

The Nuclear Threat,
Yesterday & Today
A Workshop on Nuclear Weapons
Friday, September 26, 2014
6-8:30pm



September 26, 2014 has been declared by the United Nations as the first International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. Join the Western States Legal Foundation and the Western Institute for Social Research (WISR) in an evening of analysis and discussion, reviewing the state of the world's nuclear arsenals, their role in the global economy and in growing great power confrontations, and new approaches to disarmament. **The event will be at the Western Institute for Social Research, 2930 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 300 in Berkeley.**

For half a century after World War II, nuclear weapons were understood to be the preeminent threat to human survival. Today, global warming captures our attention as the main danger to our species and the ecosystems that support us. But the nuclear danger has not gone away. The United States and Russia still possess nuclear arsenals large enough to destroy civilization in short order, and 6 other countries have enough nuclear weapons to kill hundreds of millions of people and to inflict severe, long-lasting damage on the natural environment. Rising tensions among nuclear-armed great powers are exacerbated by competition for diminishing resources, and by the strains placed on the carrying capacity of the planet by climate change and other environmental effects of a wasteful economy addicted to endless growth.

PROGRAM

Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century: An overview of the world's nuclear arsenals, the relationship of conventional to nuclear arms-racing, and the forces driving the risk of war among nuclear-armed countries today. Andrew Lichterman, Senior Research Analyst, WSLF

North of Tlateloco: A retrospective on the 1967 Tlatelolco Treaty which established the first nuclear weapon free zone, in Latin America and the Caribbean, its meaning then and now, and its significance for new cross-border organizing approaches linking disarmament to broader movements for economic justice and ecological sustainability. Marcia Campos, PhD, WISR Faculty and WSLF Board Member

Organizing for Abolition: A report on international disarmament forums and organizing efforts, including the Haifa Conference on a Weapons of Mass Destruction Free Zone in the Middle East. Jacqueline Cabasso, Executive Director of WSLF.

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