The Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung is an internationally operating, progressive non-profit institution for civic education affiliated with the German Left Party (Die Linke). Active since 1990, the foundation has been committed to the analysis of social processes and developments worldwide. In cooperation with organizations around the globe, it works on democratic and social participation, empowerment of disadvantaged groups, alternatives for economic and social development, conflict prevention, and peaceful conflict resolution.

Its international activities aim to provide civic education by means of academic analyses, public programs, and projects conducted together with partner institutions. In order to be able to mentor and coordinate these various projects, the foundation has established 17 regional offices around the world.

The foundation’s New York Office, located at 275 Madison Avenue, opened its doors in 2012. It serves two major tasks: to work on issues concerning the United Nations, including collaboration with people and political representatives from the Global South, and to work with U.S. and Canadian progressives in universities, unions, social movements, NGOs, and think tanks. RLS has been granted special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 2013. The office’s co-directors are Stefanie Ehmsen and Albert Scharenberg.

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w/ Hari Kondabolu • Boots Riley • Jeanne Theoharis

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SPEAKERS

**Dick Gregory** is an internationally known comedian and author. As an outspoken civil rights activist he was advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King and participated in the Birmingham Children’s Crusade and the March on Washington.

**Hari Kondabolu** is a Brooklyn-based comic who has been described by Time Out New York as “smart, analytical and rising.” He has performed on Conan, Jimmy Kimmel Live, Comedy Central’s Live at Gotham, and others.

**Boots Riley** is founder of the seminal hip hop group The Coup. He has collaborated with Tom Morello on *The Street Sweeper Social Club*. Currently Boots works as a political organizer and teacher in the Bay Area.

**Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons** is a longtime activist with roots in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. She currently lives in Florida and is professor of religious studies at the University of Florida.

**Jeanne Theoharis** is the author of the critically acclaimed biography *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* (Beacon Press, 2013). She currently teaches at Brooklyn College, CUNY.

**Dorothy M. Zellner** was a staff member for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. She is co-editor of the award-winning *Hands on the Freedom Plow: Personal Accounts by Women in SNCC* (University of Illinois, 2010).

**Kazembe Balagun** is a project manager at the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung—New York Office. A long-time writer and activist, he is a Harlem native and currently lives in the Bronx.

**Albert Scharenberg** is Co-Director of the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung—New York Office. He wrote his PhD on Malcolm X and Black Nationalism and has published a biography of Martin Luther King.

PROGRAM

6:30 PM **Performance**
New Day Church Worship Team

6:40 PM **Welcome**
by moderator Kazembe Balagun, RLS–NYC

6:50 PM **Opening Remarks**
by Albert Scharenberg, Co-Director of RLS–NYC

7:00 PM **Dick Gregory Comments**

7:30 PM **First Dialogue**
Unsung Heroes: The Southern Movement with Jeanne Theoharis and Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons

8:00 PM **Second Dialogue**
Freedom ’63 with Boots Riley and Dorothy Zellner

8:30 PM **Third Dialogue**
Laugh to Keep from Crying: The Artist and the Movement with Hari Kondabolu and Dick Gregory

9:00 PM **Closing Performance**
New Day Church Worship Team