

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **THE NEW SCHOOL PUBLIC PROGRAMS: POLITICS & CURRENT AFFAIRS** **Fall 2009 – November/December Update**

#### **2009 Paul Douglas Lecture: The Honorable Adlai Stevenson III**

**Tuesday, October 27; 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Wollman Hall, Eugene Lang Building, 65 West 11th Street, 5th floor**

**Admission is free. RSVP at 212-229-5562 X3568 or [specialevents@newschool.edu](mailto:specialevents@newschool.edu).**

On October 27, former U.S. Senator Adlai E. Stevenson III will join The New School for Social Research to present the Paul H. Douglas Lecture on Ethics and Government. Based on his newest book, "The Black Book," a compilation of his family's experiences in the past century and a half of American politics, Senator Stevenson will discuss the transition from President Lincoln and a representative form of government to President Obama and today's more direct democracy. He will discuss how money, marketing, and the "death of the dialogue" have changed our ethical expectations and the need to regain a sense of civic participation to represent democracy in today's changing geo-political world.

#### **Fridays@One: City of Water - The Future of New York's Waterfront**

**Friday, October 30, 1:00 p.m.**

**Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Auditorium, Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, 66 Fifth Avenue**

**Admission is free. RSVP at 212.229.5682 or email [irp@newschool.edu](mailto:irp@newschool.edu).**

**Carter Craft**, an urban and transportation planner and expert on the New York City waterfront, lectures and presents his latest documentary, *City of Water*. New York City's harbor, shores, and waterways are integral to the region's economy and quality of life. *City of Water* presents the perspectives of public officials, environmentalists, academics, community activists, recreational boaters, and everyday New Yorkers who aspire to create a diverse and vibrant waterfront.

#### **History Speakers Series: Durba Ghosh**

**Monday, November 2, 6:00 p.m.**

**80 Fifth Avenue, 5th-floor conference room**

**Admission: Free; no tickets or reservations required; seating is first-come first-served**

The HISTORY IN MOTION Speaker Series Presents: **Durba Ghosh**, assistant professor of History at Cornell University, who will give a talk titled, "Dissent and Detention: India's Militant Nationalism During the Second World War and After."

#### **Accumulation, Development, and Exclusion: China, India, and Global Capitalism**

**Monday, November 2, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

**Wollman Hall, Eugene Lang Building, 65 West 11th Street, 5th floor (enter at 66 West 12th Street)**

**Admission: Free. Seating is first-come, first-served.**

The experiences of the global South show that growth-driven modernization projects can marginalize, dispossess, disempower, and displace vast segments of a population. A panel discussion examines the effects of development in the context of two of the fastest growing economies in the world—China and India. The event will discuss exclusive growth models, government practices that manage the excluded majority and alternative forms of development.

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Participants include **Partha Chatterjee**, professor of Political Science at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, and professor of Anthropology at Columbia University; **Duncan Foley**, Leo Model Professor of Economics, The New School for Social Research; **David Harvey**, distinguished professor of Anthropology at the Graduate Center at the City University of New York. The discussion is moderated by **William Milberg**, professor of economics at The New School for Social Research.

### **The Economic Crisis in Latin America**

**Monday, November 2 and Tuesday, November 3, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor**

**Admission is free. For more information, email [gpiarevents@newschool.edu](mailto:gpiarevents@newschool.edu).**

The graduate program in International Affairs and the Observatory on Latin America (OLA) join with the United Nations Development Program to present a two-day conference to assess the impact of the global economic crisis on Latin America, propose new norms for economic policy, and establish a framework for regionalization and cooperation between North and South. The discussion occurs at a time when Latin American governments have sought to strengthen their own regional frameworks and identify alternatives to the Washington Consensus. The conference brings together government officials, representatives from international organizations, and academics to present papers and debate options for policy and development strategy. The conference focuses on Latin America within a broad global perspective and also includes perspectives from other regions, including China and India.

### **The Battle for Whiteclay: Film Screening and Discussion with Director and Activist**

**Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**Tishman Auditorium, Alvin Johnson/J. M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street**

**Admission: Free. Register online at: <http://whiteclay.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Stephen Kimmerling ([kimmerls@newschool.edu](mailto:kimmerls@newschool.edu)).**

New School President Bob Kerrey welcomes filmmaker Mark Vasina and Native American activist Frank LaMere, who invite you to a screening and discussion of their documentary, *The Battle for Whiteclay*. The film provides an in-depth look at a century-old problem: Nebraska's refusal to halt alcohol sales to the dry **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation** from the neighboring town of Whiteclay. The film follows Indian activists Frank LaMere, Duane Martin, Sr., and Russell Means through the streets of Whiteclay to the halls of Nebraska's State Capitol as they battle to end alcohol sales in the place many have dubbed "skid row on the prairie."

### **The Cuba Wars: U.S.-Cuba Relations Expert Daniel P. Erikson Discusses a Post-Castro Cuba**

**Thursday, November 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Auditorium, Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, 66 Fifth Avenue**

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With legislation to lift the ban on U.S. travel to Cuba making headway in Congress, The New School will host a conversation with Cuba-U.S. relations expert Daniel P. Erikson, senior associate for U.S. policy and director of Caribbean programs at the Inter-American Dialogue. As Cuba quietly becomes a major U.S. trade partner, Erikson will discuss the island's "next revolution," including rising expectations on both sides of the Florida Straits as Cuba's leadership transition unfolds and the Obama administration indicates a willingness to take a fresh look at our relationship with the island nation. Erikson will read from his most recent book *The Cuba Wars: Fidel Castro, the United States, and the Next Revolution*.

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### **The Peace Process in Nepal: Is it Failing?**

**Friday, November 6, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Orozco Room, Alvin Johnson/J. M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street, 7th floor**

**Admission is Free.**

Join United Nations envoy Ian Martin as he discusses the fragile Nepal peace process. Hailed as an unusual success story, the process has been organized by Nepali actors rather than the international community. But with the deadline for agreement on a new constitution fast approaching, and the Maoist army still in cantonments, divisions among political parties threaten its successful completion. Ian Martin is the former Special Representative of the Secretary-General and was Head of the United Nations Mission in Nepal until February 2009, having served in Nepal since May 2005 as Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and then Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for support to the peace process. Additional remarks provided by New School Professor Andrew Arato and Deepak Thapa of Social Science Baha Nepal.

### **Jewish Cultural Pluralism**

**Monday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.**

**Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Auditorium, Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, 66 Fifth Avenue**

**Admission: Free; seating is limited; reservations required by emailing. Email [publicprograms@newschool.edu](mailto:publicprograms@newschool.edu).**

Can there be cultural pluralism in a state where Jews are the majority? Is there more than one Jewish culture? This panel marks the launch of The New School's [Jewish Cultural Studies program](#) by reflecting on the stakes involved in maintaining autonomous cultural traditions within political states and the ways in which Jewish thinkers have contemplated coexistence. Michael Walzer, Yirmiyahu Yovel, and other speakers discuss cultural pluralism in the divergent contexts of contemporary Israel, Enlightenment Europe, and the early-20th-century United States. The panel includes a discussion moderated by Oz Frankel and a question and answer session with the audience.

### **Arendtian Reflections on Reconciliation**

**Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**80 Fifth Avenue, 5th-floor conference room**

**Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.**

**Jennifer Culbert**, professor at Johns Hopkins University, will speak about her current research.

### **Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick? Bad Sugar**

**Wednesday, November 11, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor**

**Admission: Free; no tickets or reservations required; seating is first-come first-served**

A special screening and panel discussion of the PBS series *Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?* In response to recent reports highlighting escalating and disproportionate rates of diabetes and obesity in low-income communities, leading scholars explore the role that biological and social determinants of health play in the ever-widening wellness gap. Invited speakers include **Lorraine Mongiello**, CUNY Campaign Against Diabetes; **Holie Jones**, faculty member at Medgar Evers College; and **Kimberly Libman**, faculty member in Food Studies at The New School.

### **The Internet as Playground and Factory: A Conference on Labor in the Digital Age**

**Thursday, November 12 - Saturday, November 14, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Auditorium, Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, 66 Fifth Avenue**

**Admission: Free. Register online at <http://digitallabor.org>**

On November 12 through 14, Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts will host an international conference titled, "The Internet as Playground and Factory," which will explore the meaning and changing face of labor in the digital era. The event seeks to advance the conversation about digital media beyond technological advances and commercial applications to touch upon vital issues facing the future of Internet users. For three days, 90 theorists, artists, legal scholars, activists,

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students, programmers, historians, and social media experts will join to re-evaluate what constitutes unpaid labor, value, leisure, play, fun, and exploitation in an economy that is increasingly driven by the expropriation of all our blogging, data entries in online profiles, and submitted photos and videos. The conference will be comprised of discussions, panels, presentations, a film screening, a playroom, a conference game, and a re-enactment of Facebook by a performance artist.

### **William Phillips Lecture - Norman Manea**

**Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

**Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor**

**Admission: Free; seating is limited; reservations required by emailing. Email [mcnamard@newschool.edu](mailto:mcnamard@newschool.edu).**

The New School for Social Research invites you to attend this year's William Phillips Lecture, at which **Norman Manea**, the Francis Flourmoy Professor in European Studies and Culture and writer-in-residence at Bard College, presents a paper titled "20 Years After the Berlin Wall." Norman Manea's fiction, essays, and anthologies have been translated into 20 languages and have appeared in periodicals and collections around the world. Manea has been proposed as a candidate for the Nobel Prize in Literature by literary and academic figures and institutions in the United States, Sweden, Romania, Italy, and France.

### **History Speakers Series: Jose Moya**

**Thursday, November 19, 6:00 p.m.**

**80 Fifth Avenue, 5th-floor conference room**

**Admission: Free; no tickets or reservations required; seating is first-come first-served**

The HISTORY IN MOTION Speaker Series Presents: **Jose Moya**, professor of History at Columbia University who will give a talk entitled: "Transnationalism from Below: Anarchism in the Atlantic World, 1880-1914.

### **Center for Communication at The New School: The High Cost of Cheap Food**

**Thursday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.**

**Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor**

**Admission: Free; seating is limited; reservations are required at [www.cencom.org](http://www.cencom.org).**

A special screening of the Robert Kenner's documentary *Food, Inc.* will be shown, followed by a panel discussion with leading experts in the field. The film combines interviews with people working in the multi-billion-dollar agribusiness sector with footage of food production to reveal how a few massive corporations control virtually every aspect of the food industry. Panel participants include **Peter Pringle**, author of *Food, Inc.: Mendel to Monsanto—The Promises and Perils of the Biotech Harvest*; **Bryan Walsh**, staff writer at *Time* magazine; and **Marion Nestle**, Professor, Department of Nutrition and Food Studies at New York University, and author of *Food Politics* and *What to Eat*. Moderated by **Jill Richardson**, food activist and author, *Recipe for America: Why Our Food System is Broken and How to Fix It*.

### **Bookforum at The New School: Getting to Work - Labor Issues in the 21st Century**

**Thursday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.**

**Tishman Auditorium, Alvin Johnson/J. M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street**

**Admission: \$5 general admission; Free admission to all students and New School faculty, staff and alumni with ID through the New School Box Office. Free admission to all teachers, union and AARP members with ID, as well as Artforum and Bookforum subscribers and contributors. Please contact [www.bookforum.com/work](http://www.bookforum.com/work) or call 212.475.4000 if you are a member of one of these special offer categories.**

During earlier economic crises, American labor has risen up to fight for reform. Where is organized labor now? Bookforum, in conjunction with the Vera List Center for Art and Politics, will host a discussion at The New School about how the American workforce has changed, how work can be fairly rewarded in a post-industrial economy, and what rights workers still have.

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Panelists include **Kim Bobo**, director of Interfaith Worker Justice, long-time advocate for workers' rights, and author of *Wage Theft in America: Why Millions of Working Americans Are Not Getting Paid—And What We Can Do About It*; **Thomas Frank**, noted essayist, founder and editor of *The Baffler*, regular columnist for the *Wall Street Journal*, and author of *What's the Matter with Kansas? How Conservatives Won the Heart of America*; **Thomas Geoghegan**, a labor lawyer based in Chicago, where he recently ran for the 5th District congressional seat, and author of *Which Side Are You On?: Trying to Be For Labor When It's Flat On Its Back*; and **Andrew Ross**, chair of the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis at NYU and author of *Nice Work If You Can Get It: Life and Labor in Precarious Times*. Moderated by Bookforum editor **Chris Lehmann**.

**Discourses of Global Environmental Justice**

**Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**80 Fifth Avenue, 5th-floor conference room**

**Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.**

**Juaquin Valdivieso**, professor at the University of the Balearic Islands, Spain, and New School for Social Research visiting scholar will speak on his current research.

**A New Era for Politics: Thomas Paine and the Rise of Modern Liberalism**

**Friday, December 18, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Alvin Johnson/J. M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street, room 510**

**Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served**

During the 200th anniversary of the death of Thomas Paine, this colloquium will reflect upon Paine's achievements and legacy and their relevance in the 21st century. From American independence in 1776 until his death in 1809, Paine called for change on both sides of the Atlantic. President Barack Obama himself tapped into this spirit by citing lines from Paine's first American Crisis paper in his inaugural speech. Yet, even with "change" on the national agenda, the issues of poverty, inequality, torture and faith-determined legislation, to name only a few, remain as vexed as ever.

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