

TWO YEARS AFTER SEATTLE, THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES...

Two years after the victory in the streets of Seattle, the movement against corporate globalization has found manifold expressions in the daily struggles of the world's peoples for human dignity and global justice. From Seattle to Soweto, New Delhi to New York, Buenos Aires to Boston, people from all walks of life have arrived at convergence, united in their diversity against global forces undermining their livelihoods, threatening their environment, and usurping their democratic rights.

Two years on and the struggle continues locally and globally. The tragedy of September 11 has made it all the more urgent that the movement continue, and justice, fairness, and peace prevail in this increasingly troubled world.

Locally, a series of events during the anniversary week are being planned by many organizations in the Boston area. Below are just a few:

Labor Rights, Globalization, and the WTO

Monday November 26, 4-5:30pm, 7th Floor, Cabot Center, Fletcher School, Tufts University.



The World Trade Organization meetings in Doha, Qatar, ended November 14. But what happened regarding the environmental and labor issues that have made the WTO so controversial? One of the few U.S. civil society representatives to go to Doha, Thea Lee, Chief International Economist for the AFL-CIO, will speak on "Workers' Rights and the WTO: Report from the Doha Ministerial." Organized by the Global Development and Environment Institute at Tufts University. Info: 617-627-6871/3509.

Making Unions Work Abroad: The Kukdong Story

Thursday November 29, 7pm, Boylston Hall (Harvard University).



Marcela Munoz Tepepa and Ivan de Erick Diaz Xolo, workers and union organizers from the Kukdong factory in Puebla, Mexico discuss their recent unionizing victory and its implications for factory workers around the world. Labor leaders and policy experts from the U. S. will also weigh in with a domestic perspective.

Justice for Janitors March and Rally

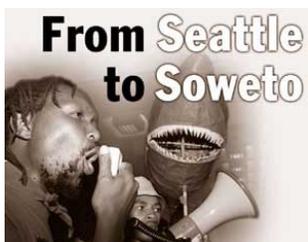
Friday November 30, 4pm, Harvard Square.

After winning a 3-year contract at Tufts, Janitors from Harvard and SEIU Local 254 will unite to speak with one voice. We will rally together and show Harvard that we're serious about winning living wages, full time work opportunities and better working conditions for all janitors, and your support is needed! Let's show Harvard that we're stronger than ever. Come to the rally and make your voice heard! Info: 617-367-7360.

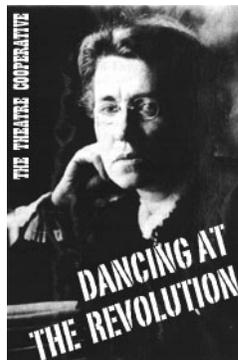


Africa Vs. Globalization: A Film from South Africa

Saturday December 1, 2pm, Mass. College of Art, 621 Huntington Ave., North Hall Screening Room 1.



In the streets and in the townships of South Africa where people are poorer than ever, a new resistance movement is growing, this time against a process of globalization and global apartheid that threatens everyone. Through candid interviews with Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, President Thabo Mbeki, George Soros, and a host of grassroots activists, South African filmmaker Ben Cashdan finds out what folks from the top and bottom of South Africa's growing economic divide have to say about post-apartheid South Africa and the deal it is receiving from the global economy.



Dancing at the Revolution

November 30-December 22, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Sunday Matinees at 2pm (9th and 16th only). 277 Broadway, Somerville.

Emma Goldman -- also known as "The Most Dangerous Woman in America" -- was a social activist, feminist, and defender of labor rights at a time when to be so was not only politically but personally dangerous. Simply for speaking out against the draft at the start of World War I, Emma was imprisoned and unlawfully deported.

Award-winning playwright Michael Bettencourt creates Goldman's prison world with a theatricality only possible on a live stage. Dancing at the Revolution brings us to understand the importance of following one's heart and standing up for one's ideals regardless of the cost. By Michael Bettencourt, directed by Donald Sheehan. Info: The Theatre Cooperative, 617.625.1300.



Fair Trade Coffee Day of Action

Saturday December 8.

This past summer, world market coffee prices plunged to their lowest levels in 50 years, leaving hundreds of thousands of Mexican and Central American peasants

completely destitute and on the brink of starvation. In addition, unemployment, land seizures, and migration have skyrocketed.

The spiralling economic crisis, largely brought about by neoliberal reforms of the agricultural sector, illustrates how the IMF-mandated export-oriented economic approach have mired developing countries in a permanent state of poverty and at the perpetual mercy of the international market.

However, there are alternatives. As consumers, we can support struggling farmers and workers in coffee-producing countries by opting for fair trade coffee. The fair trade certified label indicates that coffee farmers have been guaranteed a fair price for their harvest and much more, including the promotion of environmentally sustainable agricultural practices.

You can participate simply by purchasing fair trade coffee from local stores or cafes, either by the cup or by the pound for yourself and friends, or getting involved in the campaign. Local contact: Shayna Harris, Shayndmb@aol.com.

The Day of Action is sponsored by Co-op America, Equal Exchange, Global Exchange, Mexico Solidarity Network, Nicaragua Network, Organic Consumers Association, Oxfam America, and the Fair Trade Federation.

At the WTO protests in Seattle, we had a collective vision. We saw beyond the borders that divide us. We saw people come together across every kind of political and cultural difference and stand up in a way that we have not seen in this country for decades. We saw peaceful protests shut down one of the most powerful institutions in the world and we saw a system dazed and frightened by the sound of our voices.

-- This is What Democracy Looks Like, Independent Media Center Film Production

For struggling for a better world all of us are fenced in, threatened with death. The fence is reproduced globally. But fences are broken. The rebels search each other out. They walk toward one another. They find each other and together break other fences. In the countryside and cities, in the states, in the nations, on the continents, the rebels begin to recognize each other, to know themselves as equals and different. They continue on their fatiguing walk, walking as it is now necessary to walk, that is to say, struggling...

-- Subcommandante Marcos at the First International Encuentro for Humanity and against Neoliberalism, August, 1996.



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ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE, ANOTHER WORLD IS NECESSARY!