

# **SOCIALISM CONFERENCE: MANILA, NOV 27,28**

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## **SOCIALISM CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**University of the Philippines (Diliman campus)**

**College of Social Work and Community Development**

**Quezon City**

**November 27-28, 2010, Saturday & Sunday**

**FIRST DAY**

**Nov 27/Saturday**

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9:40-10:00am

**Cultural Introduction**

Teatro Pabrika

10:00am-10:20am

(20 mins)

**Conference Opening: The need for socialist alternatives**

*Reihana Mohideen,* Chairperson, Transform Asia Gender & Labor Institute

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10:20am-12:20am

(2 hrs)

Plenary Session

## The capitalist economic crisis and imperialist wars

A discussion on the deteriorating economic crisis characterized by the smashing of the welfare state p

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|---|------------------------|--|
| - | <i>Stuart Munckton</i> | , Socialist Alliance, Australia          |
| - | <i>Rasti Delizo</i>    | , PLM/Sanlakas, Philippines              |
| - | <i>James Mirafior,</i> | Freedom from Debt Coalition, Philippines |

Facilitator: Jofiti Villena

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12:20nn-1:00pm

**LUNCH**

1:00pm-3:00pm

(2 hrs)

Plenary Session

**Renewing socialist feminism**

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The panel will be a discussion of the experiences of socialist parties in developing the socialist feminis

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| - <i>Vivi Widyawati</i>       | , KPRM-PRD, Indonesia  |
| - <i>Ann-Margarethe Livh,</i> | President, VIF, Sweden |
| - <i>Reihana Mohideen</i>     |                        |

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3:00pm-5:00pm

(2 hrs)

Plenary Session

**Socialist strategy**

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A discussion on the strategy by the working class and the dominated sectors in seizing state power.

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| - Arul Arutchelvan | , General Secretary, PSM, Malaysia |
| - Vipar Daomanee   | , Turn Left Organization, Thailand |
| - Ric Reyes,       | Katarungan, FDC, Philippines       |
| - Sonny Melencio   | , Chairperson, PLM, Philippines    |

5:00pm-6:30pm

(1hr, 30 mins)

FEATURE TALK

**The Left in Indonesia: Post-Suharto**

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A post-Suharto situationer on the Indonesian left. The strategies for change of the various groups and

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| - | <i>Muhammad Ridha,</i>    | PRP      |
| - | <i>Paulus Suryanta,</i>   | KPRM-PRD |
| - | <i>Wahida Baharuddin,</i> | PRD      |

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**Nov 28/Sunday**



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OPTIONAL

8:30am

**Socialism RUN**

A jog or a stroll along the UP oval as a fresh start of the morning for delegates.

**Assembly: Conference venue**

9:00am-9:15am

**Cultural Introduction**

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Teatro Pabrika

9:20am-9:35am

**Guest speaker: Capitalist Crisis, Socialist Initiatives**

*Dr. Francisco Nemenzo*

9:35am-9:45am

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## Greetings from the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

*Charge d'affaires Manuel Perez Iturbe*

9:45am-10:45am

(1hr)

FEATURE TALK

**Cuba**

**Today**

A presentation on the socialist economic restructuring that is happening in Cuba, the U.S. blockade, t

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Ambassador Juan Carlos Avencibia Corrales

10:45am-12:45noon

(2 hrs)

Plenary Session

## Environmental crisis and socialist alternatives

If capitalism is causing severe environmental crisis in the world today, how can socialism be an alternative?

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| - | Red Constantino, | Philippines                 |
| - | Stuart Munckton  |                             |
| - | Vi Pham,         | Co-founder, CECAD, Viet Nam |
| - | Gerry Arances,   | Philippines                 |

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12:45nn-1:30pm

**LUNCH**

1:30pm-2:10pm

(40 mins)

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| Vietnam | Today |
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How is "market socialism" faring in Vietnam today? How can we compare the country's development v

- *Mr. Bui Ba Binh,* Vietnam Peace and Development Foundation; Vietnam

2:10pm-3:40pm

(1hr, 30 mins)

FEATURE A

**The working class today and its leading role**

How do socialists assess the revolutionary potential of the working class today, in the era of “globaliza

|   |                               |                             |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - | <i>Dr. Bharat Raj Pahari,</i> | Gefont, Nepal               |
| - | <i>Leody de Guzman,</i>       | President, BMP, Philippines |
| - | <i>Arul Arutchelvan,</i>      | Malaysia                    |

3:40pm-4:40pm

(1hr)

**Closing Plenary**

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A discussion on the call of Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez and his party – the United Socialist Pa

- Arul Arutchelvan, Malaysia

- Sonny Melencio, Philippines

Facilitator: Luke Espiritu