POST-COLD WAR ERA HAS ENDED

The interregnum between the old and new world disorders is marked by increasingly dangerous military, economic and high-tech confrontations among nuclear-armed countries.

The U.S. National Strategy makes planning for possible wars against Russia and China the Pentagon’s new priority. China’s influence is growing across the Asia-Pacific and Eurasia. Russia is again asserting itself as a great power. Creation of a unified and independent European Union military has begun. Wars and competition for regional hegemony continue across the greater Middle East. And we face an “Indo-Pacific” strategic competition. When peace movements have had success in the past, they have been part of broader movements addressing the deeper forces driving militarism and war. Those same forces generate a variety of other injustices and dangers, including growing disparities in wealth, disappearing democracy, xenophobic nationalisms, and destruction of the ecosystems we all depend on.

The New Thinking and Movement Building conference brings together an extraordinary array of analysts, organizers and activists from Russia, Europe, Japan, Korea, the Middle East and the Global South to consider how these issues are connected today, and how we might work more effectively together for a more fair, peaceful, and ecologically sustainable way of life.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Daniel Ellsberg (Keynote Speaker) - Former Senior U.S. Nuclear War & Military Planner
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Sharon Dolev - Israeli Disarmament Movement (Israel)
Lee Tae-ho - People’s Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (Republic of Korea)
Reiner Braun - International Peace Bureau (Germany)
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Yayoi Tsuchida - The Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Japan)
Reese Chenault - U.S. Labor Against the War
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