Unions Go Green: A New Framework toward Energy Democracy

Session 4, Sat. 5:30pm -7:10pm, Room: E308

Frankly, unions haven't always been the greenest bunch. Nor have a whole lot of other folks on the Left. But that's changing. Learn about the labor movement's latest efforts to create a just, democratic, and sustainable energy system.

Lara Skinner (Cornell Global Labor Institute)
Tadzio Müller (Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin)
Emmaia Gelman (Alliance for a Just Rebuilding, NYC)

CHAIR: Stefanie Ehmsen (RLS – NYC)

Fighting Tuition, Fighting Debt

Session 3, Sat. 3:40pm-5:20pm, Room: W523

A massive student movement recently stopped tuition hikes in the Canadian province of Quebec. How can other students fight back against spiraling tuition, and how can their struggles connect to a broader movement against other forms of exploitative debt?

Jérémie Bédard-Wien (ASSÉ, Montreal)
Jackie Sewell (Young Democratic Socialists)
Astra Taylor (Strike Debt, New York)

CHAIR: Ethan Earle (RLS – NYC)

European Austerity and the New Resistance

Session 7, Sun. 3:00pm-4:50pm, Room: E305

Austerity is on the rise throughout Europe, and whole societies are being driven into poverty and desperation. What's being done to fight it? What are the possibilities for international solidarity?

Josef Baum (European Network “transform!”)
Catarina Príncipe (Cultures of Labour and Socialism, Portugal)
Michael Krätke (University of Lancaster, UK)

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