and popular organizations</b> <b>Canada/US</b> <b>Presenters</b> MARK LEIER; FRED GLASS	<b>Solidarity - Ethiopia, Spain and China</b> <b>Presenters</b> ELSPETH GARDINER, THEKLA LIT, CLAUDE SHEMA RUTAGENGWA	<b>Anti-war Art&amp; Song in the Thirties From Kanonensong to Guernica-</b> <b>Presenter</b> GARY CRISTALL
<b>12:00 - 1:00 Lunch [available on site]</b>					
Afternoon Plenary 1:00 - 2:30	<b>PLENARY - CLASS OR NATION? - The Era of the Popular Front.</b> <b>Presenters</b> MIGUEL FIGUEROA & DAN LABOTZ				
Afternoon Sessions 2:30 - 4:00	<b>New Deal/No Deal- The US and Canada in the Great Depression</b> <b>Presenters</b> GREG ALBO; INGO SCHMIDT	<b>The Canadian Left in the 30's - CCF, CP and other popular movements</b> <b>Presenters</b> JIM SINCLAIR, MIGUEL FIGUEROA	<b>In The Face of Crisis - Popular Responses In Europe</b> <b>Presenters</b> STEVE MCBRIDE; DAN LABOTZ	<b>Whose Promise? Whose Land? - The Evolution of Zionism From the Thirties to Today</b> <b>Presenter</b> JOEL KOVEL	<b>Colonialism Begins At Home - First Nations in the Thirties</b> <b>PRESENTER</b> KAT NORRIS & STEWART PHILLIP
End of Day Plenary 4:15 - 5:45	<b>PLENARY- EITHER CAPITALISM GOES OR WE GO- FROM COAL TO OIL TO??</b> <b>Presenter</b> JOEL KOVEL				
Evening 8:00	<b>EVENING CULTURAL EVENT- A 'THIRTIES' CABARET</b> <b>Presenters</b> ELIZABETH FISCHER & FRIENDS, FRASER UNION, THE DIGGERS and others tba.				

**SUNDAY November Eight** Registration opens at 8:30am

Plenary 9:00- 10:30	<b>PLENARY - CRIME AND PUNISHMENT- THE END OF IMPUNITY IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS</b> <b>Presenter</b> GAIL DAVIDSON				
Morning Sessions 10:45 - 12:00	<b>Hurray! The Butter's Gone - Militarization as Economic Salvation</b> <b>Presenter</b> PETER PRONTZOS	<b>War and Law - The origins of 'Human Rights'</b> <b>Presenter</b> GAIL DAVIDSON	<b>The Birth of Rosie The Riveter- Women in the Workers' Movement</b> <b>Presenters</b> REGINA BRENNAN, MARLEA CLARK	<b>Memories of Militancy - Anti-war activism and youth in the thirties</b> <b>Presenters</b> ELSIE DEAN; ELSPETH GARDINER	
<b>12:00 - 1:00 Lunch [available on site]</b>					
Afternoon Plenary 1:00 - 2:30	<b>PLENARY- OPPORTUNITIES &amp; CONTRADICTIONS- Elected Office and Social Change</b> <b>Presenters</b> MABLE ELMORE, MLA , JIM SINCLAIR, BCFed, FRED GLASS & OTHERS TBA				
Afternoon Sessions 2:30 - 4:00	<b>Changing of the Guard - From British and French to American Empire</b> <b>Presenter</b> BEVERLY SILVER	<b>"The Arsenal of Democracy"- How the 'Just War' was Sold</b> <b>Presenter</b> GEOFF MANN	<b>Junior Partners - Labour and The War</b> <b>Presenter</b> MARK LEIER	<b>Yanqui Go Home- Latin American Anti-imperialism in the thirties</b> <b>Presenters</b> LORENA JARA; GARY CRISTALL	<b>Japan in the Thirties</b> <b>Presenters</b> TATSUO KAGE/SAVE ARTICLE NINE COMMITTEE
Final Plenary 4:15 - 5:45	<b>PLENARY - WHY DOES THIS MATTER? - THE LINK TO TODAY</b> <b>Presenter-</b> BEVERLY SILVER; GREG ALBO				

**WEDNESDAY November Eleven YOUTH DAY**

12:00 - 6:00	<b>ACTIVIST CAREER FAIR- DISPLAYS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ANTI-WAR AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS</b>				
12:00 - 5:00	<b>War Toys to Peace Art Train and Peacemaker video game</b>				
1:00 - 2:30	<b>PLENARY - DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT- HOW WE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD AND HOW YOU CAN TOO! YOUNG ACTIVISTS TALK ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Presenters</b> STEPHEN VON SYCHOWSKI AND OTHERS				
2:45 - 4:15	<b>I Ain't Marching Anymore! War Resistance Today</b> MARLA RENN	<b>Books Not Bombs! Military Spending and What It Could Be Used For</b>	<b>Under 19's A Report on a Journey</b> NEELAM & PEGGY	<b>Imagine! Write Your Own Anti-War Anthem/Rap - A Hands On Workshop</b> CARLOS SAYO & FRIENDS	<b>Moving Images - Film, Video, etc.</b> Peace It Together
4:30 - 5:30	<b>IT'S A WRAP - END OF TEACH IN PLENARY- WHAT DID WE LEARN? WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?</b>				