

BUILDING ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES

**AND THE
SOCIAL/SOLIDARITY ECONOMY
AT THE U.S. SOCIAL FORUM**



**June 28th - July 1st, 2007
Atlanta, Georgia**

**Program
of Workshops & Events**

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL/SOLIDARITY ECONOMY?

This first-ever Social Forum held in the United States provides a perfect opportunity to discuss the key project of building and strengthening economic alternatives in the United States, “the belly of the beast.” With this in mind, the Social/Solidarity Economy Working Group invites you to attend the ‘track’ of sessions which we have put together to explore these topics (listed here). We also invite you to visit the Solidarity Economy Tent, next to the Civic Center (see next page). For more and updated information on our activities, please visit www.TransformationCentral.org.

Our activities here at the forum are centered on the Solidarity Economy. The Solidarity Economy is a new way of naming, conceptualizing, and interconnecting the many types of transformative economic values, practices, and institutions that exist all over the world. Many of these have arisen in response to the injustices and imbalances of neo-liberalism. They include, but are not limited to, socially responsible consumption, work and investment; worker, consumer, producer, and banking cooperatives; fair trade businesses, progressive unions, high road and community businesses, local currencies, and unpaid care work. The Solidarity Economy is also about uniting these various forms of transformative economics in a network of solidarity: solidarity with a shared vision, solidarity with shared values, and solidarity with the oppressed. For more info, see www.GEO.coop and www.TransformationCentral.org.

The concept of Solidarity Economy is well-known in Latin America, Europe, and Canada. Organized Solidarity Economy networks exist throughout the world, but not yet in the U.S. Through our activities at the USSF, we hope to raise awareness about Solidarity Economy concepts in the U.S. and to help create U.S. Solidarity Economy networks. Contact us if you are interested in being part of this project.

We hope to meet you at one of our workshops!

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THE SOLIDARITY ECONOMY TENT

LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE ATLANTA CIVIC CENTER!

SPONSORING GROUPS: Guramylay: Growing the Green Economy, the Center for Popular Economics, Grassroots Economic Organizing, the U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives, the Center for Labor and Community Research, the Democracy Collaborative, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Groupe Economie Solidaire Quebec, Candian Community Economic Development Network, the Union for Radical Political Economics, SweatFree Communities, STITCH, U.S./ Labor Education in Americas Project. and Dollars & Sense Magazine.

ACTIVITIES IN THE SOLIDARITY ECONOMY TENT

Throughout the USSF: Listings of workshops on “Economic Alternatives and the Social/Solidarity Economy,” literature on economic alternatives that are being constructed in the US and abroad, and on the emerging Solidarity Economy networks; literature tables of groups active in economic transformation.

Thurs., Fri, and Sat., 9 am: **Introduction to the Solidarity Economy**

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat. after plenary (about 9:30 pm): **Political Song Circle.** Open to all musicians, singers, and listeners. Led by Ray Korona.

Fri., 5 pm: **Open Discussion: “Using the Web for Economic and Social Transformation”**

Sat., 5 pm: **Open Discussion: “Changing the World Through Political Song.”** Led by Ray Korona, singer-songwriter.

A Note About This Program

This program is only a small portion of the entire program of the U.S. Social Forum. The Solidarity Economy Working Group has included here selections from the larger program, including events and workshops that our organizations & affiliates have organized and others (“allied events”) whose topics are directly relevant to the work of building a solidarity economy. We recognize, of course, that all of the struggles and efforts represented at the USSF are crucial to this work and we encourage you all to explore the interconnections throughout your time at the Forum.

Events organized by the Solidarity Economy Working Group

3390. Beyond Reform or Revolution: Economic Transformation in the U.S.: A Roundtable Discussion

Julie Matthaei (Guramylay: Growing the Green Economy and TransformationCentral.org)

Emily Kawano (Center for Popular Economics)

Dan Swinney (Center for Labor and Community Research)

Stephen Healy (Community Economies)

David Korten (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies)

Germai Medhanie (Guramylay: Growing the Green Economy and TransformationCentral.org)

The roundtable discussion session will have a two-fold focus: 1) to identify actually existing transformative economic values, practices and institutions such as worker coops, socially responsible economic decision-making, green enterprises, and the like, and 2) to discuss ways to work together across our organizations to support movement towards more fully egalitarian and democratic economic forms which are free of race, gender, sexuality, disability, environmental, and international domination and exploitation. Sponsored by Guramylay: Growing the Green Economy

Location: *Athens Boardroom at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3711. U.S. Changing the Federal Budget from the Grassroots Up: Facts and Strategies for Justice

Anita Dancs, National Priorities Project, Center for Popular Economics

Keisha Carter, Women's Action for a New Direction (WAND)

This workshop will provide an overview of the federal budget, how it impacts local communities and what activists can do. Atlanta has a child poverty rate of 58.8%! Yet the Iraq War costs Atlanta taxpayers 1/3 of a million dollars a day every day since the war began. This is an example of the upside down priorities this workshop will address. We'll provide: Cost figures on the war for your state, congressional district, local communities, and what else it could buy; Preventive national security strategies that are more effective and less costly than Pentagon spending; Proven coalition-building actions to strengthen a movement and hold elected officials accountable; Specific legislation that would significantly change how we spend our tax dollars.

Location: *Sanctuary room at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church*

ALLIED EVENTS

1721. Big Box Retailer Organizing & International Day of Action

Trina Tocco (Big Box Collaborative & International Labor Rights Fund)
Mackenzie Baris (DC Jobs with Justice) and others

Location: *Aracadia room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3863. Beyond Neoliberalism: Alternatives from Latin America & Beyond

Ruth Castel-Branco (50 Years Is Enough Network)

Location: *Room 1204 at the Westin Hotel*

3960. Using Methods of Green Building to Develop Affordable Housing

Laurel Mei Turbin (WE ACT, Greenproofing, West Harlem Group Assistance)

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom G at the Westin Hotel*

4048. Living Wage Campaigns: Building the Movement for Economic Justice

Jen Kern (ACORN Living Wage Resource Center)

Cindia Cameron (Atlanta 9 to 5 and Atlanta Living Wage Campaign)

Tamecka Piece (FLorida ACORN chair), plus others

Location: *Room 1403 at the Westin Hotel*

3011. Radical Sustainability and Regenerative Activism

Eileen Rose (Earth Activist Training)

Location: *Gateway Performance Productions -Mask Center at the Little Five Points Community Center*

3800. We Are Not For Sale

Diane Matte (World March of Women)

Location: *Room 1201 at the Westin Hotel*

Thursday, June 28th • 10:30^{AM} - 12:30^{PM} (Cont'd)

2133. Day 1: “Raising Awareness of the State of the World”

Rajesh Makwana (Share The World’s Resources)

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom A at the Westin Hotel*

Thursday, June 28th • 1:00^{PM} - 3:00^{PM}

Events organized by the Solidarity Economy Working Group

2793. Building Community Economies Any Time Any Place

Community Economies Collective

We will share our experiences developing worker owned cooperatives, such as Collective Copies and creating complementary currencies, including the North Quabbin Time Bank in the deindustrialized towns of Orange and Athol, Massachusetts. We will put this work into a broader context about community economies, which we see as spaces of ethical decision making. We highlight an economy of trust through honor-system based exchanges at small farm stands in Western Massachusetts and cooperative decision making around economic surplus. Our aim is to make visible a broader spectrum of what economic development and interdependence can look like.

Location: *Apollo room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

4106. U.S. Inequality and What We Can Do About It

Tom Masterson (Union for Radical Political Economy, Levy Institute, CPE)

Suresh Naidu (Center for Popular Economics)

Geert Dhondt (Center for Popular Economics)

The panel will address economic inequality in the US from three perspectives: measurement, policy and collective action. We will present alternative measures of inequality and discuss their differences. We will present policy proposals that directly address economic inequality. And we will discuss the role of collective action in addressing economic inequality.

Location: *NOTADA - Sunshine Class room at the Trinity United Methodist Church*

Thursday, June 28th • 1:00PM - 3:00PM (Cont'd)

Allied Events

3299. Right to the City: Building a National Movement Against Displacement and Gentrification

Alicia Schwartz (Tenants and Workers United)

Location: *Room 1406 at the Westin Hotel*

4002. Food Justice Nourishes All Movements

Saru Jayaraman (Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York)

Cornelius Blanding (Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund)

Miguel Santistevan (New Mexico Acequia Association)

Savvy Horn (National Council of Black Lawyers/Land Loss Prevention Project)

Nancy Abdul Shakur (Literacy for Environmental Justice)

Robert Bullard (Clark Atlanta University)

Organizer: Neelam Sharma (Community Services Unlimited, Inc.)

Location: *Room 1403 at the Westin Hotel*

Thursday, June 28th • 3:30PM - 5:30PM

Events organized by the Solidarity Economy Working Group

2265. Why We Need Another World – Introduction To Neoliberalism

Heidi Garrett-Peltier, Matt Riddle and Helen Scharber (Center for Popular Economics)

Why do we need ‘another world’? If you have a gut level feeling that something is wrong with the global economic system, but feel a need to understand more of the nitty gritty of how it works - who are the big players; what is the ideology & policies; who are the winners and the losers; how do race, ethnicity, gender play out - this is the workshop for you.

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom B at the Westin Hotel*

2428. Live Your Power: Socially Responsible Consumption, Work, and Investment

Dennis Brutus (Graduation Pledge and TIAA-CREF Campaign)

Victoria Cepedia-Mojaro (United Students Against Sweatshops)

Trish Tchume (Idealist.org)

A key way to transform and transcend unsustainable and oppressive economic institutions in the U.S. is to live our power -- by expressing liberatory, sustainable values in our everyday economic actions and choices. This session is about how we Americans are rejecting materialistic, competitive conditioning and are learning how to use our economic power to express just and sustainable values in every aspect of our daily economic lives, from consumption and investment decisions to work choices to socially responsible citizenship. Sponsored by Guramylay: Growing the Green Economy.

Location: *Room 1207 room at the Westin Hotel*

Allied Events

3525. Community Land Trusts As An Anti-Gentrification Tool

Tom Wetzel (San Francisco Community Land Trust)

Location: *Aracadia room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2806. California's 'Global Warming Solutions Act' and Blue-Green Alliances - Which Way Forward?

Dave Shukla (URPE - Union for Radical Political Economics)

Location: *NOT ADA - Sunshine Class at the Trinity United Methodist Church*

2147. Food Sovereignty: Building Sustainable Futures for Farmers Globally - 1 - Fixing the Broken Food System

Nikhil Aziz (Grassroots International)

Location: *Balcony Right room at the Atlanta Civic Center*

1757. The Coalition of Immokalee Workers: Fighting for Fair Food

Julia Perkins and others (Coalition of Immokalee Workers)

Location: *Room 1403 at the Westin Hotel*

3760. Building Economic Democracy (Now!): The Role of Worker Cooperatives in a Movement for True Democracy

Tim Huet (Association of Arizmendi Cooperatives)

Jessica Gordon Nembhard (Eastern Conference for Workplace Democracy and Grassroots Economic Organizing)

This workshop provides an interactive discussion (both within and among participants and presenters) about economic democracy, showcasing one of the most democratic of economic organization types, the worker-owned cooperative. We provide a short introduction to the range of worker cooperatives from collectives to manager-run cooperatives, from as small as three worker-owners to thousands; and address the history and potential of worker cooperatives to assist folks who have been disenfranchised and shut out of the ownership culture.

Location: *Centennial Ballroom B at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2267. The Sky as a Common Resource: Fighting Global Warming by Asserting Equal Rights to our Atmosphere

Matt Riddle (Center for Popular Economics, Little Village Environmental Justice Org)

Sirisha Naidu (Center for Popular Economics)

This workshop will use a combination of participatory exercises, discussion and presentation to explore the twin challenges of global warming and inequality, how the neoliberal economic system contributes to both, and how the use of a 'Sky Trust' can reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also helping to achieve a more fair distribution of the Earth's wealth. A Sky Trust would assert the shared nature of our atmospheric resource by forcing anyone who emits carbon into the atmosphere to pay into a trust fund that would then be distributed evenly to all people.

Location: *Achilles room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3024. There is an alternative: Economic Democracy

David Schweickart (Solidarityeconomy.net)

Michael Albert (Z Magazine)

Another world is possible? We keep repeating these words, but what exactly would that world look like? More specifically, what might be its underlying economic structure? David Schweickart and Michael Albert will propose two contrasting models of Economic Democracy. David Schweickart will discuss market socialism featuring worker-self-management of enterprises and social control of investment. Michael Albert will describe participatory economics, or “parecon,” a classless economic alternative to both capitalism and what Albert calls coordinatorism (including market and centrally planned socialism).

Location: *Centennial Ballroom B at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

Allied Events

1842. Navigating the Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community

Puanani Burgess and David Korten (YES! Magazine)

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom E at the Westin Hotel*

2430. Creating Jobs and Keeping Jobs: Women’s Perspectives on Alternatives For Sustainable Livelihoods

Kristin Sampson (Center of Concern)

Location: *Choir Room at the Trinity United Methodist Church*

2563. Creating the Local Green Economy: Success Stories from the Grassroots

Facilitator: Shannon Biggs (Local Economy Project, Global Exchange)
Kevin Danaher (Global Exchange); Kaitlin Sopoci Belknap (Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County); Xochitl Bervera (Friends and Families of Louisiana’s Incarcerated Children); Margie Eugene Richard (Community leader, Goldman Environmental Prize winner); LaDonna Redmond (ICRD)

Location: *Room 1208 at the Westin Hotel*

3003. Promoting Black Environmental Thought and Action

Rose Brewer (AfroEco)

Location: *Room 1202 at the Westin Hotel*

1606. Taking Back the Land

Max Rameau (Center for Pan-African Development)

Location: *International H room at the Westin Hotel*

2717. Saving Black Owned Land

Cornelius Blanding (Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund)

Location: *Athena room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2369. Introduction to Economics of Liberation

Nada Khader (Proutist Universal, WESPAC Foundation)

Location: *NOT ADA - Sunshine Class at the Trinity United Methodist Church*

3707. Another Politics Is Possible: Living the Vision from Below and to the Left

Participating organizations include: Sisterfire, Coalition of Immokalee workers/ Student Farmworker Alliance, LA Garment Workers Center, Sista II Sista, INCITE!, Center for Immigrant Families, Regeneracion Childcare, Pachamama Childcare Collective, Harm Free Zone, Left Turn Magazine, Catalyst Project, Refugio

Location: *Georgia Ballroom East at the Renaissance Atlanta Hotel Downtown*

4045. Service Workers Rising: Building Power for Service Workers at Home and Globally

Abbie Illenberger (UNITE HERE) and others

Location: *Norcross room at the Renaissance Atlanta Hotel Downtown*

2135. Day 2: “Envisioning a Better World”

Rajesh Makwana (Share The World’s Resources)

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom A at the Westin Hotel*

3228. Building a Solidarity Economy From Real World Practices

Manos Unidas, Center for Popular Economics, Grassroots Economic Organizing

This collaborative workshop will combine theater, art and economic analysis to create an active visual representation and experience of a Social/Solidarity Economy. An participatory introduction to the basic concepts and practices of this exciting alternative economic organizing concept.

Location: *Delphi room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2143. Solidarity Economy in Canada

Nancy Neamtan (Groupe d'économie solidaire du Québec - GESQ)

Michael Lewis (Center for Community Enterprise)

Ethel Coté (Économie Solidaire Ontario)

Social economy has a long history in Canada. In the last 25 years, many new initiatives have sprung up all over Canada. In particular, this renewal has been very strong in Quebec province. Networks and national organisations are also very active. The objective of the workshops is to share information and experience about the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) with US counterparts to strengthen solidarity economy as part of the alternative globalisation movement.

Location: *Mediterranean room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2262. Re-creating the New City: Worker Ownership in an African American Context

Jessica Gordon Nembhard (Democracy Collaborative and Grassroots Economic Organizing)

This will be an interactive workshop to introduce the concept of democratic community-based economic development and ways that worker owned businesses contribute to their communities. Discussion will focus on needs of marginalized communities and explore the history of African American worker cooperatives and community owned businesses. Participants will be tasked with identifying needs in their communities and designing the elements of a "new city."

Location: *Zena room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2435. You Are What You Eat

Heather Schoonover (Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy)

Helen Scharber (Center for Popular Economics)

We live in a world where farmers struggle to make a living producing crops for export while struggling to feed themselves and their communities; where farms get larger and larger while rural communities get smaller and smaller; where the long-term productive capacity of the environment is sacrificed for short-term gains; and where the most affordable foods are the worst for our health. This workshop will examine the many impacts of the industrialized food system and will explore positive alternatives from both the grassroots and policy arenas.

Location: *Aracadia room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3561. Global vs Local: What's Our Vision For the Future Economy?

Sally Kohn (Center for Community Change) and others

Is a global, trade-dependent economy the best hope for ending poverty and creating opportunity worldwide? Are local, sustainable economies the best hope for economic equity and justice? This interactive conversation will feature two advocates on either side of the global/local economy debate, making their cases for what the progressive economic agenda should be. We'll then break up into small groups to discuss the pros and cons of globalization and localization and develop ideas for what the progressive solution might be.

Location: *Poseidon room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3996. The North and the South united against the FTAA and 'Free Trade': the experience of the Hemispheric Social Alliance

Tom Loudon (Alliance for Responsible Trade) and others

The HSA is a space in which social movements throughout the Hemisphere come together to resist the imposition of the neo-liberal model on our countries and peoples. Now that the FTAA has been thwarted by social movements and governments from the South who are creating, 'in real time,' alternatives to the old model, the HSA is redefining and re-envisioning how we can best contribute to the deepening and expansion of these new models. Come hear from, dialogue and strategize with sisters and brothers from Bolivia, Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Canada and other countries in the

Hemisphere about the principles and values which guide this movement, the current continental struggles, and ways we can work together to forge a broader based movement.

Location: *International H room at the Westin Hotel*

3377. Immigrants, Globalization and Organizing for Rights, Solidarity, and Economic Justice

Germai Medhanie (Guramylay: Growing the Green Economy)

John Jairo Lugo (Unidad Latina en Accion)

This panel will focus on issues of immigrant issues and organizing. Germai Medhanie will discuss his experience as an Eritrean immigrant, including the global conditions causing Eritrea immigration to the U.S., the depoliticization of many first generation Eritrean and Ethiopian immigrants, the use of recent African immigrants as token Blacks in the labor market, and the need for African immigrants to build solidarity with African Americans and other people of color. John Jairo Lugo, a Columbian immigrant, will discuss his organizing work with Unidad Latina en Accion in New Haven, Connecticut.

Location: *Athens Boardroom at the Atlanta Marriott*

Allied Events

4053. Banana Transformation! Farmer-Ownership in a Global Marketplace

Isaac Grody-Patinkin (Oké USA)

Location: *Room 1408 at the Westin Hotel*

3097. A War Economy or an Economy for Peace?

Kate Zaidan (Womens International League for Peace and Freedom) and others

Location: *Foundation Center Training Room at the Hurt Building*

2097. Food Sovereignty: Land and 'People' (Life Communities) in Harmony and Abundance

Stephen Bartlett (Agricultural Missions, Inc.) and others

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom D at the Westin Hotel*

Friday, June 29th • 1:00PM - 3:00PM (Cont'd)

4124. Unembedding Neoliberalism: Learning from Latin America

Grace Sloan (Global-Local Links Project and Yes! Magazine) and others

Location: *Room 1206 at the Westin Hotel*

2675. International Campaign Against Coca-Cola

Amit Srivastava (India Resource Center)

Location: *Centennial Ballroom A at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3926. Building Solidarity From Below: Grassroots Labor Activism Today

Leonard Riley (International Longshoreman's Local 1422); Yanira Merino (Laborers International Union); Mark Brenner (Labor Notes)

Location: *Room 1403 at the Westin Hotel*

2537. Tools for Organizers in the Global Economy: Education to Build Worker Power

Cathy Feingold (Solidarity Center and UC Berkeley Labor Center)

Location: *Second Floor Resource Room at the Hammonds House*

Friday, June 29th • 3:30PM - 5:30PM

Events organized by the Solidarity Economy Working Group

2380. Alternatives in Action: Economic Democracy in Emilia Romagna, Italy

Matt Hancock (Center for Labor and Community Research)

Workshop participants will learn about the main features of the “Emilian Model” of development in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy, one of the most significant examples of an Economic Democracy in a developed, industrialized society. The workshop presents a positive and sustainable alternative to neo-liberalism, based on economic democracy, sustainability and a commitment to local development in the context of international development.

Location: *Achilles room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2367. **High Road – Low Road**

Dan Swinney (Center for Labor and Community Research); Erica Swinney (GreenAction)

Our local development strategy in Chicago is to “lead the race to the top in global high performance/high value-added manufacturing” with a social high road partnership of labor, business, government, community, and educational institutions. Sharing work and ideas that are informed by 25 years in the trenches of community and economic development in Chicago as well as best international practice such as Mondragon in Spain and the Emilia Romagna model in Northern Italy, we hope to contribute to the international discussion that seeks a competitive alternative to neo-liberalism.

Location: *Olympic B room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3660. **Feminist Economic Transformation**

Moderator: Nan Wieggersma (International Association for Feminist Economics- IAFFE); Julie Matthaei, Hiywete Solomon and Alexis Frank (IAFE and TransformationCentral.org); Avis Jones De Weever (Institute for Women’s Policy Research); Kristin Sampson (Gender and Trade Network); Kavita Ramdas (Global Fund for Women)

If we are to build another world, we must engage in feminist transformation: the deconstruction of gender polarization and domination which are continually produced and reproduced by our current economic values, practices and institutions. Women continue to be oppressed at home and discriminated against in labor markets. Caring labor, crucial to our survival and well-being, is devalued by markets, public policy makers, and mainstream culture. In this session, feminist activists will discuss the ways their organizations are working towards women’s economic empowerment and feminist economic transformation, sharing successes and the challenges they are facing. Sponsored by IAFFE.

Location: *Athens Boardroom room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2040. **Participatory Budgeting: Community Control Over Public Money**

Gianpaolo Baiocchi (University of Mass.), Juscha Robinson (Liberty Tree Foundation)

An introduction to participatory budgeting and how it has been applied in Latin America and North America. Participatory budgeting is a process in which city residents directly decide how part of a municipal or public budget is spent.

Location: *Apollo room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3999. Bolivia: Free Trade vs Sovereignty

Tom Loudon (Alliance for Responsible Trade)

Bolivia is in the midst of profound transformations in this historic moment. Come join us for a session where we learn around strategic changes occurring in Bolivia as the country shifts from a system of domination to one of sovereignty. As an alternative to the 'free trade' model, the Bolivian government is promoting 'A Peoples Trade Agreement' based on a radically different set of values and principles. We will explore how successful experiences and lessons learned from Bolivia can inform our struggle in the U.S. Context.

Location: *Socrates room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

Allied Events

2151. Food Sovereignty: Building Sustainable Futures for Farmers Globally - Food Sovereignty Perspectives on Biofuels

Facilitator: Maria Aguiar (Grassroots International)

Maria Luisa Mendonca (Rede Social de Justicia e Direitos Humanos, Brazil); Alberto Gomez (Union Nacional de Organizaciones Regionales Campesinas Autonomas, Mexico & Via Campesina); Eric Holt-Gimenez (Food First); David Waskow (Friends of the Earth-USA)

Location: *Aracadia room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

4057. Hopes and Dreams, Esperanzas y Sueños / Street Vendors and their Youth / Inter-generational Organizing

Rafael Samanez (Esperanza del Barrio/Sueños Del Barrio)

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom H at the Westin Hotel*

2409. Sweatshops & Sweatshops In the Fields: What Can You Do About It?

Beth Myers, STITCH (immigration and women); Trina Tocco, International Labor Rights Fund (garments); Charity Ryerson, USLEAP (bananas & cut flowers); Liana Foxvog, SweatFree Communities (local government policies)

Location: *Room 1408 at the Westin Hotel*

Friday, June 29th • 3:30^{PM} - 5:30^{PM} (Cont'd)

**2588. Creating Jobs and Keeping Jobs: Women's Perspectives
On Alternatives For Sustainable Livelihoods**

Marina Karides (Sociologists for Women in Society)

Location: *Second Floor Resource Room at the Hammonds House*

Saturday, June 30th • 10:30^{AM} - 12:30^{PM}

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2287. Why promote an Economic Human Rights Framework?

Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign; U.S. Human Rights Network;
and the Center for Popular Economics

This workshop will explore the ways in which the framework of economic human rights can be used to build a social movement to end poverty and build a solidarity economy. We will use both presentations and participatory methods to define Economic Human Rights and briefly review how neoliberalism has undermined them; look at ways that the poor in the U.S. are uniting across color lines with students, social workers, religious leaders and others to win Economic Human Rights for all; and focus on how to move from protest & survival to creating a new world.

Location: *Centennial Ballroom B at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2005. Participatory Budgeting II: Making It Work In the U.S.

Karen Dolan (Institute for Policy Studies)

This session will strategize how to implement participatory budgeting in the US. Participatory budgeting is a process in which city residents directly decide how part of a municipal or public budget is spent. After being pioneered in the Brazilian city of Porto Alegre, participatory budgeting has spread to hundreds of cities around the world. It has helped communities gain democratic control over budget spending and policy decisions in municipalities, public housing, schools, and organizations.

Location: *Achilles room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3485. Spirituality and Economic Transformation

Michael Lerner and/or Nicola Torbett (Network of Spiritual Progressives)

David Korten (Positive Futures Network)

Julie Matthaei (Guramylay: Growing the Green Economy)

The U.S. economy is built on the myth that the search for money and power through consumerism and careerism can bring well-being and fulfillment. The spiritual emptiness of this narrow self-interested materialism, along with the anti-religious/anti-spiritual bias of the left, has helped feed the rise of the Religious Right in the U.S., and various forms of religious fundamentalism all over the world. This workshop will focus on the important role that spiritual healing and spirituality-based activism plays in progressive economic transformation.

Location: *Olympic A room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

Allied Events

2738. Katrina and Co-operative Solutions

Cornelius Blanding (Federation of Southern Cooperatives)

Location: *Centennial Ballroom A room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

1678. Race, Property and the Commons

Jan Edwards (POCLAD and The Alliance for Democracy)

Location: *Athena room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

1833. Globalization At the Crossroads

Jorge Osuna (Environmental Health Coalition)

Location: *Zeus room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3821. Building Local Living Economies As an Alternative to Globalization

Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE)

Location: *Room 1203 at the Westin Hotel*

Saturday, June 30th • 10:30AM - 12:30PM (Cont'd)

1597. Food Sovereignty Action Gathering

Stephen Bartlett (Agricultural Missions Inc.) and others

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom E at the Westin Hotel*

2136. Day 3: “Strategies for creating a better world”

Rajesh Makwana (Share The World’s Resources)

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom A at the Westin Hotel*

Saturday, June 30th • 1:00PM - 3:00PM

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2142. Solidarity Economy As a Strategy for Changing the Economy

Michael Lewis (B.C.-Alberta Research Alliance on the Social Economy)

Nedda Angulo Villareal (Grupo Red de Economía Solidaria del Perú - GRESP)

Éthel Côté (Canadian Community Economy Development Network - CCEDNet)

The Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) sector has gained strength in the last years, at the national, continental and international level, as a fundamental approach in building an alternate globalisation. The workshop will focus on both the conceptual aspects and networking strategies in building this other world.

Location: *Apollo room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2791. Household Economic Justice Strategies

John Parker (Good Work)

Our workshop on household economic justice strategies provides space to tell stories, discuss, and map the various strategies and practices households can take to create an alternative solidarity economy that builds relationships and strengthens community. The strategies that will be presented for discussion include organizing around asset-based community development, household and workplace democracy processes, community development financial institutions, socially responsible investments; debt; community-based philanthropy; just consumerism; self-employment, cooperatives, and spiritual practices for reflection, learning, renewal, and sustainability.

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom A at the Westin Hotel*

Allied Events

3757. Community Benefits Agreements: Accessing Community Power to Impact Development

Melissa Conrad (Georgia Stand-Up)

Location: *Room 1208 at the Westin Hotel*

4089. Doing It For Ourselves: Local Solutions to Build National Power for Climate Justice

Nia Robinson (Redefining Progress), Ansjie Miller (Center for Environmental Health), Dave Ciplet (Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives), Nile Malloy (Rainforest Action Network), Alli Chagi-Starr and Ian Kim (Ella Baker Center/West Oakland Apollo Alliance), and others.

Location: *Balcony Right room at the Atlanta Civic Center*

1675. Tools For Change: the Women's Self-Reliance Program

Rose (Mirabai) Lord (Global Coalition for Peace)

Location: *Progressive Sunshine Class at the Trinity United Methodist Church*

2285. The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex

Left Turn & INCITE!

Location: *International E room at the Westin Hotel*

2149. Food Sovereignty: Building Sustainable Futures for Farmers Globally - 3 - The 2007 U.S. Farm Bill

Facilitated by Corrina Steward (Grassroots International); Dena Hoff (National Family Farm Coalition and La Via Campesina); Alberto Gomez (Via Campesina); Rudy Arredondo (Rural Coalition); Ben Burkett (Federation of Southern Cooperatives); Dennis Olson (Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy); and Patty Lovera (Food & Water Watch)

Location: *Room 1401 at the Westin Hotel*

2629. Health Care Re-Imagined

Jacoby Ballard (Northeast Radical Herbalism Network)

Location: *NOT ADA - Sunshine Class at the Trinity United Methodist Church*

Saturday, June 30th • 1:00PM - 3:00PM (Cont'd)

3558. Approaches To Organizing On Trade

Jonathan Kissamue (Grassroots Global Justice)

Location: *International B room at the Westin Hotel*

1998. Community Organizing to Build Worker Power: Bridging The Gaps

Carlos Fernandez (Chicago Jobs With Justice)

Location: *Room 1206 at the Westin Hotel*

2635. Using Your University To Support International Worker Organizing

Zack Knorr (United Students Against Sweatshops)

Location: *Zena room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

2954. Coalitions That Work: Jobs With Justice Model of Uniting Community, Faith, Student and Labor

Fran Tobin (Jobs With Justice – National)

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom C at the Westin Hotel*

Saturday, June 30th • 3:30PM - 5:30PM

Events organized by the Solidarity Economy Working Group

3379. Growing Transformative Businesses

Moderator: Germazion Medhanie (Guramylay: Growing the Green Economy)

Jessica Gordon Nembhard (Grassroots Economic Organizing); Ted White (Community Economies); Ann Bartzann (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies)

Key to economic transformation is the restructuring of business, from profit-centered transnational corporations which concentrate wealth and threaten human well-being and the health of the planet, to transformative businesses which take on the crucial work of redressing these imbalances. In this workshop, leaders in the movement to create businesses which are green, socially responsible, and/or worker- or community-owned will share their wisdom and experiences. They will discuss the growth of transformative

businesses in the U.S., and successful strategies to encourage this growth, and will provide information about how to create transformative businesses for existing or would-be entrepreneurs, communities, and worker collectives.

Location: *Apollo room at the Atlanta Marriott Downtown*

3483. Another Workplace is Possible: Co-ops and Democracy in the Workplace

Members of the U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives

Looking for an alternative to corporate capitalism that works? Interested in the real everyday ways that economic democracy can support real political democracy and social change? This introductory workshop, for those new to worker cooperatives or curious about their basic functioning, will explain the worker-ownership and democratic workplace model that has inspired workers from Argentina and Venezuela to Italy and Spain, and is now a growing movement in the U.S. We'll answer some practical questions, make some connections to broader movements for social and economic justice, and talk about challenges and strategy facing worker cooperatives in the U.S.

Location: *Atlanta Ballroom A at the Westin Hotel*

Allied Events

2756. High School Students: Make your School Sweatfree!

Trina Tocco (International Labor Rights Fund); Liana Foxvog (SweatFree Communities); United Students Against Sweatshops

Location: *Conference Room at the Task Force for the Homeless*

2642. Fair Trade Means Another World is Here!

Global Exchange and United Students for Fair Trade

Location: *Room 1208 at the Westin Hotel*

2597. Migrant's Rights & Corporate Globalization

Jerry Mead-Lucero (Chicago Jobs With Justice)

Location: *Room 1206 at the Westin Hotel*

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