

JUSTICE BEYOND BORDERS

PLENARIES #1-3

OPEN TO PUBLIC

The plenaries (1-3) below are open to the public for \$10 each or \$25 for all three for those not registered for the entire conference.

ALL DAY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Bayard Rustin High School for the Humanities
351 West 18th Street (between 8th & 9th Ave)
subway: 1/2/9/A/C/E/L

Plenary 1 Saturday Feb.17 NOON – 1:15

A TALK WITH NOAM CHOMSKY:

DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVES TO CORPORATE AMERICA

Noam Chomsky – Institute Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Chomsky was recently voted the leading living public intellectual. He has written and lectured widely on linguistics, philosophy, intellectual history, contemporary issues, international affairs and U.S. foreign policy. His most recent political works include: *Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance*; *Failed States: The Abuse of Power and the Assault on Democracy*; and *Chomsky on Democracy and Education*

Plenary 2 Saturday Feb.17 2:30 – 4:00

A POST-REPUBLICAN AGENDA FOR THE AMERICAN LEFT

Barbara Ehrenreich – author of thirteen books, including *The New York Times* bestseller *Nickel and Dimed*. A frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, *Harpers*, and *The Progressive*, she is a contributing writer to *Time* magazine. She is an honorary chair of Democratic Socialists of America, YDS' parent organization. *Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream* is her most recent work

Joe Schwartz – Chair, department of Political Science, Temple University. He is the author of *The Permanence of the Political: A Democratic Critique of the Radical Thrust to Transcend Politics* and a Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) National Political Committee member. His forthcoming book is *The Future of Democratic Equality: Reconstructing Social Solidarity in a Fragmented United States*

Plenary 3 Sunday Feb.18 11:45 – 1:15

WAR WITHOUT END?: U.S. FOREIGN POLICY & THE DECLINE OF EMPIRE

Gayatri Spivak – Professor in the Humanities and Director of the Center for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University. She is the author of *Can the Subaltern Speak?* among numerous other books and essays

Christian Parenti – *The Nation* correspondent. He is the author of *The Freedom: Shadows and Hallucinations in Occupied Iraq*, *The Soft Cage: Surveillance in America from Slavery to the War on Terror*, and *Lockdown America: Police and Prisons in the Age of Crisis*

Plenary 4 Sunday Feb.18 3:45 – 5:15

VOICES FROM THE FRONT LINES: IMMIGRANT RIGHTS ACTIVISTS SPEAK OUT

José La Luz – Vice Chair of the Democratic Socialists of America. While at AFSCME, Jose La Luz led one of the largest organizing drives in the trade union movement and is regarded as the principal strategist in the fight for passage of the public sector collective bargaining legislation in Puerto Rico, which paved the way for the unionization of more than 120,000 public employees

David Jimenez – Organizer with the Restaurant Opportunity Center of New York and COLORS, a cooperative immigrant worker-owned restaurant. He has coordinated with major labor unions to organize the Immigrant Worker Freedom Ride

Zahida Pirani – Project Director of the New York Civic Participation Project, a labor-community collaboration that organizes around immigrant and low-wage worker rights issues. She has worked with various grassroots groups and South Asian Muslim communities in New York City to challenge the implementation of discriminatory immigration policies after 9/11

Angad Bhalla – Organizer for the New Sanctuary Movement in New York City. He works for Judson Memorial Church doing community organizing with a focus on immigrant rights

Juan Carlos Ruiz – Organizer with the Mexican American community, primarily in the Bronx. Active in the Asociación Tepeyac