

URPE Panels at the Left Forum – 2014

1) Prospects of the Global Crisis of Capitalism: Post-Keynesianism vs. Marxism?

— *Cosponsored by Science & Society and URPE* —

Session 1 Saturday 10:00 am - 11:50 am Room: 9.68

***Speakers:* Matías Vernengo, David Laibman, David M. Brennan**

***Chair:* Julio Huato**

A discussion on the prospects of the ongoing global crisis of capitalism. Convergence and divergence between the Post-Keynesian and Marxist views of capitalism.

2) Financial Parasitism: Understanding the “Great Vampire Squid”

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Session 2 Saturday 12:00 pm - 1:50 pm Room: 9.68

***Speakers:* Michael Perelman, Michael Hudson, Julio Huato**

***Chair:* David Laibman**

A discussion on the nature of modern capitalist finance to inform the struggles of the 99%.

3) Iran: Is the Optimism Justified?

Session 2 Saturday 12:00 pm - 1:50 pm Room: 8.67

***Speakers:* Thomas O’Donnell, Hamid Zangeneh, Reza Ghorashi**

***Chair:* Hamideh Sedghi**

Analysis of president Rouhani’s foreign policy, the state of the Iranian economy, and social challenges facing Iran, with emphasis on women’s status.

4) Challenging GMOs: Toward a More Transformative Movement

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Session 2 Saturday 12:00 pm - 1:50 pm Room: 1.92

***Speakers:* Andrea Brower, Amalia Leguizamón, Chaia Heller, Les Levidow**

***Chair:* Brian Tokar**

A discussion of case studies to better understand GMOs and the need for radical critiques of the food system.

5) Latin America: Renewed Challenges and Opportunities for the Left

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Session 3 Saturday 3:10 pm - 4:50 pm Room: 1.124

***Speakers:* George Ciccariello-Maher, Peter Bohmer**

***Chair:* Julio Huato**

Renewed challenges and opportunities facing the Latin American left today, in light of the recent decline in the export prices of oil and other commodities.

6) Don't Mourn, Organize!: The Radical Decentralist Politics of Social Ecologist Murray Bookchin

Session 6 Sunday 12:00 pm - 1:50 pm Room: 8.61

***Speakers:* Eleanor Finley, Chaia Heller, Brian Tokar, Damian White**

***Chair:* Debbie Bookchin**

An overview of Bookchin's politics of social ecology with particular focus on his radical decentralist program.