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Space Commons

H 9 to 11.30

Quebec University
pavillon A
room A 2580

400 Saint Catherine
Street - Montreal

1 - The Common as new political subject for alternative?

the question of the Common is often raised for water, land subject ...In recent years there is increasing talk of social common as health, education.

It is also matter in the context of companies that are in the social and solidarity economy it becomes an important part of alternative to a commodified society, built on private property? How issue of Common is apprehended by countries, continents? What are the common points of these experiences?

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Uquam R-M 120 Pavilion
of management Sciences,

Auditorium

315 Saint Catherine
Street - Montreal

2 - Social and political transformation

What social and political alternative construction processes are emerging to counter racist, xenophobic nationalist political proposals that threaten us worldwide. Examples of the new parties, new social and environmental coalitions, emergence of new profile in election campaigns: Bernie Sanders, Jeremy Corbyn, Sinn Fein, Podemos, Syriza, movement "Nuit Debout" ...

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Maité Mola (European Left Party),

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room 151

3 - Endless war. Is this the beginning of a third "World War"?

Workshop organized by the NCS and Transform! europe

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)? Or is this going to continue to play proxy from scattered conflicts? Will governance slip into authoritarianism and fascism? And above all, what can be done to stop this murderous drift?

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Fabio Alberti (Transform! Italia)
Phyllis Bennis (Institute for Policy Studies, Washington),
Dominique Boisvert (Resource Center for Nonviolence, Quebec),
Reiner Braun (International Peace Bureau, Zurich, Switzerland),
Maite Mola (European Left Party- Spain),
Martina Pignatti Morano (Ponte per Baghdad, Italy),
Helmut Scholz (MEP and member of Die Linke, Germany),
Michel Warschawski (Alternative Information Center, Jerusalem, Israel)
Kamal Lahbib (Maghreb social Forum, Casablanca. Morocco)

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4 - How to converge the migration challenges by social justice?

The 2015 Asylum crisis has once again brutally shown the reality of the “Fortress Europe”. It is only one aspect of a global migration policy totally unable to face human, political, and social challenges.

The aim of this workshop is to feed the thinking on the development of a paradigm able to provide structural and progressive response to the crisis of hospitality and migration policy, in order to identify alternative ways in accordance with the egalitarian, internationalist emancipatory ideal of the labor movement.

Samir Abi, (Vision Solidaire, Togo),
Christian Pilichowski, (CGT, France),
Bill Westerman, (Researcher, USA)
Judith Benda (Die Linke, Party of the EuropeanLeft, Germany),
Natasa Theodorakopoulou (Syriza, Party of the European Left,Greece),
Gregory Mauzé (Transform!, Belgium)
Vittorio Agnoletto (former european deputy, Italy)

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5 - Production and the Commons

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

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6 - Discussion workshop

Humanity is facing the greatest and largely unpublished problems at global dimension, environmental (climate change, loss of biodiversity..), ethical (transhumanism projects, even posthuman, erasing protection of privacy ...) and democratic (monitoring and impact human societies via an Internet exploitation and big data, power of multinational companies tend to supplant the States, ...).

Solving these problems requires a different conception of international trade, to end - if not sharply reduce - the imbalances between nations and regions of the world to rebuild international solidarity. A focus will be on education and research.

7 - Convergence assembly (H 4 pm)

The idea of the Commons was often raised to talk about water, land, oceans, forests in the context of the multidimensional crisis of 2008. The WSF in Belem in 2009 took a clear anti-capitalist stance and also launched a "manifesto for the recovery of the commons". In the years that followed what we now call simply "the commons" while it revives traditional practices, is also a new paradigm to build concrete alternatives here and now in areas such as economic and social organization and management at all levels, from the local (eg community garden) to the global (eg Wikipedia) in fields as diverse as agriculture, health, new technologies, education, alternative currencies, urban management, etc.

The convergence of the commons with the cooperative movement, the social and solidary economy, Degrowth, and Political Ecology is now putting forward proposals for post-capitalist transition that go beyond the concept of development. The postcapitalist transition convergence assembly aims to identify and discuss these proposals with key actors from different continents.

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Alberto Acosta, (Ecuador)

Laïa Forne, Ville de Barcelone (Catalogne/Spain)

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4 bis – A right to Migrate with their rights

By creating three spaces, representing stages of the migration route (start – transit – arrival), we wish to denounce violations of migrants' rights, while discovering projects implemented worldwide that enable them to access their fundamental rights. This reflection leads us to explore the need for a « right to migrate ».