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Teach-In and Dialogue in Support of Labor, Peace and Democracy

May 1, 2003

Thursday 11 am-4pm
NMSU Corbett Patio

Featuring Speakers, Open Forum, Dialogues, Music, Poetry, Literature

In 1884 a group of trade unions in the United States chose May 1st as the day “from which eight hours shall constitute a day’s labor”. Since then the struggle for labor rights has expanded into many areas and has contributed to the improvement of life for many. May 1st is celebrated today as an international day of labor solidarity.

Our Teach-In will honor this day with faculty and student presentations, dialogues, poetry and music on four themes: Labor, Rights and Solidarity; War, Peace and Foreign Policy; Patriotism, Democracy and Civil Liberties; and Confronting Globalization, Building Alternatives.

Each theme will begin with short presentations, to be followed by an open forum. All views and perspectives are welcome.

Special guests include María Luisa Ruiz Díaz, Mayan weaver from Chiapas, Mexico and members of Mexico Solidarity Network; Carlos Marentes, Director of Sin Fronteras Border Agricultural Workers Project in El Paso, and Victor Muñoz of the Border Coalition Against Violence Against Women. Musical performances by The Answer Lies and Jackson Holland.

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11.00-12.15

Labor, Rights and Solidarity: In the past two decades there has been a steady erosion of labor rights, at home and abroad. How are workers organizing to defend their rights and improve conditions? What is the historical importance of labor movements in this country? How can we build solidarity with workers around the world today?

Moderator: Neil Harvey

Carlos Marentes (Sin Fronteras Border Agricultural Workers Project)

Jamie Bronstein (Dept of History)

Jeffrey Scott (Dept of Sociology/Anthropology)

Machinists

Open Forum and Dialogue

Poetry

Music

12.15-1.30

War, Peace and Foreign Policy: The US-led war on Iraq is strongly resisted by a new, global peace movement. The governments of many countries represented in the United Nations also opposed the war. Why did the US go to war? What has the war achieved? What has been its impact on international relations? What should come next?

Moderator: Scott Krahling

David Boje (Dept of Management; Co-organizer PeaceAware)

Jason Ackleson (Dept of Government)

Yosef Lapid (Dept of Government)

General Laws

ROTC

Open Forum and Dialogue

Poetry – Tom Wark

Music – The Answer Lies

1.30-2.45

Patriotism, Democracy and Civil Liberties: Support for the war is often framed as patriotism, but many people have objected that patriotism can also stand for peace and democracy. Are civil liberties being sacrificed in the name of patriotism and national security? What are the Patriot Acts I and II and how do they affect everyone?

Moderator: Jose Oliveira

Nancy Baker (Dept of Government)

Clifford Aldred

Kelly Elkins

Margaret Jacobs (Dept of History)

ROTC

Open Forum and Dialogue

Poetry

Music

2.45-4.00

Confronting Globalization, Building Alternatives: The global reach of economic and military power is eroding labor rights, democracy and the peaceful resolution of conflicts. What are the results of globalization on poorer countries and communities? How are people resisting and what alternatives are being created? What is the role of international solidarity in building a new hope for labor rights, peace and democracy?

Moderator: David Boje

Neil Harvey (Dept of Government)

Christine Eber (Dept of Sociology/Anthropology)

Crystal Slover (Campus Greens)

Victor Munoz (Border Coalition Against Violence)

María Luisa Ruiz Díaz, Tzotzil-Mayan weaver from Chiapas, Mexico

Barbara Schutz, Chiapas activist, Mexico Solidarity Network

Jessica Marques (Mexico Solidarity Network)

Open Forum and Dialogue

Poetry

Music

See www.PeaceAware.com for details of the event