

Growing Nuclear Risks in a Changing World: New Thinking & Movement Building

An International Conference

May 4, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Judson Memorial Church

55 Washington Square, New York, NY 10012



POST-COLD WAR ERA HAS ENDED

The interregnum between the old and new world disorders is marked by increasingly dangerous military, economic and high-tech confrontations among nuclear-armed countries.

The U.S. National Strategy makes planning for possible wars against Russia and China the Pentagon's new priority. China's influence is growing across the Asia-Pacific and Eurasia. Russia is again asserting itself as a great power. Creation of a unified and independent European Union military has begun. Wars and competition for regional hegemony continue across the greater Middle East. And we face an "Indo-Pacific" strategic competition. When peace movements have had success in the past, they have been part of broader movements addressing the deeper forces driving militarism and war. Those same forces generate a variety of other injustices and dangers, including growing disparities in wealth, disappearing democracy, xenophobic nationalisms, and destruction of the ecosystems we all depend on.

The New Thinking and Movement Building conference brings together an extraordinary array of analysts, organizers and activists from Russia, Europe, Japan, Korea, the Middle East and the Global South to consider how these issues are connected today, and how we might work more effectively together for a more fair, peaceful, and ecologically sustainable way of life.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

- Daniel Ellsberg (Keynote Speaker)** - Former Senior U.S. Nuclear War & Military Planner
- Boris Kargarlitsky** - Institute for Globalization Studies and Social Movements (Russia)
- Sharon Dolev** - Israeli Disarmament Movement (Israel)
- Lee Tae-ho** - People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (Republic of Korea)
- Reiner Braun** - International Peace Bureau (Germany)
- Karlene Griffiths Sekou** - Movement for Black Lives
- Andrew Lichterman** - Western States Legal Foundation
- Arielle Denis** - International Peace Bureau (France)
- Achin Vanaik** - Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace (India)
- Yayoi Tsuchida** - The Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Japan)
- Reese Chenault** - U.S. Labor Against the War
- Oleg Bodrov** - Coalition Clean Baltic (Russia)
- Marcia Campos** - Western States Legal Foundation
- Joseph Gerson** - Campaign for Peace Disarmament and Common Security, AFSC

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:30 Registration & coffee/gather

9:00 Welcome and introduction

Welcomes (short): Andreas Günther, Sueichi Kido, Emily Rubino

Introduction: Jackie Cabasso

9:30 - 11:00 **Panel** - Understanding the New Geopolitical and Military Disorders, their nuclear dimensions and the Forces Driving Them

Speakers: Joseph Gerson, Arielle Denis, Boris Kargarlitsky, Lee Tae-ho

11:00 - 11:15 **Break**

11:15 - 12:45 **Panel** - Understanding the New Geopolitical and Military Disorders, their nuclear dimensions and the Forces Driving Them

Speakers: Achin Vanaik, Sharon Dolev, Yayoi Tsuchida, Oleg Bodrov

12:45 - 1:15 **Keynote Speaker - Daniel Ellsberg (via Skype) - The Urgency of the Moment and Possible Actions**

1:15 - 2:15 **LUNCH**

2:15 - 3:15 **Panel** - Movement Building for the New Era

Speakers: Reiner Braun, Reese Chenault, Andrew Lichterman, Karlene Griffiths Sekou

3:30 - 5:00 **Breakout Sessions** with conference organizers and panelists, discerning how the conference panels will influence our future work

5:00-5:30 **Closing Plenary**

- Break Out Sessions reports back
- Organizer's Statement
- Closing summary - Reiner Braun & Jackie Cabasso

5:30 - 6:30 **Reception**



Keynote: Daniel Ellsberg



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