URPE Panels at the Left Forum – 2014

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

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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
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

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.