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**Marxists and Islamists gather in Toronto to build unity**

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One of the topics at this four day conference was *Building Unity / Muslims and the Left*.

Among the participants:

Zafar Bangash – Institute of Contemporary Islamic Thought  
Françoise David – Québec solidaire  
Mohamed Elmasry – Canadian Islamic Congress  
Ali Mallah – Canadian Arab Federation  
Wahida Valiante – Canadian Islamic Congress

# MARXISM

a festival of resistance

May 10-13, 2007  
Toronto

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## MARXISM 2007

May 10-13, 2007

Bahen Centre for Information Technology, University of Toronto  
40 St. George Street (north of College Street)

a four day conference of over fifty workshops, artistic display and performances. If you are against imperialism, war, corporate greed and destruction of the environment, if you want to learn about and organize for a new world of peace, freedom and liberation then don't miss **Marxism: A Festival of Resistance**

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**Marxism**  
**A FESTIVAL OF RESISTANCE**  
 A FOUR DAY CONFERENCE OF OVER FIFTY WORKSHOPS, ART EXHIBITS AND PERFORMANCES

**MAY 10-13, 2007**  
**TORONTO**

Organized by the International Socialists  
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Marxism  
**A FESTIVAL OF RESISTANCE**

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 40 St. George Street  
 (just north of College, west of Queen's Park subway)  
 University of Toronto

**We all have questions, together we have the answers.** Join us at Marxism 2007, a four day conference of over fifty workshops, art exhibits and performances. Join us

to discuss today's social movements. Register early for reduced rates. Billing and child care are provided with advance notice by April 9. All

venues are wheelchair accessible. Don't miss the largest socialist and progressive book sale in Toronto during Marxism 2007, on location in the Resistance Press bookroom.

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 7:30PM • OPENING MEETINGS**

Room 1

**BUILDING UNITY**

**Muslims and the Left**

**Zafar Bangash**  
 Director, Institute of Contemporary Islamic Thought

**Peter Leibovitch**  
 Peace and justice activist

**Ausma Malik**  
 Vice-president, Equity,  
 University of Toronto Students' Union (2006-2007)

**Ali Mallah**  
 Vice-president, Canadian Arab Federation

**Wahida Valiante**  
 National vice-president, Canadian Islamic Congress

**James Clark**  
 Leading member, International Socialists

Room 2



**Ted Glick**  
 Project coordinator, Climate Crisis Coalition;  
 author, *Future Hope: A Winning Strategy for a Just Society*

**Kim Fry**  
 Long time environmental activist; member,  
 Alliance for Social Change

**John Bell**  
 Member, Stop Climate Chaos - Toronto;  
 and *Socialist Worker* columnist

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## COURSE DIRECTORY\*

For full course and session descriptions, visit [www.socialist.ca](http://www.socialist.ca).

### Imperialism and Resistance

Iran: explaining the conflict - Sid Lacombe ★ Imperialism and the new Middle East - Mohamed Elmsary, Ahmed Habib, James Clark ★ Somalia: the new scramble for Africa - Ali Awad ★ Hizbullah: lessons from Lebanon - Faline Bobier

### Peacekeeping: Myth and Reality

Crisis in Darfur: can peacekeepers bring peace? - Charlotte Ireland ★ From Suez to Afghanistan: the legacy of Canadian peacekeeping - Sherene Razack, Jean St-Vil, Michelle Robidoux

### Indigenous Resistance

Aboriginal identity and Canadian imperialism - Leslie Doucet, Terry Theakston ★ Indigenism: building solidarity with Indigenous peoples - Zainab Amadahy ★ Palestine and the right of return - Rafeef Ziadah, Jonathon Hodge

### Islam and the Left

Islam and women's liberation - Sedef Arat-Koc, Shaila Kibria, Kelly Holloway ★ Can people of faith be Marxists? - Charifal Sundaram

### The Americas in Revolt

Venezuela and the Bolivarian Revolution - Joel Harden ★ Mexico in revolt - Ian MacDonald ★ Latin America rising - Michelle Robidoux

### Climate Change

Deniers, liars and the politics of climate change - Brian Champ ★ What would a green economy look like? - Pam Frache

### Workers Rising

Working class or multitude: who can change the world? - Ritch Whyman ★ The fight for a living wage - Andrea Calver, James Wardlaw, Marva Burnett, UNITE HERE worker, Carolyn Egan

### Economies of the 21st Century

Why is Africa poor? From colonialism to neo-liberalism - Sid Lacombe, Farid Omar ★ India and China: the new superpowers? - Paul Kellogg ★ The future of the American empire - Sam Gindin, Paul Kellogg

### Disability Politics

The fight for disability liberation: activists speak out - Ravi Malhotra, Sandra Carpenter, Erin George ★ War, trauma and bodies - Stephanie Teske, Julie Devaney ★ Another P37 Parkdale, poverty and psychiatric survivor history - Geoffrey Reaume, Jiji Voronka, Paul Denton

### Life Under Capitalism

Healthcare and the market - Jesse McLaren ★ Another science is possible - Bradley Hughes ★ Commodity fetishism: why we love to shop - Shawn Whitney

### A Rebel's Guide to Marxism

Lenin on state and revolution - Brian Donnelly, Ken Golden ★ Marx on alienation - Sara Manow ★ Trotsky on the united front - Matt Morgan

### Marxist Ideas: Theoretically Speaking

Antonio Gramsci: Marxist, postmodernist or both? - Abbie Bakan ★ Race and class: from W.E.B. Dubois to C.L.R. James - Grace-Edward Gatabut, Nauman Mir ★ Lenin's Marxism in the 21st century - Ritch Whyman ★ Third World Marxism: from Che to Fanon - Joe Kelly, Andrew Hodge

### Gender and Sexuality

Trans identity and post-identity politics - Alex Adams, Maureen Aslin ★ After same-sex marriage: are we equal now? - Christine Beckermann ★ Sexism and the rise of raunch culture - Pam Johnson

### Québec Libre

Québec solidaire and the new left - Françoise David, Benoit Renaud ★ Québec's history of anti-imperialism - Matt Jones

### People's History of Canada

Making of the pan-Canadian working class - Doug Nesbitt ★ Guantanamo North and civil liberties - Ahmad Jaballah, Jessica Squires

### The Russian Revolution: 90 Years On

Victor Serge: eyewitness to revolution - Valerie Lannon ★ Revolutionary Russia: when socialists and Muslims defeated imperialism - John Riddell ★ Is the Russian Revolution relevant today? - John Boyd, Charifal Sundaram

### The Cultural Front

Believe half of what you see: image as ideology - Kathryn Palmateer ★ Bohemians or workers: organizing artists to change the world - Giles Hodge, Laurel Smith ★ Hip-hop and anti-capitalism - Betadonna, Ali Aumeer

### Strategies for Changing the World

NGOs and imperialism: is there a connection? - Pam Frache ★ Israel, the US and Zionism: who's really in charge? - Suzanne Weiss, Abbie Bakan ★ What's radical? Building a united anti-imperialist movement - Jessica Squires, Jen Hassum, Adam Hanley

## FRIDAY, MAY 11\*

### 9:00 - 10:00 AM REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

### 10:00 - 11:15

Room 1: Working class or multitude: who can change the world? - Ritch Whyman  
Room 2: The fight for disability liberation: activists speak out - Ravi Malhotra, Sandra Carpenter, Erin George  
Room 3: Crisis in Darfur: can peacekeepers bring peace? - Charlotte Ireland  
Room 4: Another science is possible - Bradley Hughes  
Room 5: Lenin on state and revolution - Ken Golden, Brian Donnelly

### 11:30 - 12:45

Room 1: Iran: explaining the conflict - Sid Lacombe  
Room 2: Deniers, liars and the politics of climate change - Brian Champ  
Room 3: NGOs and imperialism: is there a connection? - Pam Frache  
Room 4: Québec's history of anti-imperialism - Matt Jones  
Room 5: The making of the pan-Canadian working class - Doug Nesbitt

### 12:45 - 2:00 PM LUNCH

### 2:00 - 3:15

Room 1: Hizbullah: lessons from Lebanon - Faline Bobier  
Room 2: Victor Serge: eyewitness to revolution - Valerie Lannon  
Room 3: What would a green economy look like? - Pam Frache  
Room 4: Believe half of what you see: image as ideology - Kathryn Palmateer  
Room 5: Québec solidaire and the new left - Françoise David, Benoit Renaud

### 3:30 - 4:45

Room 1: Venezuela and the Bolivarian revolution - Joel Harden  
Room 2: Antonio Gramsci: Marxist, postmodernist or both? - Abbie Bakan  
Room 3: Islam and women's liberation - Sedef Arat-Koc, Kelly Holloway, Shaila Kibria  
Room 4: Trans identity and post-identity politics - Alex Adams, Maureen Aslin  
Room 5: Why is Africa poor? From colonialism to neo-liberalism - Sid Lacombe, Farid Omar

### 5:00 - 7:00 PM SUPPER

### 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Room 1: Afghanistan: Canada's Vietnam - Nikolai Lanine, Hamayan Rastgar, Carolyn Egan  
Room 2: The future of the left in Quebec and Canada - Françoise David, Judy Rebeck, Michelle Robidoux

Social to follow. Venue TBA.

## SATURDAY, MAY 12\*

### 9:00 - 10:00 AM REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

#### 10:00 - 11:15

- Room 1: From Suez to Afghanistan: the legacy of Canadian peacekeeping - Sherone Razack, Jean St-Vil, Michelle Robidoux  
Room 2: India and China: the new superpowers? - Paul Kellogg  
Room 3: Aboriginal identity and Canadian imperialism - Leslie Doucet, Terry Theakston  
Room 4: Marx on alienation - Sara Marlowe  
Room 5: Somalia: the new scramble for Africa - Ali Awali

#### 11:30 - 12:45

- Room 1: Israel, the US and Zionism: who's really in charge? - Suzanne Weiss, Abbie Bakan  
Room 2: The future of the American empire - Sam Gindin, Paul Kellogg  
Room 3: Revolutionary Russia: when socialists and Muslims defeated imperialism - John Riddell  
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Room 5: Indigenism: building solidarity with Indigenous peoples - Zainab Amadahy

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Room 2: Palestine and the right of return - Rafeef Ziadah, Jonathon Hodge  
Room 3: Another P3? Parkdale, poverty and psychiatric survivor history - Geoffrey Reaume, Jiji Voronka, Paul Denison  
Room 4: Can people of faith be Marxists? - Chantal Sundaram  
Room 5: Trotsky on the united front - Matt Morgan

#### 3:30 - 4:45

- Room 1: Race and class: from W.E.B. Dubois to C.L.R. James - Nauman Mir, Grace-Edward Galabuzi  
Room 2: Mexico in revolt - Ian MacDonald  
Room 3: Health care and the market - Jesse McLaren  
Room 4: Lenin's Marxism in the 21st century - Ritch Whyman  
Room 5: After same-sex marriage: are we equal now? - Christine Beckermann

### GALA EVENT: RESISTANCE - RHYTHMS OF REVOLT

Food, performances, music and more  
Dinner begins at 5:30 PM (vegetarian and halal options available)  
Show begins at 7:00 PM (see page 8 for details)  
Venue to be announced. See [www.socialist.ca](http://www.socialist.ca) for updates.

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## SUNDAY, MAY 13\*

#### 10:00 - 11:15

- Room 1: Is the Russian Revolution relevant today? - John Boyd, Chantal Sundaram  
Room 2: Latin America rising - Michelle Robidoux  
Room 3: Guantanamo North and civil liberties - Ahmad Jaballah, Jessica Squires  
Room 4: Sexism and the rise of raunch culture - Pam Johnson  
Room 5: Bohemians or workers: organizing artists to change the world - Giles Hodge, Laurel Smith

#### 11:30 - 12:45

- Room 1: What's radical? Building a united anti-imperialist movement - Jessica Squires, Jen Hassum, Adam Hanieh  
Room 2: The fight for a living wage - Andrea Calver, James Wardlaw, Marva Burnett, UNITE HERE worker, Carolyn Egan  
Room 3: Commodity fetishism: why we love to shop - Shawn Whitney  
Room 4: Third World Marxism: from Che to Fanon - Joe Kelly, Andrew Hodge  
Room 5: Hip-hop and anti-capitalism - Belladonna, Ali Aumeer

#### 1:00 - 2:00 Closing Rally - Sibel Ataogul, Chantal Sundaram

Social to follow. Venue TBA.

## RESISTANCE BOOKROOM

Don't miss the largest socialist and progressive book sale in Toronto during Marxism 2007.

Open from 10:00am - 7:00pm  
every day during the conference.

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**For the Full 4-day Conference:**  \$100 waged;  \$60 student;  \$35 unwaged

**For One Day:**  \$50 waged;  \$25 student;  \$20 unwaged

Specify day: \_\_\_\_\_

**Group rate:**  5 members for \$100 (\$20 each for full conference)

Group name: \_\_\_\_\_

**One Session:**  \$5.00 - \$10.00 (sliding scale)

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