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.
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
   a. Break Out Sessions reports back
   b. Organizer’s Statement
   c. Closing summary - Reiner Braun & Jackie Cabasso

5:30 - 6:30 Reception

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