

Program



Friday March 4th
(Irish Film Institute, Eustace St, Temple Bar)
(6 - 8.45pm)

Screening:
The Battle of Algiers
With Intro from Ahmed Ben Bella

Sat March 6th (Royal Dublin Hotel)

10-11.15
The History of Religious Opposition to War
(Speaker to be confirmed)
Ireland and the International Arms Trade
(Speaker to be confirmed)

11.30-1.00
Shannon, Irish Neutrality & Imperialism
Joe Higgins TD (Socialist Party),
John Gormley TD (Green Party)

2-3.15pm
The Future For Palestine
Ali Halimeh (Palestine Delegate General in Ireland),
Raymond Deane (Ireland-Palestine Solidarity
Campaign), Saif Abukeshk (Chairperson,
International Solidarity Movement.)
Q & A - Ireland between Europe and the US Empire
Andy Storey (Afri), Eamonn Mc Cann (Author &
Journalist), Haifa Zangana. Chaired by Vincent
Browne (Broadcaster & Journalist)

3.30-5.00
Iraq: Resist the Occupation
Ahmed Ben Bella (Leader of Independence struggle
& former President of Algeria), Haifa Zangana (Iraqi
Writer), Denis Halliday (Former UN Assistant
Secretary General).

6.30-8.00
Islam & the West - Is it a Clash of Civilisations?
Dr Nooh Al Kaddo (Director Islamic Cultural Centre),
Kieran Allen (Author & Sociologist)
Iraq, the UN and the Oil for Food Programme
Denis Halliday

8.30 - 10.00
Iraq, Palestine, US & Ireland - Literature, Poetry &
Resistance
Haifa Zangana, Dave Lordan (Poet)

Sunday March 6th
(Royal Dublin Hotel)

10-11.15
Resource Wars and the Politics of Oil Addiction
Sinead Ni Bhroin (Irish Anti-War Movement)

11.30-1.00
What's Happening in the US?
Mary Van Lieshout (US Citizens in Ireland for
Alternatives to War), Brian Kelly (US Historian)

2-3.15pm
Globalisation & the New World Order
Mick Mc Guaghan (Journalist & Author), Catriona
Ruane MLA (Bring Them Home Campaign), Rory
Hearne (Deputy President - Union of Students in
Ireland)

3.30-5.00
East & West: Democracy, Resistance & Imperialism
Ahmed Ben Bella, Haifa Zangana, Richard Boyd
Barrett (Chairperson, Irish Anti-War Movement)



Against War Empire & Occupation - A Forum

The US led wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and the wider "War on terror" signal a dangerous new phase in the history of war and empire.

The Bush administration lied to the world about weapons of mass destruction to justify a war in Iraq that has claimed the lives of 100,000 Iraqi's. Over 5,000 died in the invasion of Afghanistan when the US responded to the 9/11 attacks in the US. The US is now threatening Iran and Syria.

Bush claims he is "spreading freedom and democracy" and battling Islamic terrorism. Yet, millions across the world rejected his crusade and took to the streets against the war on Iraq. The majority of Iraqi's want the US out of their country and fighting rages between insurgents and the US military.

In the US opposition to the occupation of Iraq and US casualties is growing though Bush was still re-elected as president

Here in Ireland, a majority opposes tens of thousands of US troops flowing through Shannon on route to Iraq. Yet our government continues to facilitate the US war machine while saying Irish military neutrality is intact.

Across the developing world there is huge anger against the US and western governments and institutions like the IMF for imposing economic policies that lead to terrible poverty and suffering.

Military and corporate globalisation dominates the world we live in. They produce suffering but also resistance.

This forum Against War, Empire and Occupation is vital opportunity to look at the issues facing the movements for global justice and peace. The forum is a unique gathering in Ireland of key international and national voices of resistance.

The Forum will look at a range of the issues facing us internationally and at home. Crucially, it will also be an organising centre to build the resistance against war and occupation. It will be a key event in the build-up to March 19th - the global day of protest against the occupation of Iraq & Palestine.



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