

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 feminism

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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

-	<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

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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

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