Perspectives on The Green New Deal & Environmental Justice, Where Do We Go From Here?

Saturday, April 25th, 10am-12:30pm

Join us to hear our three panelists, followed by discussion.

The Green New Deal: A Capitalist Solution to a Capital Problem? Cara Judea Alhadeff, PhD
(www.carajudea.com/www.zazudreams.com), is a member of WISR’s Academic Advisory Board and former Professor of Gender and Critical Pedagogy at UC Santa Cruz. She is a fine-art photographer/video-artist, iyengar yoga teacher, and author of dozens of books and articles on philosophy, art, gender, ethnic, and cultural studies. Dr. Alhadeff will discuss how activists can live their ethics in order to collectively organize for climate justice. Dr. Alhadeff states that At this juncture of geopolitical, ecological, social, and corporeal catastrophes, we must question and critically reframe supposed solutions such as ‘sustainability,’ ‘the Green New Deal,’ and the Renewable Revolution (‘renewable’ energy alternatives to fossil-fuel addicted economies). These relational paradigm shifts must include historical, cross-cultural, and intergenerational perspectives.

The Green New Deal and the Transformative Power of Change: Sudia Paloma McCaleb, EdD is a WISR Faculty member and Director of WISR’s EdD Program, formerly of New College of CA. She is also Director of the Center for Critical Environmental and Global Literacy (www.ccegl.org) which builds collaborative relationships between Bay Area educators (and beyond) and indigenous communities in Oaxaca, Mexico and Sonsonate, El Salvador. Dr. Paloma McCaleb has led a dozen interactive (with music and discussion) workshops on “The Green New Deal” (GND), a conceptual framework for future legislation in Congress that will address the climate crisis while ensuring that social justice is held paramount during the course of the transition.

Environmental Justice: Kyle Bilorusky, BA candidate in “Society and Environment” at UC Berkeley. Kyle has recently assisted Sudia Paloma, in introducing the Green New Deal at the ethnically diverse Oakland Tech High School. Previously, Kyle did internships in the office of Congresswoman Barbara Lee, and California Public Interest Research Group, and was mentored by Margaret Gordon, head of the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project. Kyle Bilorusky will present insights from his honors thesis on increasing attention to Environmental Justice in secondary school high school curricula.

To join from a distance use Zoom Meeting ID 690-486-240, https://zoom.us/j/690486240 or by phone 669 900 6833. For help with technical difficulties call 510 655 2830 or email john.bilorusky@wisr.edu.

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